Focus Group End of Year Report for 2021

Name of Focus Group: Diverse Family Structures

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1. What were your focus groups major activities or accomplishments this year?

Members of the focus group moved various papers toward publication, including a recently published paper in the Journal of Family Theory & Review featuring a scoping review of research on well-being across diverse family structures. This work stemmed from materials prepared for the 2020 annual conference.

Members also collaborated on a TCRM proposal, which was accepted for the upcoming 2021 annual conference.

The focus group discussion group has also been used actively to advertise relevant workshops and calls for papers among focus group members.

2. What has your focus group done during the past year to further NCFR’s inclusion and diversity initiatives?

The focus group has centered attention on anti-racist theorizing and methods in the study of family structure—these foci are prominent in the work being presented by focus group members in the upcoming TCRM.

We also continue to advertise the focus group to potential new members, with particular attention to promoting the inclusion of diverse perspectives and backgrounds among the focus group membership.

3. Please list any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

N/A

Return by Monday, October 19, 2021 to the membership manager, Maddie Hansen – maddiehansen@ncfr.org.