

Why I attend the NCFR Annual Conference



Over the years, participating in the NCFR annual conference has provided me with a blueprint to achieve my professional goals. Mentored in the organization by my major professor, I was eager to become part of

NCFR and strengthen my skills as a family professional. Serving as a leader at the state affiliate level—and being part of the first Texas cohort to earn Family Life Educator certification—inspired me to serve at the national level. The annual conference gave me a strong network from all over the country, especially the Ethnic Minority Section members, who are a representation of all the sections (researchers, educators and practitioners). Being actively involved provided me with a platform of listening ears and encouraging spirits to help me reach my family professional goals.

*Maxine Hammonds-Smith, Ph.D., CFLE,
NCFR President*

NCFR has been my professional home for over three decades. The annual conference quickly became central in my professional development and continues to be so. The conferences expose the most current research, allow opportunities to meet colleagues, mentor new professionals, and just as important, allow renewing friendships over long leisurely dinners.

*Robert M. Milardo, Ph.D., Editor, Journal
of Family Theory & Review*



Every year I eagerly anticipate attending the NCFR Annual Conference; I wouldn't miss it! No matter what the theme, I find sessions of great interest, I am invigorated by the latest research,

I am motivated by the application and practice presentations, and I glean innovative pedagogical ideas to implement in



my classroom. Just as importantly, I look forward to seeing people who I care about and meeting new professionals who share my passion for families.

*Raeann Hamon, Ph.D., Chair,
Conference Program Committee*

NCFR has embraced the changing culture of family science. What I value most about the annual conference is the openness and enthusiasm for new and collaborative ways of thinking. Looking around the conference you see leading experts and practitioners head-to-head with students and new professionals sharing experiences and ideas with an energy I have not felt at any other professional gathering.

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