



NATIONAL  
**Family Support**  
NETWORK

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>

12:00-1:00 Networking Lunch

**1:00-1:15 Welcome and Overview**

- Jill Hoiting, 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 18<sup>th</sup>

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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## SAVE THE DATES

### 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.

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