

Military Families and Children Focus Group

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NCFR 2022 Session 322
Friday, November 18
Noon - 1:15 PM

22 members and 2 e-board members (Kayla Reed-Fitzke and Christine McCall) were in attendance. Of the 24 people attendees, there were 10 people where this was their first time attending our focus group.

Agenda

1. 2022 Focus Group Awards
2. Focus Group Updates
3. Member Announcements
4. Speed Networking
5. Suggestions for Next Year

Outstanding Student and New Professional Proposal Award 2022 Recipient

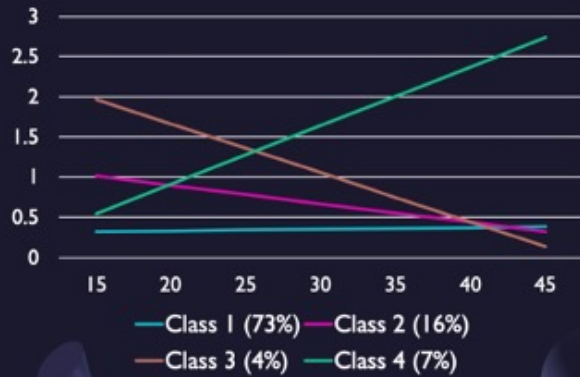
Elizabeth Coppola

“The Influence of Childhood Risk and Resilience Factors on
Service Members’ Depression Symptom Trajectories”

Elizabeth Coppola is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Purdue University (who defends her dissertation in a few weeks!). She is a Translational Scientist with Army Public Health Center where she conducts program evaluation activities to support soldiers and families.

Today, she is receiving our Outstanding Student and New Professional Award for her research entitled “The Influence of Childhood Risk and Resilience Factors on Service Members’ Depression Symptom Trajectories”

The Influence of Childhood Risk and Resilience Factors on Service Members' Depression Symptom Trajectories



Domain	Predictor
Community (Street Violence)	Saw Violence
	Pulled Weapon
	Shot/Stabbed
	Cut/stabbed
Family (Child Maltreatment)	Unsupervised
	Neglect
	Physical Abuse
	Sexual Abuse
Peer (Peer Support)	Investigated by CPS
	Peer Closeness
	Peer Acceptance
Family (Positive Family Relationship)	Peer Connectedness
	Family Connectedness
	Parental Acceptance
	Parental Nurturance

Outstanding Professional Proposal Award 2022 Recipient

Dr. Crystal Lewis

“The Current State of Military Teens: Amplifying Their Voices”

Dr. Crystal Lewis is the Director of Research + Insights at the National Military Family Association. Dr. Lewis has worked in higher education institutions for over 15 years, and has written grants for initiatives including: housing for the mentally-ill homeless population, work programs for the disabled, youth educational programming, and the fight to end America’s opioid epidemic. Dr. Lewis is an active-duty Navy spouse with two children.

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The Current State of Military Teens: Amplifying Their Voices

Who shared their experience with us?

In 2022, 2,667 military teens (ages 13-19) responded to the Military Teen Experience Survey.



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How are they doing?

When talking with military teens, 28% reported low mental well-being, and 37% said they had thoughts about harming themselves or others.

Nearly half (46%) of teens reported experiencing food insecurity.

What can we do?

- Call on Congress & DoD to increase reimbursement rates to encourage more mental and behavioral health providers to accept TRICARE
- Urge Congress to revise the rules around Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) so that Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) is excluded from eligibility calculations
- Conduct further research

Outstanding Professional Proposal Award 2022 Recipient

Dr. Mallory Lucier-Greer

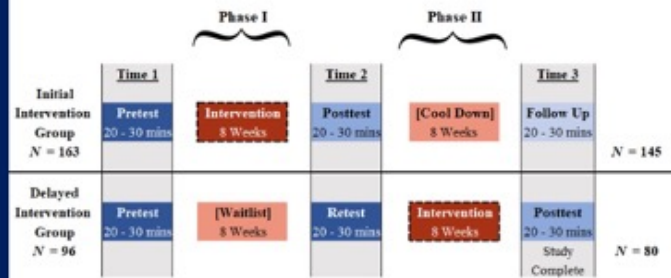
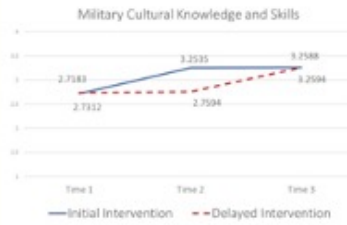
“There's an App for That: Evaluating a Mobile Application for Delivering Continuing Education to Providers Serving Military and Veteran Families”

Dr. Lucier Greer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Auburn University. She is also the Principal Investigator and Project Director of Military REACH, which is focused on bridging the gap between research and practice to provide high-quality support to military families. She is an applied researcher focused on the well-being of military families, with a background as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Certified Family Life Educator.

