Mission
The mission of the National Center for Family & Marriage Research (NCFMR) is threefold: research, training, and dissemination. Our team of faculty, staff, and graduate and undergraduate students:

- Supports research on key questions about the effects of family structure and processes on the health and well-being of children, adults, families, and communities as well as the influence of programs and policies on marriage.
- Builds research capacity with improved data and methods and brings together multidisciplinary networks of scholars.
- Mentors and trains students and junior professionals, ensuring advancement in research on family structure.
- Translates research to broad communities including researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

Scientific Contributions
The NCFMR provides scientific leadership, intellectual energy, and administrative assistance to support interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research on U.S. families.

- Builds extensive data resources by providing pilot data collection, offering detailed information on family data and measures, and analyzing leading indicators of contemporary U.S. families.
- Facilitates research by sharing information about secondary data releases, upcoming conferences, and recent publications on families.
- Creates opportunities for sharing knowledge through seminars, training workshops, and conferences that are available to students and colleagues around the nation.
- Supports innovative research on families that yields important new substantive findings and furthers the development of new measures for subsequent data collections.
- Encourages collaborations and interactions across and within disciplines among researchers, policy makers, and practitioners.
- Disseminates research findings through a dedicated website, working papers, research briefs, conference proceedings, and electronic mailings, such as News and Notes, to policy and research communities and program practitioners.

All NCFMR-supported projects are rigorously reviewed and widely distributed to the broader community of scholars. Together, these investments lead to cutting-edge scholarship on family structure and well-being.

Research Focus
The NCFMR supports research efforts designed to investigate the links between family and well-being at all stages of the life course (e.g., childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle adulthood, and older adulthood). We emphasize both substantive and methodological complexities that need the attention of family scholars to formulate comprehensive, effective policy prescriptions, including: complex families; methodological and data advances; subpopulation variation (e.g., socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity, nativity status, and residence); and links between academic research and policy.
Data Resources
The NCFMR has developed an extensive set of data resources to facilitate research on families and well-being. The following data resources are available on our website:

- **Original Data**: Original data collections sponsored and coordinated by the NCFMR and available for public use.
- **Family Profiles**: Original analysis summarizing the latest statistics on U.S. families.
- **The Data Source**: Descriptions of newly released data sets of interest to family researchers.
- **Question Crosswalks**: Side-by-side comparisons of key family measures (e.g., marriage and remarriage, cohabitation, divorce and separation) available in a dozen large national data sets.
- **Working Paper Series & Research Briefs**: Written by NCFMR faculty affiliates, researchers, and advanced graduate students.
- **Workshop Materials**: Data and methods workshop materials, including PowerPoint presentations, webcasts, and website links captured from NCFMR workshops.

Data Resources Topics
The NCFMR produces the many data resources listed below. We have more than doubled our variety of topics in eight years to help us facilitate new research based on current issues American families encounter each day.

- Adoption
- Adult Well-being
- Childbearing
- Children and Child Well-being
- Cohabitation
- Divorce and Separation
- Emerging Adulthood
- Family Economic Well-being
- Family Structure
- Fathers
- Grandparenthood
- Incarceration
- Marriage
- Measurement
- Relationship Quality
- Religion and Spirituality
- Remarriage
- Same-Sex Relationships

NCFMR Events

- **September 25 & 26, 2015**: 2-Day Statistical Workshop on Propensity Score Analysis, BGSU.
- **March 25, 2015**: Research Advances in Intimate Partner Violence, BGSU. Co-organized with the CFDR.
- **March 26, 2014**: Same-Sex Couples: Frontiers in Measurement and Analysis, BGSU. Co-organized with the CFDR.
- **July 11-12, 2013**: Family Complexity, Poverty, and Public Policy, Madison, WI.
- **March 12, 2013**: Relational Spirituality: Advancing 21st Century Science on Faith and Diverse Families, BGSU. Co-organized with the Templeton Foundation, SPIRiT, BGSU Dept. of Psychology, & the CFDR.
- **May 23-24, 2012**: Fathers & Fathering in Contemporary Contexts 2012 Research Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- **May 22, 2012**: Fathers & Fathering External Grantees Conference, Bethesda, MD.

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