2017 NATIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK FORUM
May 17 & 18, 2017 | The Greene Building at Calvary Baptist Church | 733 8th 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

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th

12:00-1:00 Networking Lunch

1:00-1:15 Welcome and Overview
  • Jill Holting, Co-Chair, National Family Support Network
  • Leslie Reicher, Co-Chair, National Family Support Network

1:15-1:50 Overview of the Family Support and Strengthening Field
  • Andrew Russo, Co-Founder & Director, National Family Support Network
  • Samantha Florey, Director of Training, National Family Support Network

1:50-3:00 Family Support and Strengthening as a 2-Gen Strategy
  • Marissa Mahoney, Ascend at the Aspen Institute
  • Mark Kling, Family Resource Center Association (Colorado)
  • John Davis, Mississippi Department of Human Services

3:00-3:10 Break

3:10-4:00 The Impact of Family Resource Centers on Decreasing the Child Welfare Population
  • Fred Wulczyn, Chaplin Hall at University of Chicago
  • Leslie Reicher, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

4:00-5:00 Exploring Family Support and Strengthening Networks
  • Interactive exploration of Networks through interactive table rotation visits

5:00-5:15 Wrap-up
  • Mary Ann Jennings, NFSN Convening Committee Co-Chair

5:30-7:00 Networking Reception Sponsored by Vroom
Location: Ping Pong Dim Sum, 900 7th St. NW (at I Street NW)
  • Vroom Presentation
  • Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar
DAY TWO: THURSDAY, MAY 18th

8:30-9:00 Networking Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Welcome, Recap, and Overview of Day Two
• Jill Hoiting, Co-Chair, National Family Support Network

9:15-10:30 Funders Panel: The Value of Investing in Family Support and Strengthening Networks
• Kate Bullock, Children’s Trust of Massachusetts
• John Michael Ford, United Way of Metropolitan Nashville
• Carol Lopinski, First Things First Arizona
• Facilitator: Brenda McChesney, Hemera Foundation

10:30-10:40 Break

10:40-12:00 Social Return on Investment for Family Resource Centers
• John Byrnes, Community Services Analysis, Alabama Social Return on Investment Study
• Robin Mackey, Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers

12:00-12:30 Wrap Up, Next Steps, and Close

1:45-4:30 Family Resource Center Tour (optional add on)
• Guided visit to Maryland Family Network’s Family Discovery Center

SPECIAL THANKS

Funders:
• David and Lucile Packard Foundation
• Hemera Foundation
• Vroom

Convening Committee:
• Mary Ann Jennings, Co-Chair
• Rachel Shuck, Co-Chair
• Mark Kling
• Leslie Reicher

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October 18-20, 2017
National Summit on the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support
Phoenix, Arizona

May 16-18, 2018
2018 National Family Support Network Forum
Washington, DC

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 Resource Centers or Family Strengthening organizations 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.