

Focus Group Work Plan for 2024

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

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

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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.

Award announcements and presentations, member networking, a guest speaker or panel, or potentially merging with another focus group

3. Please list 2024 focus group goals/projects/aspirations.

Find a new communications specialist (preferably a student), figure out a way to honor the work that goes into proposing symposia and how to integrate them into our awards, draft an agenda for “what’s next” in the field of military and veteran family research, come up with ways to bridge the gap between research and practice

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

We would like to propose to change the name of our focus group to **Military and Veteran Families**, this is more inclusive and allows us to capture those currently serving and those who have previously served and their family members as they define them (which may or may not include children).

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

It would be helpful if NCFR would provide a small budget for us to serve refreshments at our meetings.

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

We do think that section chairs and focus group chairs should be recognized for their service to NCFR. Even a slight reduction in conference registration fees would be a much welcomed form of gratitude for the work that we do to benefit NCFR as an organization.

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