

Focus Group Work Plan for 2024

Name of Focus Group: Issues in Aging

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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.

- Introductions, which include members stating research and teaching endeavors
 - Handing out awards
 - Brainstorming potential symposia and invited speakers
 - Discussions on teaching and activities to use in the classroom
 - Meeting in small groups to discuss potential symposia collaborations
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3. Please list 2024 focus group goals/projects/aspirations.

- To host January Zoom meeting to support possible symposium collaborations
 - To create symposia that address older adult experiences relevant to members' areas of expertise and research
 - To continue the SNP and Professional Award
 - To promote collaborations among scholars and teachers in the field of family gerontology
 - To have an invited conference speaker that focuses on aging and families
 - To bring on a new SNP rep
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4. Please identify any opportunities, suggestions, or concerns regarding the role of this focus group in furthering NCFR's inclusion and diversity initiatives.

- Our focus group emphasizes underrepresented and marginalized groups including older adults with disabilities. We also focus on diversity that is not always considered mainstream and 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 and did the same when brainstorming potential speakers.
- As discussed in prior years, we continue to advocate for the inclusion of aging families in the

broader realm of family science research. The inclusion of aging families in family science journals and at the annual conference not only helps to further research on aging families, but also helps to advance family science as a whole.

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

We would like to explore opportunities to make more aging-related events available to NCFR (and our focus group) members throughout the year.

6. Are there any other concerns or questions that have come from the 2023 focus group annual meeting?

NA

Attach your **2023 annual meeting minutes** to this form and return by **Friday December 1, 2023** to membership@ncfr.org