

Focus Group End of Year Report for 2023

Name of Focus Group: Issues in Aging

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

We again had the Issues in Aging Focus Group Award for Best Student/New Professional and Professional conference abstract. The focus group meeting hosted by the 2022 Annual NCFR Conference served as a networking tool that we hope inspired some of the rich aging-related presentations on the program for the 2023 Conference. We also brainstormed potential speakers and symposia for future conferences, breaking into pairs and small groups to focus in on possible symposia collaborations. We believe the invited presenter session on custodial grandfamilies resulted from this brainstorming. We also discussed teaching in family science and activities to use in the classroom. Furthermore, a new SNP rep (and now co-chair), Jaclyn Keenoy, was recruited from attendees present.

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

Our focus group emphasizes underrepresented/marginalized groups, including individuals with disabilities and older adults. We engage intersectionality theory to understand the dynamic layers of experience and identity of older adults. We strive for the symposia created from our focus group to include underrepresented and marginalized groups.

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

none
