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## Schroeder receives Distinguished Service to Families award

Patricia Scott Schroeder (D-CO) is this year's recipient of NCFR's Distinguished Service to Families (DSF) Award. The presentation will be made at 9 a.m., Sunday, November 17 during the annual conference in Denver.

Schroeder represents the First Congressional District of CO, comprising most of the city and county of Denver. She was elected in 1972 and re-elected nine times, winning by 64 percent in 1990.

During the 101st Congress, Congresswoman Schroeder made family issues, women's health issues, and defense burdensharing her top priorities. She was appointed Chair of the **House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families** in February, 1991, and also serves on the **House Armed Services Committee**, the **House Judiciary Committee**, and the **House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service**.

The House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families provides Congress with an ongoing assessment of the conditions of American children and families and makes recommendations to Congress and the public about how to improve public and private sector policies for them.

One of only four women to chair a House committee this century, Schroeder plans to focus on how the tax code affects the family, review divorce laws to ensure the economic security of children, and evaluate adolescents' health care needs. Schroeder authored the Family and

Medical Leave Act to provide workers with a minimum amount of job-guaranteed, unpaid leave for the birth, adoption or serious illness of a child or dependent parent and for workers with a serious temporary health condition.

A strong advocate of affordable, quality child care, Schroeder sponsored and passed the Dependent Care Block Grant which funds community before- and after-school child care information and referral services and day care programs for latchkey children.

Schroeder has written **Champion of the Great American Family** (Random House, 1989). It outlines her work on family issues and sets forth a family policy agenda for the 21st century:

*"A national family policy should have three basic goals: to acknowledge the rich diversity of American families; to protect the family's economic well-being; and to provide families with flexible ways to meet the economic and social needs. Government policy cannot be based upon a static definition of the family, but must take into account that Americans live in a variety of family structures throughout their lives. Two-parent family, single-parent family, blended family, extended family, and empty-nest family--each of these comes with particular stresses and needs. An understanding of this diversity is essential if we are to avoid creating government policy that penalizes families that don't fit a particular*



Pat Schroeder

*mold."* (page 174)

In February, 1988, Schroeder embarked on the "Great American Family Tour" with three other family advocates. Accompanying her through the South were Harvard pediatrician Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, **Family Ties** producer Gary David Goldberg, and the director of the **Institute for the Study of Women and Men** at UCLA Dr. Deana Meehan. The tour was designed to put family issues "front and center" on the national political agenda.

Schroeder was born in Portland, OR, and was graduated Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of MN in 1961 and from Harvard Law School, J.D.,

in 1964. She was first elected to the 93rd Congress from Denver in 1972 and is the Dean of the CO Congressional Delegation as well as the most senior woman in Congress.

She has served in the House leadership as Democratic Whip since 1978 and was appointed Deputy Whip in 1987. In 1989 she was appointed to co-chair the Democratic Caucus Task Force on National Security.

She is married and the mother of a son and daughter.

NCFR's Association of Councils sponsors the annual DSF Award. It was established in 1974 to recognize individuals or organizations exerting outstanding leadership in the effort to bring about better family living. The award has been designed to recognize both volunteer and professional excellence in various family service areas, including industry, government, and the arts. This year's DSF Award committee included T. Quentin Evans, chair; Kenneth Barber, John D. Conger, Eileen Earhart, Elaine Anderson, and Anthony Jurich.

### Computer delays

Due to the installation of a new computer system at NCFR headquarters, the July issue of **Family Relations** was mailed one week later than usual.

Members also may have noted that some renewal notices have been delayed.

If you notice any errors on your mailing labels or if you experience undue delays in receiving items you have ordered, please contact Kathy Collins Royce at 612-781-9331.

## Piven discusses politics, poverty

"Politics and Poverty in Contemporary America," will be the topic of the plenary address by Frances Fox Piven, internationally known author and activist, at 9:30 a.m., Monday, November 18 during the NCFR annual conference. The session will be held in Grand Ballroom C of the Denver Radisson.

Piven explains that "it is clear that the American social structure is changing, in the sense that economic and cultural differences among classes and racial groups are widening. In some ways, we are becoming less unified, less one community, than ever before.

"In this talk, I will try to assess the relative role of large scale changes in the national and international economy, and changes in a series of important public policies, in producing these effects."

Piven earned a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Chicago in 1962 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Adelphi University in 1985. Currently she is a professor in the



Frances Fox Piven

Dept. of Political Science, Graduate School and University Center, at City University of NY.

She has held visiting professorships in various European countries and has been

both co-chair of the Annual Program and vice-president of the American Political Science Association. She also has been vice-president and president of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Her most recent book (co-authored with Richard A. Cloward) **Why Americans Don't Vote** (Pantheon, 1988), was called "challenging and informative" by T.R. Reid, Denver bureau chief the **Washington Post**, in "Book World."

According to Reid, the book notes that the U.S. has a "class-skewed electorate." About half "the adult population of the U.S. never votes--and the nonvoters are generally the poor and disadvantaged. As a result, Piven and Cloward reach the dramatic conclusion that 'the United States (is) not a democracy, in the elementary

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# Preliminary survey results reflect mission



Lynda Henley Walters  
1990-1991  
NCFR President

Preliminary results of the NCFR membership survey are just off the press. I talked with Gary Bowen, membership vice president, just as he received the first printout of results. Initially, he obtained input from members about issues they believed should be included in the survey so that the results would represent opinions on issues from a broad cross section of members. Surveys were sent to 3,750 members, and we have close to a 50 percent response rate. Although we ordinarily would prefer a higher response rate to a survey, a 10 percent response to a membership survey is considered average. Another national professional organization just conducted such a survey and got a 25 percent return. Our response rate is clearly above average. Thanks to Gary and his committee for doing such a superb job, and to each of you who responded.

Some of the issues of importance to the Board of Directors are those related to the mission of NCFR. For example, to which professional roles do members want NCFR to be responsive, i.e., educator, researcher, practitioner? Considering only those ratings indicating a preference for high responsiveness (4 to 5 on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 equaling very great extent), 91 percent think NCFR should be responsive to the educator, 87 percent to the researcher, and 81 percent to the practitioner. In other words, the vast majority of members want NCFR programs to be responsive to the needs of professionals in each of these major roles.

How we meet these needs is another questions. To gain at least a partial answer

to the questions, let's consider member opinions about the objectives listed in our constitution.

One item on the questionnaire provided an opportunity to rank the objectives of NCFR in order of importance. Considering the percentage of those who ranked items either first or second, it appears that the two perceived to be most important were *disseminate information* (54 percent) and *encourage research* (43 percent). The two objectives considered least important were *promote and coordinate efforts in education and therapy* (22 percent) and *establish professional standards* (18 percent). Some insight is gained from this finding regarding preferences for how NCFR should set priorities for meeting the needs of members.

Another source of insight is found in responses to a question that addressed the reasons for continuing membership in NCFR. Approximately two thirds or more members reported the following were *important or very important*:

- Keep up-to-date substantively--85 percent
- Receive **Journal of Marriage and the Family**--71 percent
- Receive **Family Relations**--68 percent
- Network with other marriage and family professionals--64 percent
- Issues that about one third or fewer reported were *important or very important* were:
  - Earn/Keep certification for family life education (CFLE)--35 percent
  - Participate in NCFR section activities--29 percent
  - Participate in family policy activities--27 percent
  - Participate in Affiliated Council activities --19 percent

From these results, it would appear that for many, NCFR is valued primarily for its information resources and as a source of professional collegueship. NCFR's responsiveness to educators, researchers, and practitioners may best be implemented through the dissemination of information, such as journals and conferences, and activities that get us together or otherwise make it possible to know each other and communicate with each other.

The survey contains a wealth of information, and you will have an opportunity to talk with Vice President Bowen about it on Sunday evening during the annual conference in Denver. Also, Gary will be sending reports to Section chairs in time for them to discuss the results in Section meetings during the conference. We will continue to discuss the results at the NCFR business meeting during the conference.

Giving meaning to a mission statement is an ongoing process, and I hope that discussions of the results of the membership survey will assist us in bringing clarity to our ambitions for NCFR. In the past two years, we have had more discussion of what we want in NCFR than I can ever remember. Continuing in an open discussion mode would be healthy for NCFR--and very helpful for the Board. Let's keep our Board representatives informed of our opinions.

There are many other findings from the survey that have implications for our mission, but I will mention only one other. Approximately one third consider NCFR their primary professional organization; about two thirds consider it their secondary organization. Similar findings have been obtained in every membership survey conducted by NCFR. Although this has

been a source of concern because some have believed that in difficult economic times, members might relinquish their membership in a secondary organization while maintaining membership in their primary organization, *45 percent of respondents said that they belong to three or more professional organizations*. For many, the primary organization may be perceived as a more general disciplinary group with family representing just one of many areas of specialization. There are a growing number of specialized organizations, and their memberships are similar in size to NCFR. The important question is *not* whether NCFR is the primary or secondary organization, *but whether members are committed and want to continue their membership*. The discussions over the past two years indicate to me that there is active interest in the programs and initiatives of NCFR, a level of interest that would be found among members who really care about the organization.


As President of NCFR, this is my last column, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this important role. I also want to thank the Board members who have served NCFR by being prepared and making difficult decisions. Mary Jo Czaplewski and the staff in the NCFR office deserve appreciation from each of us. This has been a year filled with challenges and uncertainties not knowing what kinds of changes would be made as a result of the strategic plan, but staff have worked hard--some for many more hours than they were paid--and coped with the uncertainty and

with the transition to a new computerized management system along with their regular responsibilities. Finally, it has been a great pleasure to work with Jan Hogan as Immediate Past President and Brent Miller as President-elect. I look forward to this next year with the Board under Brent's leadership. With some of the important programmatic efforts of the next year, such as the COFO Family Data Project, we are fortunate to have a person with Brent's experience and expertise as our new President.

Lynda Henley Walters Ph.D.  
NCFR President

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October 1 deadline for review



Dawn Cassidy  
Certification Director

October 1--Deadline  
for Fall Review

October 1 is the deadline for submission for the November, 1991, CFLE review. This is the last opportunity to apply at the current application fee rates. Beginning January 1, 1992, the fee will be increased to \$165.

The CFLE Task Force has taken on the responsibility of revising the CFLE application process. Currently there are two different application formats. These formats will be consolidated into one which all applicants will follow regardless of their background or years of experience. In addition, the Task Force is establishing a point system which will simplify the evaluation process. The new application is scheduled to become available January 1.

CFLE Marketing

A mailing was sent to all persons who ordered an application packet or other

family life education materials since 1989. Response has been tremendous! Hundreds of orders have been received for the CFLE application packet, family life education poster, and family life education curriculum guidelines.

Teacher's Kit

Many of you are involved in family life education and are no doubt looking for innovative and creative teaching tools and materials. We are currently working on developing a family life education teacher's kit to meet this need. NCFR and the CFLE program have created a network of family life education experts who have much to share. The kit would consist of peer-reviewed family life education materials and resources that can be used in teaching or classroom settings. If you are interested in contributing one of your lesson plans or ideas, etc., contact the NCFR office for a submission form.

CFLE Symposia Set  
for Annual Conference

If you'd like to know more about the CFLE program and family life education, attend the special CFLE symposia session, "Issues Pertinent to the Continuation of the Certified Family Life Educator Program in NCFR." Each of the participants in the symposium has been closely involved in the effort to maintain the CFLE program within NCFR. Research will be presented which suggests new applications for the CFLE designation. The CAB Model will be employed to illustrate the value of the CFLE designation in program

development.

Carol Rubino CFLE, member-at-large on the CFLE Task Force, will report on the activities of the Task Force during the past year. I will report on new developments in the CFLE program, including new application procedures, marketing techniques, and the pledge campaign. The discussant and chair of the CFLE Task Force, Judith Myers-Walls Ph.D., will offer her insights and commentary. The special session is set for

2 p.m., Sunday, November 17.

