



NATIONAL
Family Support
NETWORK

2018 NATIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK FORUM

May 17, 2018 | First Congregational United Church of Christ | 945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

GOALS

- To focus national attention on the value of Family Support and Strengthening Networks
- To highlight progress towards and opportunities for implementing the *Advancing the Family Support and Strengthening Field Strategic Recommendations*
- To provide an opportunity for those with shared interests to connect and learn about each other's work

SCHEDULE

8:15-9:00 Orientation Session for New Participants

8:45-9:15 Breakfast and Networking

9:15-9:30 Welcome and Overview

- Jill Hoiting, Co-Chair, National Family Support Network
- Leslie Reicher, Co-Chair, National Family Support Network

9:30-10:45 Ready for their Close Up: Family Resource Centers and Family Support and Strengthening Networks

- Dr. Jerry Milner, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau
- John Bouman, Shriver Center, presenting *Off to a Great Start*

10:45-10:55 Break

10:55-11:55 Exploring Family Support and Strengthening Networks

- Table rotation visits with NFSN Member Networks

11:55-12:40 Networking Lunch

12:40-1:40 Allegheny County Family Support Center System Overview

- Marc Cherna, Allegheny County Department of Human Services
- Michelle Figlar, Heinz Endowments

1:40-2:00 Looking Forward

- Andrew Russo, Co-Founder & Director, National Family Support Network
- Samantha Florey, Director of Training, National Family Support Network

2:00-5:00 Visit to Maryland Family Network's Family Discovery Center - *optional add on*





SPECIAL THANKS

National Partner Co-Sponsors:

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Convening Committee: Co-Chairs Mary Ann Jennings and Karen Welford, Debbie Comstock, Leslie Reicher

UPCOMING

May 30, 2018

Webinar Wednesday

Funding for Systems Success: Investing in
Family Support & Strengthening Networks

October 15-17, 2018

Together for Families Conference

Strong Families, Promising Futures
Cleveland, OH

Co-hosts:

- Center for the Study of Social Policy-Strengthening Families
- Greater Cleveland Family Strengthening Network

Founded in 2011, the **National Family Support Network** is a membership-based organization comprised of state networks that focus on strengthening and supporting families. Each of these networks consists of two or more Family Strengthening organizations, such as Family Resource Centers, working together within a collective impact framework to ensure coordinated quality support for families. The mission of the NFSN is to promote positive outcomes for all children, families, and communities by leveraging the collective impact of state networks and championing quality family support and strengthening practices and policies.

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