

Greetings to Ohio Council on Family Relations Members!

- ❑ Thank you to those who submitted NCFR graduate and professional proposals to be considered for presentation awards by OHCFR. The following individuals have been awarded checks for \$200 to help defray the cost of their trip to the national conference in Baltimore. The graduate student proposal selected for the award was submitted by Letitia Kotila and entitled “The (De)Institutionalized Father which will be a paper presentation on Thursday, November 20 from 8:30-9:45 a.m. The professional proposal was submitted by Carmen Irving and entitled “Parent-child Connectedness and Positive Youth Development: Longitudinal Links” which will be presented as a paper on Wednesday November 19, 1:30-2:45 p.m.
- ❑ An opportunity for networking with fellow CFLE’s will take place on Thursday November 20 from 6-7:30 at the CFLE reception during the NCFR annual conference in Baltimore. I am planning to attend and would welcome the opportunity to talk with fellow Ohioans.
- ❑ The advisory board was unable to meet in June as we normally do but we did have a phone conference in September. Among the items discussed were the following:
  - ✓ Selection of a commemorative gift to be presented to an individual who has made an impact in Ohio in the field of child/family relationships/human development. We will be asking for nominations in 2015.
  - ✓ Goals for OHCFR which include trying to increase our membership numbers and a possible retreat in 2015 to develop a strategic plan for OHCFR. As of September 2014, we had 36 student members, 78 professional members, and 9 retired/emeriti members.
  - ✓ Co-sponsoring a conference in the spring with another professional organization. More details when this is finalized. In addition to providing professional development opportunities, a co-sponsored conference will provide the opportunity to make OHCFR/NCFR more visible among other professionals. We hope to have a table with our literature and sample publications at the co-sponsored conference.
  - ✓ The advisory board will be taking nominations for student representatives as we have vacancies on our advisory board. In addition, we will be asking for nominations for the position of secretary-treasurer. For all three positions, OHCFR by-laws require the individual to be a member of NCFR. Anyone interested can contact Audrey Kraynak, [arkraynak@aol.com](mailto:arkraynak@aol.com), with the subject heading OHCFR advisory board for more information about the

responsibilities of the position or to nominate someone. Prior to December, nominees will need to be voted upon by OHCFR members. Nominees will be asked to submit a short autobiographical sketch regarding their qualifications/interest in the position.

- ✓ The Advisory Board agreed to support National Family Week, which is near the Thanksgiving, holiday, with a blog. Several advisory board members have volunteered to create a blog. If anyone else would be interested in contributing, please contact Audrey Kraynak who will forward the information to the committee.
- ✓ After the new year a survey for our CFLE members will be developed in order to have a better understanding of where CFLE's work and the types of job responsibilities that they have.
- It would be helpful to know what the student affiliate organizations are doing each year at national conference; student groups share their activities/purpose via a short video. NCFR has asked the state affiliates to put together a video to share at conference. So far we have not submitted a video but this may be something to consider in the future.
- The next advisory board meeting is scheduled for December. If there are issues/concerns that members would like addressed at the board meeting, please make Audrey Kraynak, who is the current president of OHCFR or Joan Jurich who is President-Elect aware of them. Joan's email is [jurich@ohio.edu](mailto:jurich@ohio.edu).

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