On a personal note, I am expecting my first child the first week of September and will be taking maternity leave at that time. However, arrangements have been made to keep the CFLE program on schedule. You may contact Executive Director Mary Jo Czapslewski with any questions you may have while I'm gone. The program is back in full swing, and the future looks bright! Dawn Cassidy  
CFLE Director

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Good News! This year's Conferene registration rates are the same as last year's.

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NCFR Student Member	50
2nd Family Member	80
Non-Member (Professional)	175
Non-Member (Student)	70

Single Day Registration:

Professional (non-student)	\$75
Full-time Student	25

Package Fees (includes 1 year NCFR membership and Conference registration fee. Available only to those who have never been NCFR members): Professional (non-student) \$185 Full-time Student 90

Hotel Costs:

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Double	99 per day

The complete printed conference program and registration form will be mailed to all active NCFR members in August.

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sense of an effective universal suffrage."

Reid notes that 100 years ago, 80 percent of all eligible voters (at that time, white males), regularly voted in American presidential election. Only about 55 percent voted in the last two presidential contests, with much lower rates in non-presidential years.

The U.S. ranks behind almost every other free country in terms of voter participation, Reid adds.

It is Piven and Cloward's contention that "disenfranchisement of half the country is a deliberate tool of economic and political 'haves' to keep the have-nots out in the cold," Reid writes.

The book notes, that by "class restrictions on the suffrage, economic elites ensured that they would encounter little resistance as they moved to shape government policies in their interests."

According to Reid, "the authors suggest that the two major parties, for all their sanctimonious hype about 'getting out the vote,' were active participants in this anti-democratic movement because limited suffrage 'ensured their stability and protected incumbents.'"

The book offers a historical view of legal changes that led to low voter participation rates--changes that include poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clauses.

Piven and Cloward "make it clear," according to Reid, "that they view things from the left edge of the political spectrum."

Reid asks some tough questions of the authors: "If 'economic elites' have successfully kept the lesser classes away from political power, how can you explain a whole raft of developments--direct

election of senators, women's suffrage, Native Americans' suffrage, the progressive income tax, the minimum wage, the civil rights revolution--that undermine the elites' power and status?"

Reid wonders which came first: "Do all those eligible voters stay away from the polls because they're apathetic, or are they apathetic because they're kept away from the polls?"

Piven and Cloward favor the latter: Registration laws and other official restrictions make people lose interest in voting. However, the authors "are scrupulous in noting that much impressive scholarship runs the other way," Reid writes.

Reid concludes that "until I read this book...I had brushed aside the national breast-beating about nonvoting. I figured that low turnout evidenced a happy, contented country; if people were unhappy, they would vote in droves to throw the rascals out. Piven and Cloward shoot down that theory in a single sentence. 'No one has satisfactorily explained why "the politics of happiness" is so consistently concentrated among the least well off.'"

In addition to the 1988 book, Piven has authored or co-authored six other books, including Regulating the Poor (1971) which won the C. Wright Mills Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems in 1972.

Piven is a founder of the national welfare rights movement in the 1960s, and of the Human SERVE voter registration movement in the 1980s. She has served on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union. In 1986 she received the Award of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation for her writings on voter registration reform.

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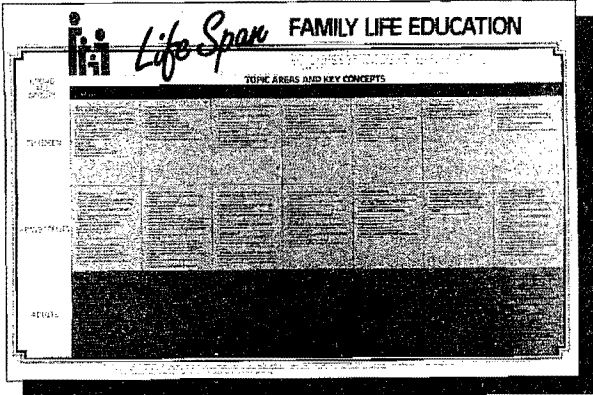
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# NCFR/Guilford, Osborne winners named

The recipient of the first NCFR/Guilford Book Award for Students and New Professionals is Elaine Shaw Sorensen, assistant professor of nursing at Brigham Young University. The presentation will be made at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, November 17 during the NCFR annual conference in Denver.

The winning manuscript, **Stress and Coping in Children: The Family Perspective**, is an adaptation of her doctoral dissertation, earned in 1988 at the University of UT, College of Health.

Using the semi-structured daily journals of 44 healthy children, 7 through 11 years of age, and their parents over a six-week period, Sorensen traced reports of various stressors on the children, as well as their coping resources and behaviors. In addition to 2,500 written journal entries, she analyzed over 600 colored drawings in the children's journals.

The NCFR/Guilford Book Award was established in 1988 to annually honor scholars near the beginning of their careers who demonstrate outstanding writing and



Elaine Shaw Sorensen

research skills, but who need special support and assistance to complete their first book.

After modest revision, Sorensen's manuscript will be published by Guilford Publications in its series, "Perspectives on

Marriage and the Family."

Serving on the award evaluation committee were Bert Adams, co-editor of the Guilford series; Norma Burgess, former NCFR Student/New Professional (S/NP) representative; Patricia Dyk, present S/NP representative; Gary Lee, NCFR publications vice-president; and chair David Klein, co-editor of the Guilford series.



Joan Jurich

This year's recipient of NCFR's Ernest G. Osborne Award is Joan Jurich, assistant professor of Family Studies at Purdue University. The Award will be presented at 9:30 a.m., Monday, November 18 during the NCFR annual conference in Denver.

Jurich was nominated by a number of

her current and former faculty colleague and students. The award is in honor of the late Professor Ernest Osborne of Columbia University and recognizes outstanding teaching in the area of family studies.

Award committee members were Robert S. Pickett, chair; Anthony P. Jurich, Margaret Arcus CFLE, John W. Enge CFLE, Judith A. Myers-Walls, and Patricia Kain Knaub.

One of the courses Jurich teaches at Purdue is the large undergraduate class "Marriage and Family Relations." She earned her Ph.D. at Purdue in 1986.

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Contributing to the general unrestricted fund were Dr. Hyman Rodman, Greensboro; Virginia A. Ives, St. Louis, MO; and Paul C. Glick, Phoenix, AZ.

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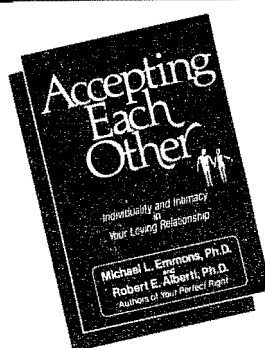
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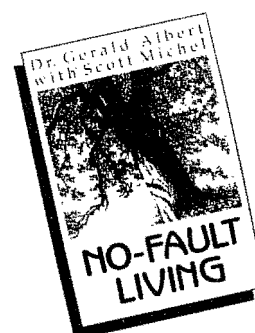
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# Reviving international interests



Mary Jo Czaplewski  
NCFR Executive Director

The cold war has ended, the arms race has slowed, and a new era of globalization has emerged in an increasingly interconnected world. Through common technologies--information, services, and electronics--family organizations can grow closer together than ever before.

Throughout NCFR's 53 years, international members and members with international interests have played important roles--as leaders, conference speakers and research contributors in both journals. NCFR's International Section has also been involved in activities of several international family organizations.

During the 70s and 80s, NCFR's commitment to international interests waned due to the cold war and other factors. Currently, the rebirth of globalism and concerns about environmental,

economic, and social problems have spawned new interest in global family issues among scholars and social scientists.

In addition, the General Assembly of the United Nations has declared that 1994 will be the **International Year of the Family**.

The official logo is printed here. Posters may be obtained from the U.N.

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NCFR has renewed its international ties by rejoining the International Union of Family Organizations. Karen Altergott, chair of the International Section, attended its first U.S. meeting since 1960 in May. President Lynda Walters has appointed Karen to chair a special task force on the U.N. Year of the Family. Committee members include Karen Altergott, Constance Shehan, Jan Hogan, Pat Voydanoff, Connie Steele, and Bernita Quass.

NCFR services over 300 international members. Efforts at recruiting new members are being carried out by dedicated U.S. scholars who are building

research relationships with Eastern bloc, Japanese, Chinese and African countries in particular.

Both NCFR journals have a foreign subscribership of nearly 2,000. The Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature (formerly Family Resources Database) is carried to foreign universities by DIALOG and BRS. Greatest use appears to be in Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, and Japan.

Of growing interest to foreign members is NCFR's Family Life Education Certification program. NCFR members in Canadian provinces have long been active in promoting this credential with the approval and support of their provincial governments. In Taiwan, NCFR member, Lee Shih Alice Wu, CFLE, has begun a credentialing program. She has translated the FLE Poster and Certification Guidelines into Chinese.

Barbara Sykes, CFLE, in England and Lois Beckwith, CFLE, in New Zealand are promoting the program.

At the 1988 annual conference, NCFR hosted seven Soviet scholars who have, since then, been working with numerous NCFR leaders in joint research projects soon to be culminated in a publication. Several NCFR members "sponsor" a foreign member from underdeveloped and Eastern bloc nations who could not otherwise afford the membership fees. (For example, a Polish professor's salary for four months would barely cover the cost of one membership fee.)

While NCFR has had a previous interest and involvement in international matters, today, more than ever, it is imperative that our interests, services and cooperation be expanded as families worldwide strive to achieve stability and security.

All members are invited to participate in and to contribute to the plans now underway for NCFR's involvement in the International Year of the Family. Write to Karen and her committee or attend the special planning session during the Denver conference on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 a.m. in the Executive Director's Suite.

Mary Jo Czaplewski  
Executive Director

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# Uninsured Americans still large concern



Margaret Feldman  
Washington representative

## National Health Care

At the end of May, the Journal of the American Medical Association published a special two volume issue on different ways to accomplish an overhaul of the nation's health care system. The editor said he thinks "an era of inevitability is upon us" that something must and will be done. He said it is "morally, ethically and economically" no longer possible to continue with so many people with inadequate care. The president of AMA was present at the press conference called to announce the new issue, which shows a remarkable change from the traditional stance of doctors.

As usual, in the press conference, the problem was defined as 37 million people "uninsured" for medical care, which makes it apparent that the solution is insurance, and the problem is to find a way to insure everyone. This is, indeed, the answer proposed by the AMA--that all employers would be required to provide insurance for their workers, and the government would buy-in for those not working.

Two other possible solutions are also mentioned in the volumes. A national health care plan similar to Canada's is being promoted by an alternative doctor's group and many voluntary organizations. This plan would cut out perhaps as much as 15 to 25 percent of administrative costs which this group says could be used to provide the universal coverage they advocate.

Conservative groups are still urging the use of tax credits which would then allow each person to act as a "good consumer" and pick out the insurance plan which would be most economical and still provide the care they need. Perhaps insurance benefits would also be taxed if worth more than some minimum amount.

## New Administration for Children and Families

On April 15, the Dept. of Health and Human Services announced that operating divisions at HHS had been reorganized "to place greater emphasis and greater focus on the needs of America's children and families." The resources of the Family Support Administration and the Office of Human Development Services, as well as the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant from the Public Health Service are now combined into the new Administration for Children and Families, headed by an Assistant Secretary, Jo Anne B. Barnhart. Ms. Barnhart will be at the same level in HHS as the Commissioner of Social Security, the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Administrator of the Health Financing Administration, which gives children and families added prominence.

This is a real change that has possibilities for real improvement in service. Now Headstart, Job Opportunities

and Basic Skills, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Child Support Enforcement, Adoption Assistance, Foster Care, Social Services Block Grant, Child Care and Development Block Grant, and child abuse programs are all included in this one department. Workers in these disparate programs were many times unaware of what others were doing, but now there is a greater possibility of working together.

