

## Focus Group End of Year Report for 2023

Name of Focus Group: Family Financial Wellbeing

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

Presented family financial wellbeing research in one paper symposium and one poster symposium at 2023 conference, nominated/judged/presented 2 paper awards for 2022 (from a pool of really excellent papers), kept in touch throughout the year via messages of various opportunities and publications, created and distributed flyer highlighting family finance-related presentations at NCFR conference beforehand as a recruitment effort

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

Many members of our focus group are doing important work in studying how we might improve the financial wellbeing of families, which we hope will make a difference for good, especially for marginalized and disadvantaged families. We will continue to reach out to scholars who are diverse individuals and/or are inclusion/diversity experts who do work in family financial wellbeing (e.g., scholars whose work focuses on economically disadvantaged families) and invite them to join our focus group.

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

Thank you for scheduling our focus group meeting for the 2023 conference during the middle of the conference and not on the last day (in the past when our meeting has been scheduled for the last day, we have struggled to get many attendees). If it is possible for our focus group meeting for the 2024 conference to be scheduled during the day (not during the evening) *and* not on the last day, that would be even better for our attendance. Thank you!

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