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There's an App for That: Evaluating a Mobile Application for Delivering Continuing Education to Providers Serving Military and Veteran Families

Mallory Lucier-Greer, Auburn University
 Catherine W. O'Neal, University of Georgia
 Davina Quichocho, Purdue University
 Nick Frye-Cox, Baylor University
 Micaela White, Thyme Care



Thank you,
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NCFR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILY
FOCUSED PRESENTATIONS
2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

11/16

Serving Military Families
POSTER SESSION 12:00-1:15 CST
Session 125F

125F-01 FT — "INFORMATION AT THE TIP OF YOUR FINGERS": CLINICIANS' REACTIONS TO A CONTINUING EDUCATION APP PROMOTING CULTURAL COMPETENCE SERVING MILITARY FAMILIES
- Micaela White, Nick Frye-Cox, Catherine O'Neal, Mallory Lucier-Greer

125F-02 FH — IN LIGHT AND SHADOW OF MORAL INJURY, PTSD, AND MENTAL HEALTH
- Angelika Salazar, Ilya Okhotnikov

125F-03 FCE — ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE: AN INTENSIVE WEEKEND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MILITARY COUPLES
- Cynthia Wilson, Michele Parker, Hye-Jung Yun, Michalee deLeon, Marie Denis-Luque

125F-04 RT — THE CURRENT STATE OF MILITARY TEENS: AMPLIFYING THEIR VOICES
- Crystal Lewis, Meredith Farnsworth, Aspen Biergmann

125F-05 FH — DESCRIBING PREPREGNANCY HEALTH AMONG A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF WOMEN WITH A HISTORY OF MILITARY SERVICE
- Deirdre Quinn

125F-06 FH — UNDERSTANDING THE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF RURAL VETERANS, AND HOW EXTENSION CAN HELP
- Heidi Radunovich, Terasa Younker, Jon Parker

Visit The Exhibits → 5:00-8:00 CST

347 — ONEOP (FORMERLY MILITARY FAMILIES LEARNING NETWORK)

11/17

Synthesize all military-connected work at the conference. QR code and printed pages up here.

Military REACH is focused on bridging the gap between research and practice to provide high-quality support to military families.

TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE (TRIP) REPORT. Monthly newsletters

Focus Group Updates

Symposium award update

Any questions or concerns for the focus group?

Nothing has been decided. Some thoughts on symposium award

- Every couple years? Is a disadvantage for junior scholars who might need this recognition earlier (rather than later). NCFR also might have some policies about only offering awards to proposals that year
- Separate into individual proposals and have e-board and past year's winners review. At most, there are 2 symposia a year (8 proposals to go through). If each proposal had two people review, that would be helpful
 - o What about only looking at top-rated symposia? There could be weak or strong individual studies, regardless of the symposia score so we would want to be as inclusive as we can by scoring all
 - o Need to figure out how the composite score is created to make our scores are comparable
- Nomination? This strategy is not inclusive as an open-pool of all who submitted to the conference

Member Announcements

Have good news?

Looking for collaborations or suggestions?

Hiring or recruiting?

Something else?



Three members had announcements:

- OneOp announced a name change (formerly Military Families Learning Network)
- Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth (Purdue University) is recruiting graduate students
- Crystal Lewis with the National Military Family Association announced that they have data if members are looking for collaborations

Speed Networking

Introduce yourself!

What are you working on now?

What are you hoping to work on?



Members discussed what they're working on now / starting to work on (door for collaboration). E.g., Junior people who are looking for data, senior people wanting to work with the data.

Suggestions for Next Year

Organizing a symposium

Meeting with Family Policy

2023 NCFR Conference — Orlando

Wednesday, Nov. 8–Saturday, Nov. 11

Rosen Centre, Orlando, Florida

Conference Program Chair: **M. Elise Radina, Ph.D., CFLE**

Call for Proposals Opens in January 2023

About half of members interested in family policy collab. Some members were ambiguous.

We discussed strategies for our members to submit across sections so there's coverage across the conference proposal.