The new reorganization will not bring all the life-span family-related programs together since the Office of Aging will continue to report directly to the Secretary of HHS, and the Adolescent Pregnancy Program will continue in the Office of Population Affairs, under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

## Decategorization

The HHS changes in governmental organization may enable the bureaucracy to work together in ways which ultimately will help break down the categorization of services which now exist. In many communities, a few creative people have been able to put together grants of money, make use of waivers, and work collaboratively, even if informally, with colleagues to provide coordinated services meeting the whole needs of families. Some communities have been able to provide "one-stop-shopping" for clients in one building or service center.

But sometimes the best of intentions are blocked by legislatively defined "categories" which identify a specific group for which services are available. To combat this, there is a renewed interest in "decategorization." Patricia Langley, Washington representative for Family Service America, has defined this as "the gradual transforming of the current human service delivery system which is fragmented, bureaucratic and categorically driven into one that is integrated, comprehensive and community-based."

Service would be provided on the basis of need rather than the meeting of some "category" of service, i.e., a specific disease, a certain age group, etc. If the federal programs are working together within the bureaucracy, there may be more understanding and cooperation in the regions and finally, down to the local community and ultimately, the breaking of categorical barriers.

Change will not be easy. Patricia Langley has described "the iron triangle,"

## Family violence theme of issue

"Family Violence," is the theme of an upcoming special issue of the *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*.

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which prevents change. This triangle consists of federal and state legislative structures (including the committees and legislators who make the laws and the laws they create), the bureaucracies who administer the agencies to give the services, and the interest groups of those who are served.

Since change will alter the power in all three, there is strong resistance. Perhaps each one of us has been guilty of writing letters in support of one category or another of a federal program. In a way, we have been forced to do this as we see needs which exist, but are not being met.

The U.S. does not have a multiple service, coordinated family-based delivery system based on need rather than legal regulations. For example, caregivers of all types of people may need "respite," but assistance is only available for caregivers whose charges meet certain categorically defined conditions. For instance, caregivers of AIDS victims are not eligible.

Researchers could begin to document the ways in which categories limit the help which is needed. Data gathered may be useful in the future to set new, more decategorized policy agendas.

Margaret Feldman  
NCFR Washington representative

## Coleman, staff assume JMF editorial duties

On July 1, 1991, Marilyn Coleman CFLE officially began her duties as the 1992-1996 editor of the *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. The first issue under her direction will be printed in February, 1992.

Dr. Coleman, who currently chairs the Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of MO-Columbia, brings excellent editorial and publication experience to the position.

She has served on the editorial boards of *Journal of Marriage and the Family* since 1988 and *Family Relations* since 1985. She has been associate editor of the *Home Economics Research Journal*, and a referee for the *Elementary School Journal*, *Young Children*, *Parenting Studies*, *Journal of Personality and Psychology*, and *Journal of Family Issues*.

Dr. Coleman has published extensively in both NCFR journals in the areas of remarriage and stepparenting and in an array of other family-related areas.

In her travels abroad, she has been an

advocate of family research as reported in JMF and has also encouraged manuscript submissions.

Her goals as editor include maintaining the position of eminence which JMF now holds in the social science publication field; broadening the scope of research articles to include anthropology and psychology as well as qualitative research; and continuance of the excellence in relationships between editor, reviewers and authors for which the previous editor, Dr. Alan Booth, was known.

Assisting Dr. Coleman in the project will be Michael Joseph, copy editor, who holds a master's degree in English. He has 11 years of experience as copy and supervising editor of the *Bridgeport (CT) Post*, circulation 70,000, and as a reporter and city editor for *The Pocono Record*. He also is a graduate instructor of English at the University of MO.

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# Plan to join us in Denver!



Patricia H. Dyk  
S/NP representative

### Annual Conference Opportunities

As I write this last column as S/NP representative, I have just finished reviewing the final draft of the 1991 annual conference program. It looks great! I hope you are planning to join us in Denver as there are numerous prominent family professionals scheduled to share their expertise and many opportunities to share your own interests with others. Terri Heath, S/NP representative-elect, has done an excellent job planning sessions addressing needs identified by students and new professionals at last year's annual conference in Seattle. The following items should be of particular interest to S/NPs:

--Sunday evening in the S/NP Skills Exchange a panel will discuss the topic, "How to Secure Academic Fellowships and Small Research Grants as Students/New Professionals."

--Monday morning (bright and early!) we will have our business meeting, an excellent opportunity for you to meet the

S/NP Section representatives who will be able to share with you the opportunities for networking and service in the various Sections.

--Monday afternoon I will be leading a roundtable discussion on "Developing a Professional Identity in NCFR."

--Tuesday morning (again, first session of the morning), there is a seminar addressing "The Team Approach to Professional Development and Effective Teaching."

--In addition, look for the S/NP icon (a diploma) throughout the conference program booklet. It identifies presentations sponsored by or of particular interest to S/NPs.

If you are currently or soon to be job hunting, be sure to bring several copies of your vita or resume and plan to take advantage of the employment service. The year before I completed my doctorate, one of my mentors at UT State University wisely suggested I review the job announcements and vitas on file with the employment service so that I would be better prepared to go on the job market.

I heeded his advice and went to the following year's conference armed with vitas. I was surprised when, after I finished chairing a session, a University of KY faculty member approached me, said she had read my resume on file in the employment service, handed me a copy of her department's job announcement and asked me to apply. As you can tell from my current address, the outcome was quite positive!

Lastly, on a less academic note (but a must for networking), let me invite you to the party Monday night co-sponsored by S/NPs and Guilford Press. All conference

attendees are invited to enjoy the music (DJ), food, and camaraderie. Last year I had to hire the DJ for an additional hour because the party was going strong past midnight!

### Student Volunteers

Students, be sure to read the Student Volunteer Form in this issue. For eight hours of help during the conference, your \$50 registration fee will be refunded. Volunteers are needed to assist in such areas as registration, employment service, audio-visual set-up, and exhibits. If you are interested, return the application form to Dr. B. Kay Pasley by **September 1, 1991**.

### Student Housing

Students who would like to take advantage of the triple and quad rates offered by the Radisson in Denver must work through me by completing the Student Conference Housing form in this issue. If you need roommates, please let me know, and I will try my best to pair you with others. The deadline to send me your **\$35 deposit is September 15**.

### S/NP Rep-Elect

Congratulations to Linda Airsman, our new S/NP representative-elect. She will begin her committee and Board of Directors responsibilities at the annual conference.

Now is the time to consider whether you would like to run for the office of S/NP representative-elect. The candidate elected from the March, 1992, ballot will assume responsibilities at the end of the 1992 annual conference as representative-

elect on the 1992-93 Board of Directors (non-voting) and then serve as representative on the 1993-94 Board (voting member).

I have prepared a list of the S/NP representative responsibilities and a letter that details responsibilities, costs, criteria, and procedures about the office. In July, I mailed a copy of these documents to all individuals who had requested information. If you would like copies, please contact me **immediately**. The deadline for submission of a vita, platform statement and letter outlining your involvement in NCFR must be postmarked by **September 20**. The top candidates will be asked to meet with past and present S/NP representatives at the conference in Denver so that we can present our slate to the NCFR Nominating committee before leaving Denver.

Let me conclude with my closing comments from the letter to prospective candidates. During my term as S/NP representative, "I have met many prominent family professionals, developed several close friendships, learned a great deal about professional organizations, and gained new insights about my own strengths and weaknesses. All in all, I believe the hard work has been worth the price, and I strongly urge you to 'go for it'."

Hoping to meet many of you in Denver.

Patricia Hyjer Dyk, Dept. of Sociology, University of KY, 500 Garrigus Bldg., Lexington, KY 40546-0215; 606-257-3228.

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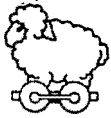
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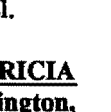
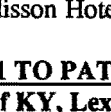
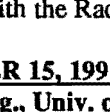
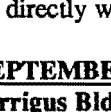
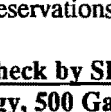
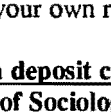
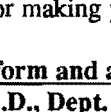
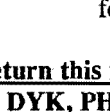
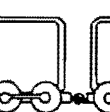
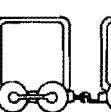
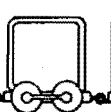
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# Colorado acts to fight poverty

The 1980s were a difficult decade for most Coloradans according to Donna G. Chitwood, director of First Impressions, a program created to enhance the quality of life for Colorado's young children and families.

Indeed, the 80s were difficult for families everywhere--high unemployment levels, rising divorce rates, escalating health care costs, skyrocketing housing costs, increasing crime rates--but Colorado has become one of the banner states in leading the way for improving the lives of families.

Because NCFR has scheduled its 1991 annual conference in Denver, November 15 through 20, NCFR has chosen to highlight some of the state's family-focused programs.

Parents are their children's first teachers is the premise of a special Colorado program called First Impressions. During the first years of a child's life, the foundation for thinking, learning, and for succeeding in later years is established. Children without opportunities to participate in enriched, stimulating early learning settings are at risk for later school failure and of not becoming productive, self-sufficient adult citizens.

First Impressions was formed in 1987 by Colorado Governor Roy Romer to focus attention on the importance of the first five years of life and the crucial role they play in determining a child's potential.

The program is chaired by Colorado First Lady Bea Romer, NCFR Certified Family Life Educator. She is working to create an awareness of the first 60 months of life, to initiate innovative solutions and to encourage and support community responsiveness to the issues of young children and their families.

First Impressions focuses Colorado's community energies by sponsoring community forums dealing with issues of children and families and providing technical assistance to communities in addressing service gaps and unmet needs. The program coordinates the **Parents As First Teachers** project to establish a statewide system of parent education and training for early childhood professionals; staffs the **Colorado Commission on Families and Children** in the development of pilot family centers, assists in implementing a statewide system of child care information, resource and referral; and provides "seed grants" to local communities for innovative solutions which meet the needs of young children and their families.

The program distributes a birthday message and parenting information to parents of newborns in Colorado; convenes public meetings and addresses diverse groups; works with the business community to increase private sector involvement in child care; and coordinates a resource clearinghouse on early childhood issues.

In 1989, Colorado applied for and was selected to participate in a **Policy Academy on Families and Children At-Risk**, sponsored by the Council on State Policy and Planning Agencies. The Policy Academy's intent was to enable states to develop a strategic plan for families that would be family focused with an emphasis on family self-sufficiency and to begin to create a service delivery system integrated across agencies and oriented toward prevention and early intervention.

## Policy Goals for Systems Change

*The following goals address the systems problems that were identified in the Strategic Plan for Colorado's Families and Children through the Policy Academy Team:*

1. Create a shared vision for Colorado families and children among all segments of society--government, private sector, non-profit sector, advocates, the general public.
2. Ensure that all family and child related policies, statutes, rules, regulations, practices, procedures and legislation are consistent with the standards determined by the Colorado Policy for Families and Children.
3. Establish service delivery options that emphasize and maximize the participation of families and children in choosing among the available options for prevention and treatment services.
4. Ensure that efforts to prevent problems begin as early as possible in order to maximize the benefits to society,

its children and families.

5. Integrate and prioritize state planning and budgeting to achieve a coordinated, integrated service delivery system to families and children.

6. Establish communities as the focus of service planning and delivery for children and families to provide services in the most natural environment possible to maintain the family's integration within the community.

7. Ensure a more coordinated and efficient service delivery system by establishing a single entry point for access to services.

8. Establish a state accountability system based on key outcome indicators for children and families.

9. Develop a human service work force with the skills and knowledge to work effectively with families and children to improve their capacity to function in a productive and healthy manner.

(The above was taken from the document produced by the study.)

