

## Focus Group End of Year Report for 2023

Name of Focus Group: Work and Family Focus Group

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

This year we awarded our first Work and Family Focus Group Award! We also selected the second award winner for 2023 annual meeting. Accepted presentations and posters related to work and family were reviewed and authors were encouraged to attend the focus group meeting at NCFR 2023. Collaboration and networking platforms were updated from Facebook to frequent Zoom meetings, followed by NCFR focus group discussion board messaging and Slack. Dr. Sadguna Anasuri is the invited guest speaker for the focus group meeting for NCFR 2023.

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

We have encouraged authors from diverse background to submit and had received their proposals for the Work and Family symposia, as well as discussed comparisons and implications of work policies and its effects on the family system including couples and parent-child relationships during the symposia and focus group meeting. The chair collaborated with renowned editors in the field towards raising awareness about Asian American families in the United States and contributed a chapter towards the new handbook.

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3. Please list any concerns, questions or suggestions.

Some members were concerned about attending the conference in-person at the Florida location due to the political situation in the nation. We appreciate the online option to attend the conference.

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