




GROVES CONFERENCE on Marriage and Family

Groves Conference on Marriage & Family 2021 Virtual Conference

Family Advocacy and Family Policy: Caring for Families in the Exo- and Macro-Spheres

May 6

- 1:00 Welcome, introductions
1:10 Advocacy 101
Neal Sombke & Keiko Berkon – AAMFT
2:45 Break
3:00 Developing Research that has Policy Impact
Travis Plunkett, Senior Director, The Pew Charitable Trusts
4:00 Tasting – Name your popcorn! (this could start at 4:15)
Popcorn sponsored by 
East Carolina University
5:00 end

May 7

- 1:00 Advocating for Children
Child Support and the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid Expansions.
Dr. Lindsey Bullinger, Georgia Tech University
Intersections of Adoption and Public Policy in the Lives of Privileged and Oppressed Families
Dr. Bobbi Miller, Regis University, Dr. Katie Heiden-Rootes, St. Louis University,
Krystyna Wamboldt, J.D., Regis University
2:00 Finding Your Way to Advocate for Families
Dr. Bonnie Braun, University of Maryland
2:45 Break
3:00 Business Meeting

4:00 *Featured Event: Groves History and Social with Academy and Lifetime Members*
Looking Back, Looking Forward: The History of Groves Conferences and Policy
Dr. Barbara Settles, University of Delaware

May 26

- 1:00 Scholar Strategy Network
Bridging the Gap between Research and Policy
Paola Maynard-Moll, Executive Director, Scholar Strategy Network
1:45 Sussman Award Winner:
Policies for Aging Americans: A Look at Public Opinion and the Role of Government
Dr. Rachel L. Moskowitz
2:30 Break
2:45 Advocating for Elders
Exo- and Macrosystem Influences on Elder Family Financial Exploitation
Dr. Virginia Vincenti, University of Wyoming

COVID and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Dr. Pamela Teaster, VA Tech

HealthyAgingDataReports.org: Guiding Policymakers and Spurring Innovation

Dr. Elizabeth Dugan, UMASS, Boston

4:15 Tasting – What’s your favorite cookie?

Gluten-free cookies sponsored by Karmen Smith

5:00 end

May 27

1:00 Policy & Advocacy

Code Switching: Being a Multilingual, Multimodal Communicator in the Field of Family Policy

Dr. Debra Berke, Wilmington University, & Dr. Barbara Settles, University of Delaware

Advocacy in the Time of Covid – Legislative Meetings & Lobbying & Technology

Dr. Irene Leech, VA Tech

Citizen Science: A Door-to-door Community Survey of Community Health

Dr. Lakshmi Fjord, University of Virginia

2:45 Break

3:00 Speedy Research

4:00 Tasting – And the winner in the chips category is....

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5:00 end

June 17

1:00 Advocating for families with disabilities

The Family's Role in Advocating for Children with Autism

Dr. Barbara Frankel, University of New Hampshire

Lessons Learned from Advocating for Children

Dr. Martie Gillen, University of Florida

Confronting Racism and Bias Within Early Intervention Systems: The Importance of Family-Focused Policies to Advance Equity

Dr. Sheresa Blanchard, East Carolina University

2:45 Break

3:00 Zoom Fatigue

4:00 Tasting – Decisions, decisions...There’s no wrong answer for chocolate!

5:00 end

June 18

1:00 Advocating for family health

Parental Stress and Family Functioning in the Age of COVID-19

Dr. Eboni Baugh, East Carolina University

Tribal Consultation Policy for MH and SU School-Based Programs

Maya Iturra, Antioch University of New England

Championing Maternal Mental Health with a Systemic Lens

Evdoxia (Evie) Mpras, VT Tech

2:30 Break

2:45 Legislative Panel

4:00 Wrap-up

5:00 end