Some of First Impressions' projects that focus on these issues include the Statewide Child Care Resource and Referral System; Energy Conservation/Child Care Project; Colorado Business and Child Care Council; and School-based, Family-centered, Early Prevention Projects.

The Statewide Child Care Resource and Referral System was charged in 1989 by Governor Romer to work with the Colorado Child Care Resource and Referral Network to develop a plan for a statewide, community-based child and family resource information and referral system. The system is viewed nationally as a system that improves the quality, availability, affordability and accessibility of child care.

Over a period of one year, the "Design Team" developed a statewide systems plan that includes the identification of value statements, mission statements, management information system design, plan for a central office identification of service delivery areas and a set of recommendations and action plan. The information has been compiled into a document, "A Statewide Plan for Child Care Resource and Referral Services in Colorado."

First Impressions and the Office of Energy Conservation received funding to explore the relationship between child care needs and energy conservation and to address child care-related problems of downtown employees. Fifty-two percent of mothers with children under six years old are members of the Colorado workforce.

It is projected that six out of ten new workers will be women--the majority in their childbearing years. Suitable child care choices are limited, and parents are traveling great distances for child care services because of the shortage of available openings, particularly for infants and toddlers. Parents also have significant difficulty in accessing carpools or public transportation alternatives.

The expected outcome of the project is to improve energy conservation by reducing the number of driving trips parents must make between home, work and child care facilities. This will be accomplished by increasing the use of public transportation by working parents, promoting on- and near-site child care programs and building private sector

support for flexible work/family program options like flextime, job sharing, or telecommuting.

The project also will educate government on the relationship between child care and energy conservation in order to encourage the incorporation of child care in master-planning and land-use plans.

In February, 1990, Governor Romer appointed a 16-member council representing Colorado businesses and industry. Staffed by First Impressions, the council has completed its original charge to assess the level of employer involvement in child care, via a statewide survey, and to determine how employers can be encouraged to assist their employees in finding affordable, quality child care.

The council also established a process by which employers can receive information about business involvement in child care. The council forwarded its recommendations and action plan to the Governor.

School-based, Family-centered, Early Prevention Projects are also part of the First Impressions venture.

Communities for Drug-Free Colorado, First Impressions and the Colorado Dept. of Education received federal funding for a one-time project under the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. The purpose of the project is to provide support

and guidance to school programs aimed at strengthening the parent-child relationship and to empower parents to lay a foundation for the later social and academic success of their young children.

Other projects that First Impressions has participated in are the Colorado At-Risk Preschool Projects, First Impressions Community Forums, and the Governor's Policy Academy on Children and Families.

Several problems were identified through these efforts:

--a one-year preschool program is not sufficient, in and of itself, to prevent long term failure. Strengthening the parent's ability to be her or his own child's teacher is paramount to the long range success of such efforts;

--training early childhood specialists in working with parents of young children is virtually unavailable across the state and not one teacher training program requires any course work related to working with parents;

--parents are generally concerned with the well-being of their children. However the parent with poor self-concept, limited capacity for providing for basic needs of the family, or lack of information may be extremely restricted in their ability to relate positively to their children;

--communities have supports available to parents, but too often these are insufficient in number to meet the total need and some parents are ill-equipped to even locate existing resources.

--lack of coordination of resources and services across agencies, both state and local, means that prevention, early intervention, and parent enablement rarely receive top priority status.

The project's three components are to improve parent's abilities to effectively prepare their children for school success by establishing a statewide system of parent education and training; to make parent education and training programs available to parents throughout the state; and to involve the media, corporate sponsors and a coalition of private, nonprofits making a "hotline" for parents available statewide.

## Statewide Plan for Child Care Resource and Referral Services in Colorado

*Demographic projections show dramatic increases in the number of single and dual-earner families with young children into the workforce. This trend will continue as the labor pool shrinks and families rely on two incomes to make ends meet. For Colorado the implication is clear--when child care is not available, parents cannot work. To enable families to care for themselves and ensure a healthy economy, Colorado needs an early childhood care and education system that is responsive to demand for high quality, affordable and accessible programs. A community-based child care resource and referral system will improve the current system of child care delivery through its work with parents, child care providers, employers and the general public.*

*In 1988, the Governor's Task Force on Child Care recommended to Governor Romer that his initiative on early childhood, First Impressions, work with representatives from child care resource and referral agencies. Their charge was to develop a plan for a statewide system of family resource, information and referral. The "Design Team" proposed five recommendations:*

1. Establish a centralized resource and referral office that represents agencies statewide.

2. Build a stable infrastructure for provision of resource and referral services.

3. Develop a legislative agenda to support a statewide system of child care resource and referral.

4. Establish long-term funding for resource and referral system on a local and statewide basis.

5. Incorporate family-focused information and support to parents as part of overall community services.



# The Governor's Business and Child Care Council

"The key to quality child care is parents, businesses, government and providers working together," according to Colorado Governor Roy Romer.

The December, 1990, Governor's Business and Child Care Council Report on Colorado Employer's Involvement in Child Care: Findings, Recommendations and Action Plan cites five recommendations to increase the current level of employer involvement in child care:

1. implement an information campaign aimed at educating employers on child care-related benefit options.
2. build partnerships between public policy makers and corporate decision-makers to support employer child care initiatives.
3. increase assistance to businesses in developing and licensing child care facilities.
4. increase incentives that encourage developers and businesses to provide child care programs when both demand and economic feasibility can be reasonably demonstrated.
5. explore issues related to eldercare and the aging workforce.

The report also noted, "...at a time when the need for more highly educated and technically skilled workers is escalating it has become apparent that quality child care programs can get children off to a good start, ready to learn and succeed. Government cannot make, build and maintain a system of high quality child care alone."

Governor's appointed council was "based on the belief that it will take strong partnerships between government, businesses, parents and educators to successfully meet this challenge."

Several examples indicate that Colorado employers have an increasing interest in child care:

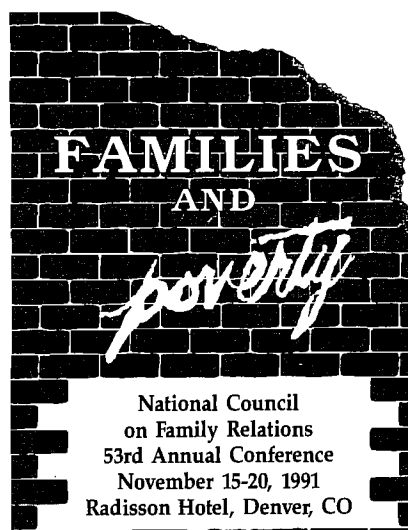
--an Employer's Roundtable was established in 1988 by a group of employer representatives in metro Denver. The group members meet on a bi-monthly basis to address mutual work and family issues.

--several companies and foundations, including Mervyn's US WEST, IBM, The Denver Foundation, American Express,

and the Piton Foundation (see related story) have spearheaded locally based initiatives on employee retention, recruitment of employees and quality of parenting and child care.

--more employers are interested in on-site child care. The U.S. Postal Service recently built Colorado's first 24-hour on-site facility. Ski areas are continuing to expand and develop their on-site child care services for both employees and clients.

--SB161, signed into law in May, 1990, is designed to encourage businesses to offer on-site, employer-sponsored child care services by adopting certain standards that may be different from current state regulations. This bill also includes tax credits for private enterprises who donate funds and in-kind resources to specified child care efforts located in Enterprise Zones in Colorado. In addition, it requires the state of Colorado's Dept. of Personnel to investigate and study programs to make the state a model employer and requires the Colorado Dept. of Social Services, Office of Child Care Services, to assist businesses through the licensing process.



## Foundations join in poverty profile study

The Piton Foundation, a private grantmaking foundation in Denver, CO, is committed to fostering community processes and developing resources that enable citizens to join together to solve community problems.

The Foundation is particularly interested in improving conditions for those inadequately served by institutions in society, and increasing the ability of people to control the decisions that affect their own lives.

Since its founding in 1976, the Foundation has awarded grants and loans in excess of \$29 million, including "A Profile of Poverty in Metropolitan Denver," in collaboration with the Rockefeller Foundation.

The Rockefeller Foundation is interested in developing a better understanding of persistent poverty in America and supported the study as part of an early exploration of the subject.

Here are some of the study's findings:  
\* A child in the city is twice as likely to be poor as a child elsewhere in the metropolitan area.

\* Minorities are also more likely to be poor than are whites, especially in the city.

\* Female-headed households, particularly those headed by minority women, are much more likely to be poor than two-parent families.

\* Teenage parents are at an even greater disadvantage; these families are also at high risk to remain persistently or chronically poor.

\* One resource that can help to interrupt the continuation of poverty from one generation to the next is education.

\* Although education is an important resource in preventing poverty, only 43 percent of Hispanics in Denver complete high school, and half of the illiterate persons in Denver are Hispanic.

\* Blacks and Hispanics scored worse than whites on standardized achievement tests recently administered throughout the state.

\* People who are illiterate are less likely to be employed and are more likely to be poor.

\* Having a job does not necessarily bring an end to poverty, because the majority of adults in Denver who have incomes below the poverty level do work. In fact, the structure of the job market suggests that employment may not provide a solution to poverty.

\* Job growth in Colorado is predicted to be greatest in low-paying jobs, and most of these jobs will be outside of Denver.

\* Whites in Denver show the highest percentage in the work force and the highest income level, followed by Hispanics and then, blacks.

\* Minorities are disadvantaged in the job market, partly on the basis of education.

\* A small proportion of the poor

actually receive some kind of assistance, but the poor who live in Denver are twice as likely to do so as the poor in the suburbs (16 percent vs. 8 percent).

\* People who dropped out of high school are more likely to receive welfare, and the lack of education and skills contribute particularly to the economic vulnerability of women who head households. Although women in general are much more likely than men to receive assistance, minorities who head households are especially at risk for long-term dependence on welfare and for chronic poverty.

\* Denver has more AFDC cases than all the suburbs combined. People who are dependent on social services for a period of years obviously use a greater number of services over time and are, thus, more costly to the community.

\* It is easier to be productive if one is healthy, but the poor are often less healthy than other people in the community.

\* In Denver, the poor have higher rates of infant mortality, higher rates of cancer, and worse survival rates. Although the causes are complex, inadequate access to health care is one factor that contributes to this situation.

\* Federal program cuts and health care cost-containment initiatives have made obtaining care more problematic for people who cannot pay. In addition, many people who are employed in the Denver area do not have health insurance as a benefit. Thus, the number of the working poor who are at risk for becoming medically indigent is large.

## Champa House helps women start over

Champa House, a project of the Denver Rescue Mission, is one of the programs NCFR members may choose to support while at the annual conference in November.

Champa House offers a residency program for women with children, and provides vocational and literacy education training, on-site child care, and personal skills workshops.

The Denver Rescue Mission, founded in 1892 and now the oldest full-service relief organization in the region, estimates that about 40 percent of those seeking help from its programs are women with dependent children.

Further study of the problem revealed deeper concerns:

Even working fulltime at the new minimum wage of \$4.25 per hour provides only \$170 on a weekly paycheck; many high school graduates in Denver have difficulty reading traffic signs and job applications; with one in every two marriages ending in divorce, more women are finding themselves on their own with children to support; spousal and child abuse rates continue to climb.

### On any given day in Colorado...

- \* 935,141 people are without health insurance--about one-third of those are children under the age of 18.
- \* 475,000 adults are illiterate.
- \* 81,130 families with children under the age of 18 are living in poverty.
- \* 58,480 low income families with children under 18 live in inadequate, unaffordable housing.
- \* 194 crisis calls are made to shelters for victims of domestic violence.
- \* 123 youth are arrested.
- \* 51 couples divorce.
- \* 31 adolescents drop out of school.
- \* 20 children are abused or neglected.
- \* 16 babies are born to teen mothers.
- \* 11 babies are born weighing less than 5.5 pounds.
- \* One child dies before his/her first birthday.

