



**FAMILY POLICY Section devotes itself to promoting effective social action for individuals and families by monitoring pressing policy issues, evaluating the potential impacts of new policies, working for effective change, and creating strategies to educate and raise awareness resulting in improved quality of life for individuals, families and society.**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT NCFR .....**

- 1 wrote a position statement on family life and the Viet Nam War in 1968?
- 2 was a member of the International Union of Family Organizations with NGO status at the United Nations since 1968?
- 3 took a position on family life and sex education in 1969?

- 4 sent representatives Robert Coombs, Jim Maddock, Carlfred Broderick, Bill Nichols, Ruth Jewson and Bill Smith to the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth?
- 5 sent representatives Muriel Brown and Felix Berardo to the White House Conference on Aging in 1971?
- 6 sent a position papers on family planning and abortion to President Nixon in 1972?
- 7 the objective "to further social action" was added to the NCFR mission to expand its effort of impacting public policy in 1972?
- 8 assisted Senator Walter Mondale at the 1974 hearings on "*American Families: Trends and Pressures*"?
- 9 took a stand on the Equal Rights Amendment in 1975?
- 10 began a newsletter on divorce in 1975?
- 11 joined COFO (Coalition of Family Organizations) in 1977?
- 12 focused on "*Family Policy: Putting Priorities into Action*" at its Philadelphia annual conference in 1978?
- 13 wrote a 1978 position paper titled "*Policies Guiding Present Efforts to Make Aging a Dignified Experience for All Americans*"?
- 14 presented a family impact analysis on welfare reform to congressional committees in 1979?
- 15 participated in the National Task Force on Family Violence in 1979?
- 16 studied the efficacy of school-based family life education for a 1979 House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families?
- 17 supported four major issues, child support payments, required high school family life education, catastrophic illness insurance programs, and tax incentives for elderly and disabled-member care in 1984?
- 18 published an article titled "Government Structure Versus Family Policy" written by Alfred Kahn and Sheila Kamerman in the Washington COFO memo in the spring of 1979?
- 19 co-sponsored Wingspread Conference on Remarried Families in 1986?
- 20 officially became a NCFR Family Policy Section in 1990?
- 21 installed its first Vice President for Public Policy (Roger Rubin) in 1990?
- 22 published the 1993 "**Teaching Family Policy: A Handbook of Course Syllabi, Teaching Strategies and Resources**"?

- 23 published "**One World, Many Families**" in honor of the 1994 U.N. International Year of the Family?
- 24 was represented by Margaret Feldman, Mary Jo Czaplewski and Harriet McAdoo at the 1994 International Year of the Family Conference in Beijing, China?
- 25 sponsored the 1995 International Year of the Family Conference in Black Mountain?
- 26 ??initiated the **Margaret Feldman Family Policy Section Student Award** in ???
- 27 ??published a special family policy issue in the ?? volume of *Family Relations*?
- 28 hosted two audio-teleconference public policy seminars in 1999 titled "How Quarrels Over Money (in the Federal Budget) Affect American Families" by James Horney and "Family Policy Advocacy or Education: Which Approach?" by Karen Bogenschneider?
- 29 developed a checklist for assessing the impact of policies and programs on families in 2000?
- 30 hosted five audio-teleconference public policy seminars in 2000 titled "Federal and State Child Care and Early Education Issues" by Helen Blank; "Welfare Reform" by Joan Entmacher; "Health and Family Policy in the New Millennium" by Joy Johnson Wilson; "All You Ever Wanted to Know About the Census and Were Afraid to Ask!" by Martin O'Connell; "Whats left on the Congressional Plate?" by Sheri Steisel?
- 31 convened three study groups consisting of social science researchers and practitioners to explore and discuss relevant issues that relate to low-income working poor families in the summer of 2002 resulting in several policy briefs on social security as a safety net for families (2005), effective mothering (2003), economic stability (2003), competing stressors and tensions for limited resource families (2003)?
- 32 published a series of fact sheets in 2003 on: Families and Trauma, Substance Abuse, Building Strong Communities for Military Families, Same Sex Marriage, Family Life Education, Family Care-giving, Health and Economic Well-being of Rural Families, Marriage Promotion in Low Income Families?
- 33 published "**Public Policy Through a Family Lens: Sustaining Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**" in 2005?
- 34 sponsored a conference on "Families and Security: Preparedness for Emergencies and Financial Well-Being" in April 2005 in Washington, D.C.?
- 35 identified in 2005 as one of its global end statements "Families, professionals, and public decision-makers will be better informed about family well being."?
- 36 highlighted Families and Public Policy in NCFR's March 2006 edition of *Family Focus On....?*