



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 Social Event - Open to all! Join with your tasting event package or bring your own goodies!
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 Social Event - Open to all! Join with your tasting event package or bring your own goodies!
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 Social Event - Open to all! Join with your tasting event package or bring your own goodies!
Tasting – And the winner in the chips category is....

Chips sponsored by Virginia Tech 

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, Dr. Katharine W. Didericksen, East Carolina University, & Dr. Jennifer R. Newton, Ohio 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, Dr. Sharon Ballard, Dr. Carol Johnston, East Carolina University, & Carrie Bergeson, Montclair State 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