# Classified Ads

## Assistant Associate Professor

### School of Family Studies

Experienced Assistant or Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, School of Family Studies, Program in Human Development and Family Relations. This anticipated position, beginning September, 1992, will combine graduate and undergraduate teaching in the general area of family systems and interaction and clinical supervision of graduate students in training for Marriage and Family Therapy. Candidate must hold Ph.D. in Family Studies, Psychology, Sociology, or equivalent field and qualify for clinical membership in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and Connecticut State certification. Candidate should demonstrate evidence of teaching experience, scholarly production and potential, and sound clinical practice. Applicant must be well versed in a culturally heterogeneous approach to the study of family issues and dynamics and sensitive to the interrelationship of gender and family process. Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, representative publications and 3 letters of recommendation to: Stephan Anderson, University of CT, School of Family Studies, Marital and Family Therapy Program, U-58, 348 Mansfield Rd., Storrs, CT 06269. AA/EOE. (Search #1A215)

## Graduate Assistantships

Ph.D. specializations in Marriage and Family Therapy, Family Studies, and Human Development. M.S. in Family Studies and Human Development. Nine months stipend; out-of-state tuition waived. Contact: Dr. Jean Scott, Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies, TX Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1162.

## Extension Home Economics Specialist

Oregon State University twelve month tenure-track Extension Home Economics Specialist position: Child Development. Assistant/associate professor. Doctorate required. Application deadline 10/01/91. Position announcement available from Irma Sargent, CAS Personnel Officer, OSU, Ballard Extension Hall 106, Corvallis, OR 97331-3613; 503-737-3991. OSU is an AA/EEO employer, and is responsive to dual-career needs.

## 3 Positions

### Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies

Three positions, Assistant Professor level, tenure track, University of Missouri-Columbia, College of Human Environmental Sciences, Department of Human Development and Family Studies: **Family Studies**--Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in family studies and parent education. Emphasis on Black and multicultural child and family development. Conduct research related to teaching area. Must have Ph.D. in Human Development

and Family Studies or related field with strong emphasis in family research and multicultural issues.

**Family Studies**--Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in family studies, family stress, family theories and measurement; research related to teaching area; Ph.D. in Family Studies or related field with strong emphasis in family research and theory.

**Human Development**--Teach undergraduate survey course in life-span human development. Upper-level, undergraduate and graduate teaching related to teaching area. Ph.D. in Child Development, Human Development or related field.

All positions include student advisement; supervision of graduate student research; professional association involvement; contributions to governance of department and institution.

The department includes 14 faculty, 45 graduate students and 170 undergraduates. Columbia, (population 69,000) provides the advantages of urban culture with access to rural and scenic areas. The Campus and community represent diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, official academic transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair, Search Committee, 31 Stanley Hall, University of MO-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211.

## 'Focus on Children' conference theme

The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York has received a \$120,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation to organize a media conference on children's issues.

The theme will be "Focus on Children: The Beat of the Future." The three-day event will be held early in 1992 on at the School and will bring together journalists specializing in children's issues with newsmakers on topics affecting children.

"The definition of news in America is changing to better reflect the lives of readers and viewers," said Joan Konner, dean of the journalism school. "What's more central to most people's lives and to the future than the fate of children? Through this conference, we hope to help shape a new children's beat."

The conference is part of an initiative by The Prudential Foundation, based in Newark, to enhance public awareness and service, education and advocacy efforts on behalf of pre-school children.

"Our research indicates that the nation's ability to improve the educational achievement of children will be limited without efforts to improve other aspects of children's lives," said Robert J. Patience, program officer for the grant. "The media have a key role to play in getting this message out to the public and policymakers."

The conference will be open to reporters, editors, and columnists from print and broadcast. As part of the grant, a briefing book will be prepared for distribution to journalists throughout the country. Conference proceedings will be published.



## Dean College of Human Ecology

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Dean of the College of Human Ecology.

The College of Human Ecology includes the Departments of Family Relations and Human Development; Family Resource Management; Home Economics Education; Human Nutrition and Food Management; and Textiles and Clothing. The College also includes Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station programs. There are approximately 1,200 undergraduate, 200 graduate students, and 51 regular faculty in the College. The Ph.D. degree is offered in all five departments. The 1989 Gourman Report rated the College as the number two college of human ecology in the country.

The Ohio State University is the primary research institution in the state, as well as the primary source of professional education. Within the University, there are 200 majors and 8,000 courses offered through 19 colleges, seven schools, and the Graduate School. Ohio State has approximately 3,600 faculty, and 58,000 students. As a land grant institution, the University is committed to distinguished teaching, scholarship, and service to the State of Ohio, the region, and the nation.

The University is located in Columbus, the state capital, a metropolitan community with a population in excess of 1,000,000. Columbus offers numerous cultural and recreational opportunities and is frequently commended for its quality of life.

Candidates must meet the following qualifications:

1. An earned doctorate in one of the disciplines represented in the College or in a closely related discipline;
2. A record of teaching and scholarship that would qualify a candidate for appointment to the rank of Professor;
3. Significant experience in academic administration;

4. Demonstrated leadership and human relations skills and ability to serve as an assertive and effective advocate for Human Ecology;
5. Commitment to equal opportunity/affirmative action in employment, programs, and services and to multicultural and international education;
6. Demonstrated ability in developing external relationships diverse constituencies (business, industry, government, media, and alumni) and experience in fund raising.

The Dean serves as the chief academic and administrative officer for the College, reporting directly to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The Dean maintains liaison with the Vice President of Agricultural Administration with respect to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service. The dean is expected to provide active leadership in promotion, direction, and support of teaching including resident instruction and Cooperative Extension, research, and professional service. The Dean is responsible for developing and advancing academic programs in the college, administering personnel matters, managing staffing patterns, planning, and projecting and allocating financial and other resources of the College. The Dean must also uphold the University's commitment to faculty governance.

Applications should include a comprehensive letter expressing interest and describing qualifications, a curriculum vita, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five references. Deadline for applications is **October 1, 1991**, or until the position is filled. The position is available March 1, 1992, or as soon thereafter as possible. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with background and experience.

All applications should be sent to:

Dr. Patrick McKenry, Chair  
Search Committee for Dean of Human Ecology  
Office of Academic Affairs  
203 Bricker Hall  
190 N. Oval Mall  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH 43210

The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer, and applications from minorities and women are encouraged.

# Affiliated Councils set annual meeting dates

## New editors named for sociology journal

**Louisiana**

Parental leave legislation and state level advocacy activities were the topics of the keynote address given by Dr. Pam Monroe at the recent LA Council on Family Relations annual meeting.

The group petitioned a state legislator to reintroduce parental leave legislation in the 1991 session of the LA legislature. Dr. Monroe appeared before the House Health and Welfare committee when the bill was heard.

After much discussion, the bill was defeated by a close margin. However, the legislature did agree to a Study Commission to examine the issue during the interim. LA Council members will contribute to this effort.

**New York**

"A Return to Hard Times: Implications for Health, Mental Health and Social Services" will be the topic of the upcoming conference jointly sponsored by the NY State Council on Family Relations.

Joining in sponsorship of the meeting are the NY State Work Education Association in cooperation with the Center for the Development of Human Services.

The meeting will be held October 31 and November 1 in Syracuse, NY.

Papers and workshops will reflect the following conference themes:

- Family Problems in Hard Times.
- Strategies for Responding to Budget

Cuts.

- Models of Advocacy for Service Needs of Families and Children.
- Alternative Programs for Working with Families and Children.
- Social Work Curricular/Education Issues for the 1990s.

The NY Council's main objectives are to analyze family issues; develop professional networks; provide forums for members to discuss current research and information; and promote opportunities for social action on family issues.

The new editors of **Qualitative Sociology** are Rosanna Hertz and Jonathan B. Imber.

**Qualitative Sociology** is committed to publishing papers utilizing qualitative methodologies in ethnographic, historical, and comparative perspectives. Research that focuses on new uses of methods, new theoretical approaches, and critiques of qualitative methods is also welcome.

Persons interested in submitting papers or reviewing submissions should contact Hertz at Wellesley College, Dept. of Sociology, 106 Central St., Wellesley, MA 02181-8256, or call 617-235-0320.

## Publisher seeks special issue proposals

**Ohio**

The Fifth Annual Conference on the Family will take place October 4 and 5 in Dublin, OH. The event is jointly sponsored by the OH Council on Family Relations, the OH Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, and the American Association for Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists.

Paper, workshop, and poster sessions will be featured on family life, gerontology, and human development issues.

For more information contact Timothy H. Brubaker, Family and Child Studies Center, 109 McGuffey Hall, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056.

Recently elected to the OH Executive Board were: Charles Hennon, Miami University, president; Jean Carter, Kent State University, treasurer; Ann Smith, The OH State University, Board of Directors; and Susan Bowers, The OH State University, student representative.

The **Library of Sociology Series** (Garland, New York) will publish monographs and edited volumes on issues related to aging, women, poverty/homelessness, AIDS, Vietnam veterans, race and ethnicity, law, family, economy, education, health, and other issues of contemporary interest.

Proposals should be submitted to the series editor, Prof. Dan A. Chekki, Dept. of Sociology, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MAN, Canada R3B 2E9.

## Family policy endowed chair started in Oregon

An endowed chair for family policy will be established at OR State University in Corvallis according to Graham Spanier, OSU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

The chair will be created through a gift of more than \$2.7 million from Barbara Emily Knudson of Keizer, OR, a 1939 graduate of the university's College of Home Economics.

Knudson's gift to the OSU Foundation is thought to be the largest gift ever given to establish an endowed chair related to the study of the family.

"Virtually every public policy decision affects families," said Kinsey B. Green, dean of the college. "Tax policies, decisions about support and day care, deliberation on national health care provisions, mortgage rates, decisions about the right to die, food distribution, nutrition and food safety policies all have an impact on the family. Trade policies affecting job availability for American workers and environmental and economic development dilemmas also affect families."

The scholar holding the endowed chair will serve as a resource in family policy issues and will prepare graduate students to serve in a variety of public policy and community service capacities. The new scholar will add public policy analysis to the already strong family sciences and undergraduate instruction, research and community services program, Green added.

The college will begin the search for the scholar soon.

## IMFL Online participates in pilot program

NCFR's online Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature (IMFL) is part of a pilot program to serve law school staff and students through DIALOG Information Services in Palo Alto, CA.

DIALOG's Classroom Instruction Program (CIP) has been offered to teachers for a number of years, but now the availability is open to people in legal education as well. CIP has been expanded through DIALOG's new enhanced gateway agreement with WESTLAW.

WEST has a very active academic outreach program for law schools. Use will be extended to full-time legal faculty solely for educational purposes and scholarly research. In addition, law school staff, including library and placement staff, will be allowed access through the program (again for educational and scholarly purposes only).

This link enables NCFR to reach a broader audience with the online IMFL.

## The next deadline for REPORT is Nov. 25

### STUDENTS SOUGHT TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT NOVEMBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

At this year's Annual Conference, November 15-20, at the Radisson Hotel in Denver, CO, student members have opportunities to volunteer their services. Registration fees will be refunded in return for 8 hours of help. The number of positions is limited: Mail your form soon!!

- What is a Student Volunteer?**
- A person who represents the National Council on Family Relations, and is committed to helping attendees feel welcome.
  - A student member who volunteers 8 hours of time during the conference and in return receives a refund check for the \$50 registration fee. (Checks are mailed 2 weeks after the conference.)
  - Someone who would like to be part of the behind-the-scenes activities of a national conference and become better acquainted with other students and professionals.

