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#SECFR2020 @ Birmingham, Alabama April 2-4

Theme: A Vision for Families

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**“A Vision for Families: Exploring and Solidifying Professional Identity in Family Sciences”
April 2-4, 2020, Birmingham, Alabama**

A professional and CEU opportunity for professionals, students, and practitioners.

SECFR, an [affiliate](#) of NCFR, has planned for the 2020 Annual Conference to be held in Birmingham, AL from April 2-4, 2020. The theme of the upcoming conference is “A Vision for Families: Exploring and Solidifying Professional Identity in Family Sciences.” SECFR is accepting proposals for their annual conference through December 15, 2019. See the links below to access further information on the Call for Proposals.

SECFR is taking a two-pronged approach to engaging participants with the theme of the event, “A Vision for Families: Exploring and Solidifying Professional Identity in Family Sciences.”

- 1) A Vision for Families
 - The first part of this theme is intended to encourage **students, faculty, and helping professionals** to submit proposals for poster and oral presentations on any topic of interest that is relevant to their “vision” of *family well-being and/or family functioning* as it is related to programs, policy, research, theory, and quantitative or qualitative work.
- 2) Exploring and solidifying Professional Identity in Family Sciences
 - The second part of this theme is intended to encourage **faculty and helping professionals** to submit workshop and roundtable proposals on topics that can provide future family science professionals (i.e., students) with *information, ideas, and mentorship related to the field.*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Francesca Adler-Baeder, alumni professor in the [department of Human Development & Family Sciences at Auburn University](#), the principal investigator of [The Alabama Healthy Marriage & Relationship Education Initiative](#), the director of [the National Stepfamily Resource Center](#), was conferred [the prestigious fellow status](#) in 2015 by the National Council on Family Relations, and in 2016 received the [Outstanding Engagement Award](#) from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

SERVICE PROJECT: SECFR is asking conference attendees to bring with them 1-2 toiletries to Birmingham so that we can provide local donations to the [LoveLady Center](#), a local Alabama non-profit that serves to help females re-enter their communities positively and productively following incarceration.

A special note to students. In order to promote professional development, students can expect a multi-tiered feedback process regarding this event.

- 1) Students will receive meaningful feedback on their proposals for what to revise and strengthen in order to ensure a complete presentation is ready for the upcoming conference.
- 2) Following presentations at the conference, students will be provided meaningful feedback from academic faculty on presentation strengths as well as areas for improvement.
- 3) During the conference, a social outing (with food and beverage) will be facilitated to provide students an opportunity to network with other professionals who share similar interests.

To access the SECFR website, click [here](#).

On this website you will find information about the organization as well as PDF detailed fliers on the proposal process, types of sponsorship, and other general information about the upcoming conference.

To access the proposal submission portal and information regarding Student Awards, click [here](#).

After clicking "Submit Proposal," you will be prompted to login or sign up for a Digital Commons account before you can access the submission form.

To access attendee registration and/or Sponsorship Opportunities, click [here](#).

If you have other questions or are interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact:
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