



60+ Years of Conferences

1950	Jul. 7	Constitutional Provision for the Minnesota Council on Family Life
1951	Jul. 26-7	First Institute of Family Life
1952	Apr. 30	Family Life Institute, Msgr. John O'Grady, keynote
1953		MCFR officially affiliates with NCFR, sending dues States members urged to join NCFR
1954	Apr. 14	"Morality & the Family" Ned Flanders, keynote First applied bibliography published and sold
1955		NCFR ANNUAL MEETING IN MINNESOTA NCFR Office moves to Minneapolis
	Apr. 14	"Changing German Families" Konrad & Elsa Reisner, keynote First MCFR Newsletter published
1956		Governor's Conference on Children & Youth
	May 10	"Helping with Family Problems in the Courts" Jackson Willis, keynote
	Fall	Ruth Hathaway Jewson named NCFR Executive Officer
1957	Apr. 26	"Ethics, morals, and Family Life Today" Lester Kirkendall, keynote (MCAE)
1958	Sep. 29	"Can Marriage Be Taught (Is family Life Education Tomfoolery)?" Reuben Hill, keynote
1959	Oct. 16-7	"Marriage Counseling workshop" Aaron Rutledge, Emily Mudd, keynote
1960	Oct. 7-8	"Teen-Age Marriages: A Marriage Counselor Looks at Teen-Age Marriages" Dave Mace, keynote
1961	Oct. 27-8	"Sex Attitudes – Family, Church, & Community" Henry Bowman, keynote
1962	Nov. 2-3	"What is Marriage Counseling?" James Peterson, keynote
1963	Nov. 14	"The Employed Mother as a Factor in Family Life" Robert Blood, keynote
1964	Nov. 12-3"	Family Life Education for High School Youth" Elizabeth Force, keynote
1965	Nov. 3	"Population Growth and Family Life" Roy Francis, Alan Guttmacher, keynote Annual Conf.
	Oct. 14	"Family Life Education" Mary Calderone, keynote
1966	Oct. 27-9	NCFR ANNUAL MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS 'The family in a Cybernetic Culture" (F. Ivan Nye speaker at Oct. 28 MCFR annual meeting) [Name Changed from Minnesota Council on Family Life to Minnesota Council on Family Relations; new constitution]
1967	Nov. 3-4	"You Cannot Not Communicate" Sam & Jim Moore, Gwyn Jones Davis, keynote
1968	Oct. 25	"The Family of the Future" John Rich, Eleanore Luckey, keynote
	May 3	"Family Communication II" Gerhard Neubeck, Caroline Rose, Milt Williams, keynote
1969	Oct. 10-11	"Partners in Family Life & Sex Education: Family, Church & School" Richard Hey, keynote
1970	Nov. 7	"Changing Sex Roles in a Changing Society" Jessie Bernard, keynote
1971	Nov. 6	"The Family in Search of a Future" Herbert Otto, keynote
	Jan. 21	"Resocialization of Men's Attitudes Toward Women's Changing Roles" William Farrell, keynote
1972	Nov. 18	"The Family in the Upside Down Welfare State" Tom Walz, keynote
1972	May 19	"Marital Conflict" David Reed, keynote (UMAMFC)
	Jan. 14-5	"Current Developments in the Family Field" Robert Blood, keynote (MHEA)

