

## Focus Group Work Plan for 2023

Name of Focus Group **Military Families and Children**

---

Chair/Co-chairs **Christina Marini and Kayla Reed-Fitzke, with Christine McCall as Communication Specialist**

---

Chair/Co-chairs email [cmarini@adelphi.edu](mailto:cmarini@adelphi.edu); [kayla-fitzke@uiowa.edu](mailto:kayla-fitzke@uiowa.edu); [cemccall@purdue.edu](mailto:cemccall@purdue.edu)

---

1. Do you wish to have a time allocated for your focus group during at the next NCFR Annual Conference?

Yes  No

2. If Yes, please list or attach tentative agenda.

Award announcements and presentations, updates on symposia award progress, member announcements, potential joint meeting with family policy and other focus groups.

---

3. Please list 2023 focus group goals/projects/aspirations.

Continue to determine if and how we can develop a symposium award, find ways to enhance synergy with the family policy section, and identify potential guest speakers for conference meeting.

---

4. Please identify any opportunities, suggestions, or concerns regarding the role of this focus group in furthering NCFR's inclusion and diversity initiatives.

Our inclusive approach to awards (all accepted proposals being contenders) helps further diversity and inclusion initiatives. We are also being mindful of such initiatives in our conversations about the potential symposium award.

---

5. Please list any areas where you would like assistance from NCFR staff.

We'd like to know if there are any policies about only offering awards to proposals that have been submitted that conference year? i.e., can an award be given to a symposium from a previous year? We'd also like insight into how the composite score for symposia proposals is calculated.

---

6. Are there any other concerns or questions that have come from the 2022 focus group annual meeting?

Focus group members were curious to know if there are any recommendations to submit proposals across a wide variety of sections or have the majority submit to a few select sections to make it easier to create paper sessions.

---

Attach your **2022 annual meeting minutes** to this form and return by **Thursday December 1, 2022** to [membership@ncfr.org](mailto:membership@ncfr.org)