

Greetings to Ohio Council on Family Relations Members:

This newsletter provides information on our recent Advisory Board Meeting held on July 10, 2015 at the Union County Extension Office.

- ❑ We welcomed two new graduate student representatives to the Advisory Board, Courtney Walsh from Kent State University (KSU) and Kyle Bartholomew from Ohio State University (OSU). Other board members include Maureen Blankemeyer (KSU), Rachel Brown (OSU), Carmen Irving (Union Co. Extension), Joan Jurich (OU), Audrey Kraynak and Susan Peet (BGSU).
- ❑ This was truly a working meeting with discussions that centered on the responsibilities and requirements of individuals who are advisory board members, the need to develop a strategic plan so that OH CFR can be more visible in Ohio as well as increase membership, sponsorship of travel awards for the 2015 NCFR annual conference in Vancouver British Columbia, as well as development of an infographic that will be available later in the year on the OH CFR Facebook page and website.
- ❑ In 2014 the OH CFR advisory board agreed to provide a stipend to the Ohio Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals (OACYCP) to help defray the cost of their annual conference. Audrey Kraynak represented OH CFR at the March conference at Sawmill Creek Lodge in Huron Ohio. OACYCP's purpose is to "promote, improve and maintain the professional growth for child and youth care professionals in Ohio." Furthermore, OACYCP "is determined to improve the delivery of services to youth via certification as a Child and Youth Care Professional." Approximately 85 people attended this two-day conference, which provide opportunities to network during lunch and dinner, both of which were on site. Attendees could select two workshops each day that provided Continuing Education Credits. Family Strengths, Youth Thrive, Safe Space, Supervision, Ethics, Behavior Management, and Helping Children Manage Change were among some of the topics for the workshops. OH CFR was provided a table to display our membership brochures as well as various NCFR information such as magnets. Two NCFR mugs were raffled off to those who stopped by the table. In addition, on the first night of the conference a variety of evening activities such as karaoke, a DJ, a pool tournament, Bingo and a Euchre tournament entertained attendees.
- ❑ The OH CFR board determined that we will not co-sponsor a conference in 2016 as a means of conserving funds but will resume co-sponsorship of a conference, probably in 2017. (Our only source of income is from the \$5.00 rebate provided through NCFR membership dues.) We will be putting together a list of organizations that intersect with OH CFR to help determine organizations with which we might co-sponsor a conference.

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- ❑ Be watching for the NCFR Conference Travel Award information which will be sent out shortly to listserv members and posted on the OH CFR website and as a blog. Deadline for submission of accepted NCFR proposals is *September 14, 2015*. Three \$200 awards will be given, one each for an undergraduate student proposal, a graduate student proposal and a professional proposal. Discussants are not eligible to apply for the travel award. Please note that proposals should be submitted as Word documents with the author's name removed so that blind ratings can be made. The rubric for rating will be the same as NCFR used for 2015 conference proposals. Approximate date for notifying the author of the highest rated proposal at each level will be October 9, 2015. Each winner will be asked to submit a 500-800 word blog summarizing their research as well as a brief explanation of what they gained from their experience presenting at NCFR. The 500-800 word blog should be submitted to Carmen Irving in mid-November so that it can be posted. Details will follow via facebook, the OH CFR website and the call for proposals.

- ❑ In 2016, the Advisory Board hopes to place the call for proposals to be considered for the Travel Awards in early summer.

- ❑ To increase awareness of OH CFR, the board suggested several activities throughout the year, which make use of social media. During National Family Week that is held during the week of Thanksgiving, people are invited to post how families celebrate Thanksgiving. The hope is that these posted pictures and short descriptions will provide a diverse perspective on types of food as well as family traditions and customs for this holiday. Postings can be made to #OhioFamilyWeek. From the postings, a 2-5 minute slide show will be created as well as a Wordle to be available on Twitter and Facebook. Be thinking of how you can contribute to this activity!

- ❑ The OH CFR will be holding elections in December 2015 for a student member to the Advisory Board, a professional member and a President-Elect. Rachel's two year student term and Susan's three year professional term are both expiring in December 2015. Joan is slated to become President and Audrey, Past President. Following the October board meeting, specific duties of each type of board member as well as dates for nominations and the closing date for the election will be provided. Qualtrics will be used to disseminate the election information. At the present time, advisory board members are primarily faculty and students from the following universities: Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Ohio University, Ohio State University. We would like to diversify our board both geographically as well as professionally including members who work in community and other settings. Please consider becoming an active member of the Advisory Board during the call for nominations.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.
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