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From your President's desk...

At the end of April around 350 people, including fifty-four members of ACWW USA Area organizations including National FCE, gathered in Ottawa Canada for the 31st ACWW World Conference. During that conference there were elections held for new officers. Marie Kenny from Canada was installed as the new ACWW World President, and Jane Chapman from Illinois was installed as the new ACWW USA Area President. I look forward to working with both women in their new roles.



During the World Conference members also discussed resolutions put forward by member organizations from around the world. These resolutions were passed by the voting delegates forwarding the work of ACWW. These resolutions will become a part of the work FCE does to help families and communities become better places for all of us. National FCE is starting work on one of the resolutions at our conference in July, where you will be presented with a program that will help us ALL understand what we can do to help mitigate digital harms for children as well as adults.

Another especially important Resolution passed at the Triennial Conference dealt with Childcare Deserts. This is also a resolution that FCE can focus on to make a difference in our communities for those around us that are struggling to find affordable, safe, and reliable childcare. Our lives have changed so much in the past 50 years. FCE has always been on the leading edge of educating others about the issues that surround us, we will not stop now as we reach our 90th year!!!

During this time of year, FCE organizations across the USA start holding their conferences. I look forward to attending several FCE conferences over the next three years. When we come together in these meetings whether they take place in person,

virtually, or in a hybrid format, they continue to give members an important opportunity to reconnect, renew relationships, and stay engaged in the work we share. We all have busy schedules and many priorities competing for our time and attention, but attending these conferences give us a chance to pause, come together, and focus on what matters most: our members, our purpose, and the direction we are taking as an organization.

Conferences also bring people together in ways that are both practical and inspiring. They create time to share ideas, learn from one another, and explore new ways of responding to the opportunities and challenges ahead. They remind us that none of us carry this work alone. Every conversation, presentation, and connection helps strengthen the sense of community that supports and advances our work. These gatherings allow us to hear different perspectives, celebrate achievements, and gain fresh insights that can shape how we lead, collaborate, and serve in the months ahead. They are not only opportunities for discussion, but also moments of renewal that help us return to our home groups with greater clarity, confidence, and commitment.

Most importantly, our conferences remind us why our FCE work matters. Attending our conferences, whether National or State, reaffirms the value of coming together, listening well, and contributing to something larger than ourselves. They leave us not only informed but also encouraged and inspired to keep building connections, supporting one another, and advancing our shared goals. As we move through this conference season, I sincerely hope each conference leaves members with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper appreciation for the role each of us plays in promoting the work of FCE. When we come together with openness, energy, and commitment, we strengthen not only our relationships but also the future of our organization.

Please take the time to read this issue of the **fceTODAY** and the information from your National Board. You will find the conference registration and information on the hotel sleeping rooms. The hotel management has changed twice since we started our contract with them, and it has left us a bit behind in getting the final registration information to you!!

I do apologize that this conference information is so late!

Till July!! Bonnie

Hearth Fire Presentations:

I am excited to introduce you to two new Hearth fire lessons that will be presented at the National FCE Conference in July.

The first is **“Autism: Up-to-Date Research, Expanded Knowledge”**. This fact filled lesson falls on the heels of a great deal of false information that has been released. You will learn the facts regarding diagnosis, traits and characteristics and therapy’.

If you are a parent, a grandparent or a friend you will learn about the prevalence and cause of autism as well as planning and preparing for the gap in services as the child transition from school-based services into adulthood.

Our second Heath Fire his year is **“The W’s of ACWW”**

The Associated Country Women of the World is nearly 100 years old and has been closely linked to National FCE since the moment FCE was founded. This lesson will give you the Who, What, When and Where andWhy FCE has such a close bond with ACWW. ACWW was organized to support rural women from across the globe and to address shared challenges. Issues today are as pertinent today as they were in the time of its infancy.

Come join us for this great lesson.

Connie Larrington, V.P. for Program



There will be 3 FCL workshops at the National Conference this year. Certificates will be given at the end of each plus a fourth one at the end of the Business Meeting.

The first workshop will be “Growing Forward: Building an Advocacy-Driven Membership,” Presenters will be Pat Woods, National Public Policy Coordinator and Pamela McIntyre-Albaro, National Program Coordinator. This workshop will cover how to look for and recruit new members, what potential members are looking for, and lots of other good ideas and hands-on activities.

The second will be “Public Speaking.” Presenters will be Sharon Giacometti, National Public Policy Coordinator and Mary Alice Weber, Program Coordinator. We all “fear” getting up in front of a group and speaking. Learn tips and ideas to make it easier for you. There will be hands-on activities.