1973	Nov. 17 Apr. 2 Dec. 1	"The Strengths of the Family" Dave Mace, Catherine Chilman, keynote Albert Ellis workshop (UMAMFC) "Role of the Social and Legal Professional in the Present and Future Family" Thomas Shaffer, David Olson, James Bergum, keynote (Families & law)
1974	Nov. 21-2"	Alienation & Intimacy" Dick Fowler, keynote
1975	Oct. 9-10 May 9 Jan. 31	"Social Policy & the Family" Ned Gaylin, Sheila Henry, keynote "Marriage & Family Counseling for the Chemically Dependent" Miles Pothast, Richard Fowler, keynote (UMAMFC) "Preparing Family Members for the Year 2000" Art Harkins, Gisela Konopka, keynote (MHEA)
1976	Nov. 19-20 Apr. 23	"Celebration of Family Heritage & Diversity" Sara Evans, keynote "The Family & Communication" Huntley Jackson, keynote (MHEA)
1977	Nov. 17-8" May 13-5 Apr. 22	Teenage Sexuality" Elizabeth Canfield, John Pietrofesa, Gerhard Neubeck, keynote (PPM, et al) "Sexuality" (UMAMFC) "Valuing" Ellen Stekers, keynote (MHEA) Mini-conferences on "Adult Life Stages" and "Masculinity-Fatherhood"
1978	Dec. 8 May 22-3 May 4-6 Apr. 28	"Strengthening Families" Rueben Hill, Susanne Sedgwick, keynote MN Gov. Conf on the Family, John Demos, keynote "Partners in Parenting" (Jr. League, et al) "Aging and the Handicapped" Judd Jacobson, keynote (MHEA)
1979	Dec. 7 Apr. 20	"Building Family Strengths: At home, At Work, At Play" Paul Rosenblatt, Diane Hedin, keynote "Will the Real Family Please Stand Up?" Sheila O'Fahey, Ray McGee, keynote
1980	Dec. 12 Apr. 18	"Helping Families Helping Themselves" Gisela Konopka, Jan Hogan, keynote "Energizing Families Into the 80's" Penny Damlo, keynote (MHEA)
1981	Dec. 10 May 1	"Never Resign on Monday" Bob Veninga, keynote (at Governor's White House Conference on Stress & Work) "Managing Change in the Family" Robert ten Bensel, Ham McCubbin, keynote (MHEA)
1982	Nov. 19 May 7	"Family Economucs & Resource Management" Mildred Thymian, keynote "Growing Up – Growing Older in Families: the Impact of Stories and Rituals throughout the Life Cycle" Pauline Boss, keynote (MHEA)
1983	Oct. 12 Apr. 18	NCFR ANNUAL MEETING IN ST. PAUL (evening meeting only) Ruth Jewson, NCFR Executive Officer, retires "Families in an Information Society" Art Norberg, John Brantner, keynote
1984	Nov. 16 Fall September Feb. 3	"Partners in Learning: Home/School/Community" Mon Cochran & Nan Skelton, keynote Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR Executive Officer Family Strengths Regional Conf – Duluth "Adolescents & their Parents" Ham McCubbin, keynote (MHEA)
1985	Nov. 21-2"	Family Violence: Opening Closed Doors" Mindy Mitnick, keynote
1986	Nov. 21 Sep. 19-20 Jun. 16-7	"The Family: Public Issues/Private Dilemmas" Terry Onnen & Peter McLaughlin, keynote "Families & Peace: Caring makes a Difference" Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo), John Brantner, keynote (MHEA) "Parent Education: State of the Art" Douglas Powell, keynote (MHEA)
1987	Nov. 5 Jun. 10	"Family Vulnerability in a Pressure Cooker World" Bill Doherty, keynote "Thinking and Acting Ethically" Doug Wallace, keynote (MHEA)
1988	Dec. 2 1988 May 13 Apr. 16	"The 'Graying' of Society: Impacts on Families Today" Lillian Troll, keynote "Nothing's Impossible: Dealing with Conflict" Violet Malone, keynote "Dual Roles of Women" Jean Markell, keynote (UMN Women's Alumni Society) [MCFR Resource Directory developed]

1989	Dec. 1 Nov. 30 May 12	“Shaping Tomorrow’s Families” David Olson, keynote; Li Rauk Broberg, future trends “Daddy Track – Under Construction” James Levine, keynote; Family/Parent Education Section Preconference “Life/is Sexual! Promoting Healthy Sexuality within Families” James Maddock, keynote
1990	Dec. 7 Apr. 27	“Family Values in a Changing World” David Blankenhorn, keynote “Storytelling: Helping Families Deal with Stressful Emotions” Doris Brett (MHEA, Network)
1991	Dec. 6 Mar. 8	“Changes & Challenges: Growing up in Families Today” Alan Sroufe, keynote “Hope for Tomorrow: Renewing Dreams & Empowering Families” Mon Cochran, keynote (MHEA, Network)
1992	Dec. 4 Dec. 3 Apr. 3	“Creating Caring Communities: A Call to Action” Sylvia Ann Hewlett, keynote “Finding Our Fathers” Jim Levine, Keynote; Males in Families preconference “Families at Work: A Search for Balance” Ham McCubbin, keynote (MHEA, VocTecNetwork)
1993	Dec. 3	“Collaborating for Families: Celebration or Chaos?” Sid Gardner, keynote
1994	Dec. 2 Nov. 8-12 Nov. 8 Oct. 28 Jun. 10	“Promising Interventions for Prevention” Ronald Slaby, keynote NCFR ANNUAL MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS NCFR Preconference “ Anticipating the Future of Males in Families” (Males in Families Section) “Creating a Healthy Sports Experience for Children” Bob Waxlax and Ted Bowman, keynote (Males in Families Section, co-sponsor) Beyond Shame: Changing Roles for New Paredigms” Marilyn Mason, keynote
1995	Dec. 8 Jun. 9	“Gender Issues: Sharing the Power” Ellen O’Neill and Michael Obsatz, keynote “Family Values: Rhetoric or Reality” Bill Doherty, keynote
1996	Dec. 5	“Families: Understanding & Nurturing Their Spiritual Health” Richard Fowler, keynote
1997	Dec. 5 Apr. 18	“ERACISM: Finding Our Way” Peggy McIntosh and Nathan Rutstein, keynote “Welfare Reform Intergenerational Dialogue” James Gambone
1998	Dec. 4	“The Family as a Moral Community” Bill Doherty, keynote
1999	Dec. 3	“Families: Past, Present & Future” Arlene Skolnick, keynote
2000	Nov. 8-13	NCFR ANNUAL MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS MCFR day on Friday, Nov. 10 – Stephanie Coontz, opening plenary speaker
2001	Mar 2 Dec 7	“Don’t Look Away: Take Responsibility and Be Brave” Bill Doherty, keynote Harmonizing Work/Family and all that Jazz! Martha Farrell Erickson
2002	Apr 26 Dec 6	Tools for Peace, Hope and Healing Families and Culture: Exploring the Intersection Paul Rosenblatt and Tou Ger Xiong
2003	Apr 25 Dec 5	Turning your Work and Passions into Policy: Game Plans in These Tough Political Times Tim Penny, keynote Given the State of Affairs...What <i>are</i> the Possibilities?
2004	Apr 22 Dec 3	Family Connections Across the Lifespan: Intergenerational Aging Vern Bengtson, keynote The Experience of New Americans: Walking in Their Shoes, Illean Her, Martha Naegli, keynote
2005	May 20-21 Dec 2	Parent Education Institute V Charting our Future Ted Bowman, Marc Bornstein, H. Wallace Goddard Caregiving: A Family Journey, Wayne Caron, keynote
2006	May 5 Dec 1	Civility and Families: Pathways to Violence Prevention The Impact of Media and Technology on Parenting: What’s our Role as Educators and Family Professionals? David Walsh, keynote