- What are the Responsibilities of a Student Volunteer?**
- Attend a training session before beginning work as a volunteer.
  - Check in at the student volunteer desk upon arrival at the conference.
  - Be at your assigned position 15 minutes before the scheduled work time to be briefed on information pertinent to your job and shift.
  - Be willing to do any task necessary for the smooth operation of your assigned project and the conference as a whole. (Note: Some positions may include moving boxes and audio-visual equipment.)
  - Acquaint yourself with the conference program before coming to the conference so that you are able to answer questions asked by attendees.

**How can I sign up?**

Complete this application form and return by September 1, 1991 to **Dr. B. Kay Pasley**, Human Development and Family Studies, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80524. Call Dr. Pasley at 303-491-5514 for more information.

#### STUDENT VOLUNTEER FORM - SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 1, 1991

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Night (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the areas in which you would be willing to volunteer your time:

<input type="checkbox"/> registration	<input type="checkbox"/> employment service	<input type="checkbox"/> special events set-up
<input type="checkbox"/> press room	<input type="checkbox"/> local information	<input type="checkbox"/> audio-visual set-up
<input type="checkbox"/> workshop regist.	<input type="checkbox"/> exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/> liaison for emergencies (must have access to car)
<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous		

Please check the times you are able to work. A total of 8 hours is required; you must work a minimum of 4 hours at a time.)

<b>Fri., Nov. 15</b> <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon	<b>Sat., Nov. 16</b> <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon	<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b> <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon
<b>Mon., Nov. 18</b> <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon	<b>Tue., Nov. 19</b> <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon	<b>Wed., Nov. 20</b> <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> evening



## Winners named in annual NCFR Media Awards Competition

Winners have been selected in NCFR's 23rd annual juried Media Awards Competition (MAC), according to competition director, Robert Salt at the University of WI-Stout in Menomonie.

In addition to the winners in video, film, and filmstrip categories, runners-up and honorable mention entries were selected.

Here are the winners by entry category:

### Human Development Across the Life Span:

Video: "Life, Death and Denial," produced by Geoff Parr; distributed by Glendon Association, Los Angeles, CA.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: "Understanding Decisions," produced by Words, Inc.; distributed by Learning Tree Publishing, Englewood, CO.

### Parenting Issues:

Video: "Brothers and Sisters, Love and Hate: Sibling Rivalry," produced by Capital Cities/ABC; distributed by Professional Research, Evanston, IL.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Non-traditional Family Systems:

Video: "Playing for Keeps," produced by Silva Basmajian; Produced by National Film Board of Canada, New York, NY.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Marital/Family Issues:

Video: "The Tie that Binds: Shame and the Church," produced by Kolleen Neff and Jean Watkins; distributed by Jean Watkins, Los Angeles, CA.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Sexuality and Sex Role Development:

Video: "Campus Rape," produced by Rape Treatment Center; distributed by Rape Treatment Center, Santa Monica, CA.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Substance Abuse/Addiction:

Video: "The Morning After: A Story of Vandalism," produced by Jerry Maher and Dave Currence; distributed by Pyramid Film and Video, Santa Monica, CA.

Film: "When Your Unborn Child is on Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco," produced by Wexler Films; distributed by Churchill Films, Los Angeles, CA.

Filmstrip: "Understanding Addictions," produced by Words Inc.; distributed by Learning Tree Publishing Inc., Englewood, CO.

### Human Reproduction and Family Planning:

Video: No winner.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Stress, Transition and Crisis Management:

Video: "The Third Step to Dignity," produced by Glen Percy Productions; distributed by The Long Term Care Campaign, Washington, DC.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Contemporary Social Issues:

Video: "Mending Hearts," produced by Lon Holmberg; distributed by Carle Medical Communications, Urbana, IL.

Film: "Shadows Between Friends," produced by Chapman College; distributed by Anti-defamation League, New York, NY.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Families with Special Needs:

Video: "Families in Trouble," produced and distributed by Sunburst Communications, Pleasantville, NY.

Film: "Just for the Summer," produced by The Alzheimer's Association Los Angeles chapter; distributed by Churchill Films, Los Angeles.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Abuse and Neglect:

Video: "But He Loves Me," produced by Churchill Pictures; distributed by Churchill Films, Los Angeles, CA.

Film: No winner.

Filmstrip: No winner.

### Teenage Sexuality:

Video: "Abortion Denied," produced by Peg Yorkin; distributed by The Feminist Majority Foundation, Los Angeles, CA.

A complete listing of the winners will be printed in the January, 1992, issue of **Family Relations**. Winning entries will be shown at the annual conference Video Festival in Denver in November.

## Thank You!

NCFR thanks Bob Salt and other Media Award Competition volunteers for their efforts in completing the project. A total of 121 entries were received in the 23rd annual event.

The 24th annual Media Awards Competition will be coordinated by Ollie Pocs and Robert H. Walsh, Dept. of Sociology, IL State University, Normal, IL 61761; 309-438-8290.

## Women earn, learn while packing beans

Some women in the Denver area are packaging beans to begin their way out of poverty.

In an article in the August, 1991, issue of **New Woman** magazine, Jossy Eyre explains how The Women's Bean Project got started.

"Giving a handout does not help (women) out of (the) cycle of poverty. The reason? They have no self-esteem and no self-respect," she says in the article. "They're missing a sense of rootedness, of belonging."

Eyre, a volunteer at The Gathering Place, a Denver day shelter for homeless and abused women, invested \$500 of her own money and got the health code approval and paperwork completed. Rural Colorado bean traders and a Native American who grows the Anasazi prized bean strain are also part of the project.

Women who work in the program earn \$4.25 per hour ordering, packaging and distributing the ingredients for Ten-Bean, Chili, and Black Bean soups, the article explains.

Since the project was started in October, 1990, nearly all of the 50 participants have moved off the streets, out of shelters and into permanent housing. Seven have found fulltime jobs.

"We're encouraging women to develop self-confidence," Eyre says in the article. "Here they can make a mistake and know they're not going to get fired."

Eyre encourages women in the project to open bank accounts (she persuaded the bank to waive minimum balance requirements), and instituted an incentive program to match a percentage of the money they save. "The thrust is not to make money, but to create opportunities," Eyre notes in the article. "This is a stepping-stone to something better."

## Commission notes children poorest in nation

The bipartisan National Commission on Children recently issued a report on U.S. children.

"Children are the poorest Americans," the report stated. Included in the statistics:

--1 in every 5 children now lives in poverty.

--1 in every 4 children is raised by only 1 parent, usually the mother; in 1989, that was 16 million children.

The 390-page report notes "bold actions" are necessary to save the children of our future, including:

--a tax credit worth \$1,000 for each child.

--health insurance for all pregnant women and for all children.

--guaranteed child support, either from the absent father or a federal/state insurance program.

--complete community-based family services.

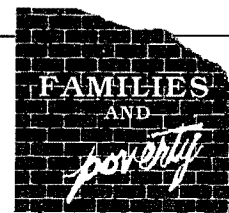
--expansion of Head Start for all preschool children in poor families.

--government requirements making all employers offer family/parental leave for employees.

--parents/citizens protest/overtown violence, sex, advertising that saturates family television, movies, print and music worlds.

The National Commission on Children was established by Congress in December, 1987 and has twice reported that POVERTY, more than any other factor, places youths at risk for poor health, school failure, teen pregnancy, crime and drugs.

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Dear NCFR Member:

On behalf of the NCFR Board of Directors and the Program Committee we invite you to the 1991 NCFR annual conference, November 15-20, at the Radisson Hotel in Denver, CO. We're excited about this year's program--it's fantastic! The theme, "Families and Poverty," is a crucial world-wide issue, and the program deals with its many aspects.

Your "sneak preview"--the complete annual conference program--was mailed to you in mid-August. Here are a few of the week's highlights:

1. All three plenary speakers have impressive records in researching, writing and working on poverty issues. You'll want to hear Michael B. Katz, Frances Fox Piven, and William Julius Wilson.
2. A Public Policy Advocacy Workshop sponsored by the Public Policy Committee is set for Monday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m. It will be a "how-to" workshop with panelists Colorado Governor Roy Romer; Sharon Triolo Maloney, staff member from Congresswoman Pat Schroeder's Denver office; Jan Horner, children's advocate, Children's Service, Denver; and Donald M. Fraser, Mayor of Minneapolis, MN, and former Congressman from Minnesota. They will talk candidly about what "works" and what "doesn't work" when trying to advocate for family policy at the local, state, and federal levels.
3. Focus group presentations include a Monday evening session at 7:30 p.m., featuring Walter F. Sullivan, Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, VA, speaking on "The Morality of Poverty: Social Values Which Permit a Poverty Class to Exist and to Endure."
4. A special Reception will be held Tuesday, November 19, at 5:45 p.m. at the Colorado State Capitol, sponsored by Governor and Mrs. Roy Romer, and the Colorado Office of Families and Children Initiatives.
5. Attendees will have opportunities to "Make a Difference" concerning poverty issues: For example:
  - a. You may skip your noon meal on Monday, November 18, and donate the money ordinarily spent to Champa House, a program which offers housing from 6 months to 2 years for single women and their dependent children.
  - b. The admission for the Monday night party sponsored by Students/New Professionals will be either \$2 or 2 cans of food. Donations will also go to Champa House. Additional donations of food or money will be accepted at the NCFR exhibit booth Sunday through Tuesday, November 17-19. Checks should be made payable to Denver Rescue Mission-Champa House Project.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Alexis  
Alexis Walker  
Program Vice President



Cindy  
Cindy Winter  
Conference Coordinator

# Sections finalize program plans

## Family and Health

Greetings from Texas! In my life, time has become a slippery element. Perhaps for that reason, November and the 1991 annual conference seem to be fast approaching. Plans for the November 15-20 conference are solidified, and we have an exciting program.

Anticipate this: eight Family and Health symposia and 42 display presentations. Following the opening plenary speaker on Sunday (Michael Katz), our Section activities will begin at 1 p.m. with a cluster of display presentations related to adolescent sexuality and policies and programs.

At 2:30 p.m., our first symposium will allow us to hear Julia Malia and her colleagues discuss, "Revisiting Family Stress and Family Health." Other content addressed by our members include stress, substance abuse, family violence, chronic illness, disabilities, and health care.

I want to highlight our invited symposium related to the conference theme, "Families and Poverty." Three Colorado professionals will join us at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, to speak about local health care policies and programs, "The Uninsured in Colorado: A Review of State Initiatives to Improve Access to Health Care."

Steve Berman, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics and director of Health Policy at the University of CO Health Sciences Center, will discuss issues that arise during implementation of targeted programs. Judy Glazner, manager of the Colorado Indigent Care Programs, will describe "The Colorado Health Care Plan," a program to provide health services to uninsured low income children.

Barbara Yondorf, vice president of the Colorado Coalition for Health Care Access, will describe Colorado CARE, a policy proposal for providing access to health care for all Colorado citizens. At this time in our country's history, universal access to health care is a priority issue for our legislators and policymakers. I encourage all of you to attend this session to learn how people in one state are working to resolve these dilemmas for all their citizens.

We have some pre-conference work to do before November. Watch for the **Family Health News** in September. We need your votes for our nominating committee, and your input on our by-laws. Results will be announced and discussed at the Section business meeting at 7 a.m. (sorry), Monday, November 18. Our Section Social begins Sunday night, and if we are companionable late enough, both activities will flow naturally into each other--come prepared to socialize! I look forward to visiting with you.

Sandra Burge, Section chair, University of TX Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX, 78284; 512-270-3920.

## Family Policy

The conference theme, "Families and Poverty," lends itself well to the concerns of the Family Policy Section. Most topics related to that theme have policy implications. It is with great pleasure that I call your attention to the five symposia that the Section will be sponsoring.

We were very lucky in securing Don Fraser, Mayor of Minneapolis, MN, for the symposium on "The Role of Government in Helping Poor Families and Children: The Tale of One City." The symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 from

1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in the Vail Room. Mayor Fraser has been at the forefront in instigating the creation of locally based family-centered programs to enhance the well-being of poor families in Minneapolis. Most of all, it is his attitude toward government that distinguishes his leadership as Mayor, viewing government as a instrument for affecting the lives of families in a positive way.