The third will be “Screen Time: Children, Youth, and Seniors.” Presenters will be Connie Larrington, Vice President for Program, Margaret Polen, Vice President for Public Policy, and Bonnie Teeple, President, National FCE. Screens are everywhere and we all scroll on some screen. There are many effects with screen time. Of course, there will be hands-on activities.

There will also be a special “event” after dinner one evening. Don’t miss out on any dinner!

Margaret Polen – VP for Public Policy

**Come to conference and participate, learn, enjoy, have fun and CELEBRATE
our 90th ANNIVERSARY!!**

FCL Workshops

Pat Woods

Advocacy is about making voices heard and driving positive change in our communities and beyond. By championing important causes, we help bring attention to critical issues, influence public policy, and empower individuals to take action.

Sharon Giacometti

Public Speaking- FCL Leadership explains the importance of different types of communication when public speaking. Understanding ethics and responsibilities, requirements for an effective public speaker and general types of public speaking. How to prepare and select a topic for a speech.

There will also be presentations on:

- Screen Time
- Our Fiduciary Responsibility
- AI: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly

We hope you will enjoy all that our 2026 National FCE Conference has to offer!!!



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SCREEN TIME LOG

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2026 National FCE Conference
"90 Years Strong" ... Where the Pride of the Past meets
the Promise of the Future"

Conference Dates:
July 20-23, 2026
Conference Registration
Deadline: June 16, 2026

Please print clearly: Membership # _____ This is my first National FCE Conference _____
Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____
In case of emergency contact _____ Phone (____) _____
**Vegan meals or food allergies: _____

**Disclaimer: This information is for meal count only. YOU will be responsible to inform hotel staff of special needs)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Member/Nonmember Amount

Registration Due by June 16, 2026	\$300	\$ _____
Registration after this date will not have meals guaranteed.		
National Board	\$300	\$ _____
Conference Committee	\$300	\$ _____
Spouses - Meals Only	\$40/Dinner \$30/Lunch	\$ _____
Dinner Day(s) _____		
Lunch Day(s) _____		

CONFERENCE TOUR: Tour information will be on a separate form! Watch the website!
ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Circle the day attending) Due by July 16, 2026

Tuesday	\$ 150	\$ _____
Wednesday	\$ 150	\$ _____
Thursday	\$ 150	\$ _____

SPECIAL EVENTS:

National FCE Board Alumni Breakfast \$20 each
(Friday Morning) For National Board Alumni Members & Spouses
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Registration is non-refundable but can be transferred.
Remember... Sleeping rooms must be reserved by June 16, 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
Keynote Speaker/Entertainment
General Sessions
Business Meeting
Workshops and Learning Sessions

Events:

Monday: PM State Affiliate President's Dinner Meeting
Tuesday: AM: Opening Session
Annual Business Meeting
Lunch-Awards
PM: Learning Sessions
Wednesday: AM TBA
Lunch
PM: Service Project
Dinner Heart of FCE
Thursday: AM: General Session Speakers
Lunch Awards Collect ACWW
PM: FCL Learning Sessions
Dinner FCL Awards

MAIL TO:

National FCE Conference
PO Box 642
Florence, KY 41022-0642
E-mail: nafcehq@fuse.net

Check or credit card payment must accompany registration.

Make checks payable to: National FCE

Credit cards accepted: VISA, MasterCard, Discover (circle one)

Credit card number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ CVC _____
Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Please make a copy of this registration form to save for your records

4/15/2026.

2026 National FCE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport--**RATE \$119.00/per room** Plus 12.36% room tax

CUT-OFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS: June 19, 2026.

The rooms available are 2 double beds or 1 King.

Reservations will be made by individuals directly with Hotel Reservations Department before the cut-off date. Please instruct your guests or attendees to contact the hotel 859-371-2233 and identify themselves as guests or participants in your group **National FCE** meeting in order to receive your special group rates. Guests must cancel their reservations 48 hours prior to arrival, or they will be charged for the first night's room rate and taxes.

The Holiday Inn has a shuttle from the airport. Please call 859-371-2233 Ext. '0' after you arrive and pick up your luggage. The hotel will give you instructions on getting to the shuttle pick-up area. There may be a small surcharge for the shuttle.

The **Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport** is located at 1717 Airport Exchange Boulevard, Erlanger KY

Breakfast is available for purchase in McKenna's restaurant -Breakfast is served 6am-10am

REGISTRATION for the conference is in the lobby area between rooms Hamilton and Dearborn

Hours for the Conference Office will be posted near the Dearborn Room.