2007	April 11 Nov 30	Spirituality and Families in a Changing Society Children's Right to a Healthy Social Environment: How to Protect Them from Social Toxicity
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2008	April 4 Dec 4	Nature, Children and Families: A Necessary Connection Contemporary Families: Formation, Function, and the Future
2009	April 3 December 4	Families, Health and Mental Health Reality Check: Work and Family in a 24/7 World
2010	various November 5 December 3	Ethical Thinking and Practice for Family Professionals Workshops MCFR Day at NCFR Annual Conference Ethical Thinking and Practice for Parent and Family Life Educators Workshops: Parts I & II
2011	May 11 May 11 December 2	Parenting with the Brain in Mind-Using Brain Science to Help Kids Grow Smarter, Healthier and Happier-an afternoon with David Walsh, PhD Ethical Thinking and Practice for Parent and Family Life Educators Workshops; Parts I & II The Power of Relationships-Enhancing Skill-based Practice
2012	June 11 November 16	Serving Same-Sex Couples and Their Families It Wasn't Supposed to be Like This: Families Living with Unexpected Permanent Illness, Disability, Death and Other Losses, Pauline Boss keynote
2013	May 3 December 6	Improving the Future for Families: Building Resilience and Managing Stress, Dr. Sood keynote Promoting Civility: Within Families, Between Families and Care Providers, In Work Teams, In Community Meetings and Public Debates
2014	May 9	Overindulgence: Overindulgence: Building Resiliency in the Face of the New Normal, Jean Illsley Clarke and David Bredehoft Presenters
2014	December 4	Mental Health: Understanding and Supporting Families through the Lifespan, Glenace Edwall, Keynote
2015	May 1	The Complexities of Domestic Abuse: An Overview of Resources, Research and Effective Interventions, Domestic Abuse Project
2015	December 5	Addressing Gender in School, Work and Family, Dr. Jenifer McGuire, University of Minnesota, Keynote
2016	April 22	Improving Outcomes by Identifying Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Modifying Approaches, Dan Dubovsky, SAMSHA FASD Center for Excellence, Washington, DC, Keynote
2016	December 2	Strategies for Social, Economic and Educational Change: Engaging Families and Communities for Racial Equity, Dr. Artika Tyner, University of St. Thomas, Keynote
2017	April 22	Reclaiming Face to Face Talk in a Digital World, Dr. Carol Bruess, University of St. Thomas, Keynote
2017	December 1	Food for Thought. Better Nutrition. Better Health. Stronger Families. Stronger Communities. Elizabeth Jackson, Melrose Center, Keynote
2018	April 21	Helping Families Deal with the Opioid Crisis, Lexi Reed Holtum, Director, Steve Rummeler HOPE Network, Keynote
2018	November 16	Beyond ACE's: Building Resilience across Communities and Generations, Dr. Ann Masten, PhD, University of Minnesota, Keynote and Mark Meier, MSW, Face It Foundation Director, Keynote