He brings to the symposium, not only over a decade of experience as Mayor, but also many years of experience in the Minnesota legislature and U.S. House of Representatives. Having served at all three levels of government--local, state, and national--he knows what government can do to help families. This is an opportunity for you to hear and talk with a true public servant about the role of government in helping poor families and children.

The conference also will be an opportunity for you to be updated on the Family Support Act of 1988. Our own indomitable Catherine Chilman will present an update on the implementation and impact of the Family Support Act, nationwide. This symposium is scheduled from 8 to 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19 in the Century Room. If you attend this session, you will learn whether the promise of this legislation is coming to pass, and if not, why not. After being hailed as the first major piece of family legislation in over 50 years, persons interested in family policy will find it instructive to have the implementation of this legislation tracked and analyzed by one of NCFR's own experts on the topic.

Also on Tuesday, November 19, the Section will be sponsoring a symposium on "Human and Social Capital: The Roles of Family and Community in Reducing Child Risk Factors," from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Beverly Room. Lionel Beaulieu will be talking about youth risk factors in relation to the overall topic; Mark Smith about the workforce experience of youth in relation to the overall project; Ronald Mullis about younger children; and Joy Cantrell about programming to support human and social capital. Richard Rathge is discussant, and Ann Mullis is chair. Unified around the concept of social capital, this symposium promises to offer interesting interpretations

of efforts to reduce child risk factors.

The Section also is sponsoring a symposium on "Teaching a Course on Family Policy." Participants are Elaine Anderson who also is chair of the symposium and uses the National Capitol for experiential learning, being located at the University of MD; Shirley Zimmerman who uses the state capital for such learning, being located in St. Paul, MN; and Denise Skinner who teaches a course on family policy in a rural community at the University of WI-Stout in Menomonie. All three have been involved in teaching family policy for at least a decade. Although each will be sharing her course outline with symposium attendees, those who also teach a course on family policy may use the symposium to share their course outlines as well. **If you teach a course on family policy and plan to attend this symposium, please bring your course outline with you.** If you do not teach a course on family policy, but are interested in learning about such a course, now would be the time to do so. The symposium is scheduled for 8 to 9:15 a.m., Monday, November 18. The room is listed in your conference program.

Another symposium the Section is sponsoring is "Identifying the Needs of Rural Families: Policy, Research, and Interventions." Sandra Smith will be speaking about domestic violence in rural communities; Patricia Dyk and Gary Hansen about the role of a multidisciplinary task force in enhancing the well-being of rural families; Jan McCulloch and Vira Kivett about meeting the needs of the very old in rural communities; and finally, Thomas Guss about preparing counselors to work with rural families. Discussants include Charles Griffin and Linda Little. Co-presiders are Carolyn Henry and Stephan Wilson. Given all the problems--as well as joys--of living and working in rural America, this symposium will surely capture the interest of many NCFR and Section members. The symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Beverly Room.

Because of the many paper sessions the Section is sponsoring, it is not possible to identify each of these individually here.

Therefore, please carefully review your conference program on the topics, persons, places, and times for presentations that I know you will not want to miss.

Also watch for the Focus Group sessions which are sprinkled throughout the conference program.

Tuesday must be our Section's day in the sun! Even our business meeting is scheduled then--12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Columbine Room. Plan to attend so that you can meet our Section's new officers and share your ideas on what you think the Section should be doing in the coming year. At this point, I personally would like to congratulate Elaine Anderson, Kay Pasley and Eugenia Smith, our new chair, vice-chair and secretary, respectively. If there is time, perhaps we also might share our research interests and current research involvements, and perhaps plan seeds for some joint undertakings in the future.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you in Denver!

Shirley Zimmerman, Section chair, University of MN, St. Paul, MN 55108.


## Family Therapy

The Family Therapy Section will be featuring some very interesting symposia, workshops and presentations of completed research at this year's annual conference. All of the symposia and presentations were selected by a blind review process with at least three reviewers considering each submission.

Our symposia include "The Circumplex Model FACES in the 1990s" with Candyce Russell and Mark White presiding. The second symposia is "Child Abuse and Neglect: Family Preservation as a Goal in Service Development, Provision and Evaluation for Families at Risk" with Linda Ade-Ridder presiding.

We will also have two workshops, "Therapy with the Under Class" presented by Ken Hardy, and "Uncovering Shame: Integrating Individuals with Theory Family Systems" presented by Jim Harper and Margaret Hoopes. Each workshop will be about three hours in length and will feature

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skills for application of the information to education and therapy.

Our Section business meeting will be at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, November 18. It will be an interesting meeting where we will announce the recipient of our first annual "Graduate Student Research Award" as well as collect nominations for Section officers for the 1992 election. Other Section business will be discussed.

Come and participate in this business meeting. Your help and suggestions will be appreciated.

D. Russell Crane, Section chair, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

### Feminism and Family Studies

As summer draws to a quick close, we're anticipating the beginning of fall semester and the 1991 conference in Denver. Many of us are already preparing for the 1992 meeting in Orlando, FL.

Pat Voydanoff, 1992 program vice president, has announced the conference theme, "Families and Work." This is a topic that is near and dear to my heart (as it is to many of you) and is especially relevant for our Section.

All Feminism and Family Studies Section members are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for the conference. Suggested topics include (1) patterns in women's labor force participation; (2) unpaid family labor; (3) the impact of unpaid labor performance on employment; (4) the work-family role system on farms; (5) longitudinal studies of role cycling, particularly the interplay between career development and family development; and (6) the use of paid domestic labor services.

All program formats are open for submissions. We are particularly interested in sponsoring a symposium that deals with the feminization of the workplace. We would also like to receive submissions for workshops, particularly those that include input from employers in their programs for balancing work and family needs.

Of great interest is the response of employers to the increasing employment of mothers. Topics other than those included here will, of course, be carefully considered. Students and new professionals are especially encouraged to submit proposals.

There's great news from NCFR's business and personnel director, Sheila Riebe, concerning the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund. The balance as of March 31, 1991, was \$9,107.13! We're just a few steps away from our goal of \$10,000. Many thanks to all of you who have generously donated money (and time) to make this important goal possible.

If you have any spare change left to donate, now is the time to do it! If each Section member donated a few dollars in the next two months, we'd hit the \$10,000 mark by the November conference. Let's push it over the top!

Finally, many fine submissions over our two awards--the Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective and the Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper--are under review. The awards will be announced at the Denver conference. Best wishes go to all the scholars who have submitted their work for consideration.

I hope to see all of you in Denver. Our Section will be well-represented. We will sponsor two distinguished leader round tables in addition to many poster

presentations. The round table speakers are Marie Osmond, addressing the intersection of race, class, and gender, and Helena Lopata speaking about widowhood.

We will also sponsor a symposium focused on divorce law. The panel will include Stephen J. Harhai, chair of the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, who will address the economic implications of divorce law; Penelope E. Bryan, assistant professor of law, University of Denver College of Law, presenting a feminist critique of divorce mediation; and Jessica Pearson, director of the Center for Policy Research in Denver, talking on a recently completed survey of child support in Colorado. Karen Polonko will be the discussant.

We also will co-sponsor a symposium on feminist teaching methods with the Education and Enrichment Section. Judith Myers-Walls, E & E Section chair, has assembled a panel composed of Joan Jurich, presider, with Shelley MacDermid, Dena Targ, Donna Sollie, and Katherine Allen as participants. Please support all of these sessions by attending in great numbers.

Constance Shehan, Section chair, Dept. of Sociology, University of FL, Gainesville, FL 32611; 904-378-1262.

### International

NCFR has applied for membership in the International Union of Family Organizations (IUFO). IUFO is holding a conference that may be of interest to NCFR members.

"The Social Rights of Families" will be held in Nicosia, Cyprus, September 16-18. This meeting is part of a series of conferences on family rights, with "Economic Rights of Families" as the theme of the conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992. "Cultural Rights of Families" is the theme of meetings in Cairo, Egypt, in 1993, and "Political Rights of Family," will be the theme for the New York, NY meetings in 1994.

The series will culminate in a Declaration of Family Rights in 1994. This coincides with the U.N. Year of the Family. The IUFO and NCFR have a long history of cooperation, and IUFO has consulting status at the UN. To join your voice with the voice of other family professionals and researchers around the world, consider participation in these conferences and support NCFR's membership in IUFO.

Global Interactions is another

international organization. Recently, Global Interactions sponsored a conference with the All-China Women's Federation on Sino-American Perspectives on Women's Issues. This conference had women's development, women in management, adult education for women, and marriage and family as sub-themes.

Global Interaction hopes to facilitate interaction among U.S. citizens and citizens of other countries by sponsoring conferences, offering opportunities for leadership and exchanges. For further information, contact Jerrie Ueberle, Global Interactions, 3332 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85017. This organization has special plans for conferences on India and on Eastern Europe as well as continuing work with women from China.

Members of the Chinese delegation and American participants were invited to come to future NCFR events. We hope for continued communication in every direction.

**About Canada...** Last year, there was a policy forum on Canadian Family Policy. Many of you may not have been able to attend, but the papers and discussion were excellent. This series of papers will be published as a series in the Canadian Home Economics Journal, beginning with Dianne Kieren's contribution on the intents and models of Canadian family policy (41,3,1991).

The similarities between Canada and the U.S. may be great, but family scholars ought not ignore the many differences. Lower murder and violent crime rates, different policies, bilingual education for all, multicultural policy, interaction with native people--the First Nation--in policy and politics, social service innovations, and other innovations such as the special family court for domestic violence in Manitoba, and other features of Canadian culture and society offer many interesting opportunities for comparative study. Since one purpose of the International Section is to facilitate international cooperative research, please consider the many opportunities to exchange ideas with our Canadian colleagues.

### Thanks to Outgoing Officers

Canadian colleagues have offered a great deal of scholarship (a term meant to include research, theory and practice) throughout the years of NCFR. And, they have often offered leadership and service to our Section. The efforts of our vice chair, Margaret Arcus, and especially our newsletter editor, Bev Pain, are greatly

appreciated. Together with our Student/New Professional representative, Bob Salt, these officers have enabled the International Section to function smoothly for the past two years. As outgoing chair of the Section, I thank them for their efforts.

At the same time, I welcome the new executive, Helena Z. Lopata, chair; John McAdoo, Jacqueline Wiseman, and Catherine Solheim. I hope they will be successful in the continuing process of internationalizing NCFR.

### Annual Conference Events

The International Section's contributions to the 1991 conference program contain a diversity of nations, topics and perspectives. Symposia topics include Native American Strategies in Confronting Poverty; Preventing Poverty: Europe and Japan; Family Poverty and Support in Old Age; Family Violence in the Caribbean; and What is Family?. All of these symposia have outstanding presenters. Both research and practice concepts from other parts of the world will hold interest from NCFR members.

Sweden, Australia, England, France, Israel, Canada, Nigeria, Japan, China, Thailand, New Zealand, Brazil, South Africa, and several cross-national comparative papers provide the international perspective. Topics range widely: fathers, law, policy, day care, foster parenting, role conflict, qualitative methods, farm families, stress, leisure, instrumentation, family interaction during missile attacks, extended family, housing for low income families, work and family, Mennonite families, youth identity, single parents, marriage, love, and abortion.

The International Section business meeting will be at **11:15 a.m. on Monday, November 18**. Again, the first 30 members to arrive will be given a token to recognize their participation in this important Section activity. We will receive an update on the International Family Studies Resource Project, generate ideas for NCFR's International Year of the Family activities (coming up in 1994), discuss publication opportunities and other issues concerning our Section's role in NCFR. For those who are not currently active Section members, but wish to be, membership forms will be available at the business meeting.

We welcome anyone who has an interest in the families of the world to participate in International Section activities--there are NO prerequisites! Karen Altergott, Section chair, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN 47907.

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## Religion and Family Life

Everyone is welcome at the Interfaith Service from 8 to 8:45 a.m., Sunday, November 17, during NCFR's annual conference in Denver.

The Salvation Army Intermountain Division Brass Ensemble, directed by Paul Brewster under the auspices of Lt. Col. William E. McHarg of Denver, will lead the music.

Daniel J. Bayse CFLE, listed in the 1989 *Who's Who in American Christian Leadership*, will present the theme for reflection, "How Can a Loving God Allow Poverty and Despair?"

For several years, while a candidate for a Ph.D. degree at Auburn University, Bayse has counseled with prison inmates to discover solutions to their life problems. He is the author of the 1991 publication, *As Free as an Eagle: The Prisoner's Family Survival Guide*.

The Religion and Family Life Section is the sponsor of three distinguished leader round tables:

"Professional Ethical Issues in Family Science," with J. Elizabeth Norrell of Erskine College and Roma S. Hanks of the University of Southern AL, discussing the development of an ethical code for family scientists.

"Funding Strategies for Working with Poverty Populations" with Hal Wallach of the U.S. Accounting Office.

"Building Family Strengths Through NCFR Association of Councils," with Jeanne Markell of the University of MN, Britton Wood CFLE, and Connie Steele of the University of TN.

A big welcome to Suzanne R. Smith, New Professional representative in our Section. She is currently a research assistant at VA Tech, studying for her master's degree in family studies. She has previously presented research at NCFR conferences on parental and religious effects on love attitudes among college students. Her current research interests questions the role of religion in the areas of adolescent/parent interaction and its relationship to alcohol and drug use or in the role of emotion in the family, or play in intimacy, and of fathers in rearing children. Working with adolescents undergoing drug and alcohol rehabilitation is her dream for the future.

The National Initiative for "Strengthening Children and Their Families," sponsored by NCFR's Religion and Family Life Section, is beginning to roll. Some of you forwarded the questionnaires about whom to contact, but hearing from the rest of you will give a great boost to the effort.

Please send your responses to me or to Britton Wood at 4055 Glenavon Ct., Ft. Worth, TX 76109.

Please include your name, title or position, telephone, address, religious body or denomination; names of family life or christian education persons in your religious body or denomination; organizations to whom you could speak about this approach to strength families; your areas of expertise; and suggestions of funding sources. Two upcoming conferences may be of interest to Section members:

September 11-13, "Focus on the Future, Adolescence in the 90s--Health and Sexuality." Contact Elizabeth Vemer, 162-B Stanley Hall, University of MO, Columbia, MO 65211.

September 25-27, "Children, Youth and

Their Families." Inservice for ministers, mental health and social workers. Contact Steve Bollman, KSU Family Center, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Recent publications of interest include *Journal of Religion and Aging; Ministry with the Aging*, Clements, W. (1989); *Spiritual Maturity in the Later Years*, Seeber, J. (1990); *Homosexuality and Religion, Jewish Women in Therapy, Religion as a Resource for Preventive Action*, and *Religion, Aging, and Health*. Connie Steele, Section chair, Child and Family Studies, University of TN, Knoxville, TN 37996; 615-974-4582.

## Research and Theory

### Annual Conference Plans

Plans for the annual conference have been completed. The highlights of the Research and Theory section portion of the conference include nine symposia.

Brian Barber has planned a symposium on "Adolescent Well-Being in Economically Deprived, Mother-Only, and Stepfamilies." Paula Dail organized a symposium on "Qualitative Research Methodology as an Intervention When Studying Indigent Families."

David Demo will preside at "Changing Family Structures and Parent-Child Relationships," and Mark Fine will lead the symposium, "Social Cognition and Adjustment in Stepfamilies."

Merrill Silverstein has organized a panel on "Intergenerational Relations and Social Psychological Well-Being in Adulthood: Evidence from the U.S.C. Longitudinal Study of Three Generation Families."

Linda Tiedje will lead a panel of seven scholars focusing on "Parental Employment and Family Life." Ron Simons has organized a panel on "Economic Hardship and Family Processes" that includes Rand Conger and Glen Elder. Catherine Surra will preside at the symposium on "Cognitive and Interpersonal Processes in Developing Relationships."

Jay Teachman has organized a symposium on the implications of Operation Desert Storm on family life in the military.

In addition to these nine sessions, the Section will sponsor five invited symposia. The first includes five national experts on family violence: Deborah Daro, Delbert Elliot, Richard Krugman, Patricia Schene, and Lenore Walker.

A second session will examine Families and Poverty and includes Nick Zill, executive director of Child Trends, and writer/sociologist/clinician Tom Cottle.

Jane Gilgun has organized a session on Qualitative Methods, and Diane Cyr Carmody and Murray Strauss and their colleagues will discuss using state-by-state data in family research. Alan Acock will preside at a session on using the National Survey of Families and Households.

Gay Kitson has organized a didactic seminar on tips on writing fundable grant applications.

There will be 77 Display Presentations featuring Section members. The presentations are organized into sessions according to topics.

The Denver conference offers a rich opportunity for members of the Research and Theory Section to participate in a range of truly superb sessions across a wide range of topics and areas.

## Reuben Hill Award

Betty Menaghan and her committee are in the final stages of selecting the winner of the 1991 Reuben Hill Award.

## Burgess Award

Helena Z. Lopata will present her Burgess Award address at the conference. Richard J. Gelles, Section chair, University of RI, Kingston, RI 02881.

## Middle Age Focus Group

The question, "Can Planning Avoid Poverty?" provides the emphasis for the Middle Age Focus Group discussion from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19 in the Colorado Room.

Since planning for their later years is a central activity for those in their middle years, and poverty is a very real possibility for older adults, the linkage of these two topics seems natural.

Those who are working and interested in the area of middle age are encouraged to join together for an exchange of information about their work and concerns. This can be viewed as a chance to build linkages with others who have similar interests. Some are teachers, some are students, some are researchers, some are service providers. All of us care about what is happening to middle-agers, and the differences that the middle-aged experience makes as people grow older.

If you have a special report you would like to share that is relevant to the

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# Intensive services beneficial to premature infants

The outcome of premature low birth weight infants known to be at risk for developmental, behavior and health problems can be significantly improved if an intensive array of services is provided from hospital discharge until age 3 according to a research report published recently.

The largest study ever done of an intervention for low birth weight infants, the Stanford University-led national randomized clinical trial studied nearly 1,000 premature infants from birth to age three in eight U.S. cities.

According to the study, published recently in the **Journal of the American Medical Association**, IQ scores improved as much as 13 points on average for infants weighing 4.4 to 5.5 pounds at birth to an average of 6.6 points for infants born at less than 4.4 pounds when services such as regular home visits, parental training, and enrollment in child development centers were provided to them early in life.

Low birth weight infants in a comparison group, who did not receive early education and developmental services, were nearly three times more likely to have IQ scores in the range of mental retardation, the researchers said.

A \$33 million, four-year effort, the study was conceived and principally underwritten by the Princeton, N.J.-based Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest health care philanthropy.

The findings represent the first conclusive evidence that an early, comprehensive intervention for low birth weight infants--who make up 6.8 percent of all U.S. births--can reduce the high risk of developmental delay and behavior problems that arise because of their birth weight, said Ruth T. Gross, MD, professor of pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine and director of the national study.

Earlier studies have shown that such children are more likely to have behavior

and learning problems and to score lower on standardized IQ tests as preschoolers. Once in school, they are at high risk for learning problems and poor scholastic achievement, Gross said.

The findings also provide conclusive evidence that high quality group day care can be both safe and beneficial to low birth weight infants, despite their increased vulnerability to illness and special developmental needs, noted foundation vice president Ruby P. Hearn, Ph.D, who was responsible for the grant project. However, she noted that the infants in the study were not enrolled in the child development center programs before 12 months of age.

According to the study, families whose infants were assigned to receive the early intervention being tested in the study were provided with three additional types of services:

- weekly home visits in the first year and biweekly visits thereafter;
- attendance for the child at special child development centers after twelve months of age; and
- bimonthly group meetings for parents.

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planning/poverty question, contact Bea Bagby, Middle Age Focus Group chair 535 Bevier Hall, 905 S. Goodwin Av. Urbana, IL 61801.

If you have other middle age related topics of interest that you would like to share of if you would like to be on the focus group's mailing list, contact Ms. Bagby.

Let us hear from you. Plan now to become part of our discussion in Denver. Bea Bagby

### Remarriage and Stepfamily Focus Group

The Remarriage and Stepfamily Focus Group will revisit issues surrounding teaching about the topics. Bring your ideas and materials to share with others.

This year will we will have ample time for networking.

The updated Remarriage and Stepfamily Bibliographies on scholarly literature, popular literature and educational materials will be available. Everyone is urged to forward any citations for publications to Margaret Crosbie-Burnet University of Miami, P.O. Box 24806 Coral Gables, FL 33124; 305-284-2808.

News and announcements relevant to the Focus Group should be sent to Steve Walters-Chapman, Room 342, Lee County Courthouse, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 904-488-1357, for inclusion in the fall newsletter.

In order to receive the newsletter on a regular basis, you must become a member of the Focus Group through membership in NCFR and the Family Policy Section. Steven Walters-Chapman

### Work and Family Focus Group

The Work and Family Focus Group will meet from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Sunday, November 17, during the NCFR conference in Denver.

The primary purpose of the meeting will be to organize co-sponsorship activities of the Focus Group for the 1992 NCFR conference, "Work and Family."

Anyone who has not received the Focus Group membership list and let outlining plans for the group's participation in the 1992 conference, or others interested in joining the group should contact Les Koepke at the University of Wisconsin-St. Home Economics 263, Menomonie, WI 54751; 715-232-2237; FAX 715-232-2323 Leslie Koepke

## NCFR Membership Application



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City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

	U.S.	Foreign & Canadian**	
Receive both Journals			
Individual	\$ 80	\$ 85	\$ _____
Student	45	50	\$ _____
Organization	110	115	\$ _____
2nd Family Member*	50	50	\$ _____
*2nd Family Members do not receive Journal copies; spouses receive copies.			TOTAL \$ _____

### CHOOSE ONE OF THESE MEMBERSHIP TYPES ONLY IF YOU ARE RETIRED OR EMPLOYED PART-TIME:

Receive choice of one Journal: ☐ Journal of Marriage and the Family or ☐ Family Relations

Choose one:	U.S.	Foreign & Canadian**	
Retired	\$ 50	\$ 55	\$ _____
Employed part-time	50	55	\$ _____
Second journal at reduced cost of \$30			TOTAL \$ _____

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** (Cost is \$5 per section; \$3 per section for student members.) It is highly recommended that you choose membership in at least one section.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Therapy    | <input type="checkbox"/> International     | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion & Family Life    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Minorities | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Discipline         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Policy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family & Health   | <input type="checkbox"/> Feminism & Family Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Theory |  |  |

TOTAL FOR SECTIONS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Residents of Virginia, Maryland and DC may choose to have their affiliated council dues go to (check one):

DC ☐ Maryland ☐ Virginia ☐

☐ C.O.F.O. Family Policy Report

\$10.00 Per Year U.S. \$15.00 Per Year Foreign & Canadian \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTRIBUTION: (All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.)

Enclosed is my voluntary gift: \$200 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Apply my gift to \_\_\_\_\_ general fund \_\_\_\_\_  
special fund name \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment made by: Check ☐ VISA/MasterCard ☐

VISA/MasterCard Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature required for credit card orders. I agree to pay a 2.65% service charge.)

\*\*Foreign and Canadian orders: U.S. funds drawn on U.S. banks only.

Please return form to: **National Council on Family Relations**  
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