



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office. **This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.**

State/Territory: Wisconsin Date: 12/31/2021  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

Acknowledgement of work being done through virtual learning and other formats that resulted due to Covid and the pandemic restrictions of in person teaching.

We were able to learn with each other, share our knowledge, and honor our colleagues at both the state & national levels. This is something to celebrate during a pandemic!

Completed a statewide Fatherhood needs assessment, presented initial findings at a statewide early childhood conference. Received an Epsilon Sigma Phi Mid-Career state and national recognition award, and most recently co-authored an article that will appear in the next Journal of NEAFCS.

## **2021 WEAFCs Award Recipients!**

Julia Erickson, WEAFCs Marlys Richert Rising Star Award Missy

Bablick, Mid-Career Award

Jeanne Walsh, Rosalie Powell Financial Management Award

Sara Richie, Jenna Klink, Dr. Kristin Litzelman, Debbie Moellendorf, Ruth Schriefer (Life Span C-19 Rapid Response Team), WEAFCs Team Effort Award

Renee Koenig, Mary Ann Schilling, Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award, First Place National Winner and Central Region Winner – presented at the NEEAFCS Annual Conference on "The Aging Mastery Program Alleviates Ageism."

## **2021 NEAFCS Wisconsin Nominations:**

Jeanne Walsh, Dean Don Felker Family Resource Management Award

Liz Lexau, Mary Huser, Mary Campbell-Wood, Bev Baker, Pam Wedig-Kirsch, Heidi Ungrodt, Ciara Walker-Morgan, Lindsay Weymouth, Brook Berg, Tracy Henegar, Elizabeth Shaver, Nancy Schultz, Emily Quandt, Stephanie Hintz (The Literacy Link), Florence Hall Award

Liz Lexau, Mary Huser, Mary Campbell-Wood, Bev Baker, Pam Wedig-Kirsch, Heidi Ungrodt, Ciara Walker-Morgan, Lindsay Weymouth, Brook Berg, Tracy Henegar, Elizabeth Shaver, Nancy Schultz, Emily Quandt (The Literacy Link), Human Development/Family Relationships Award

Jenny Abel, Mary Ann Schilling, Katie Gellings, Danette Hopke, Bev Doll, Chelsea Wunnicke, Todd Wenzel, Jackie Carattini, Libby Huber, Renee Koenig, Peggy Olive, Nancy Vance, Sherry Daniels, Tierany Rugg, Danielle Hairston

**What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?**

To reconnect and have group refocus since COVID.

Promoting the benefits of being a WEAFCFS member to new educators.

Mental wellness across the board is a topic very relevant as we move forward through COVID, and supporting colleagues.

Recruitment of more membership – promote to Food Wise - NEAFCS would be valued by those professionals.

All committees start meeting regularly – gather more input from members.

Increase our commitment to professional development. Have a conversation on the purpose of our association & why colleagues want to be members - what are our priorities? Are they enough & are they still relevant? Do the state priorities align with the national association priorities?

**What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?**

Wisconsin has been going through major changes for the better part of three years and changes continue, we need to find ways to support each other and the work we do.

Budget cuts, morale from all the changes we have experienced in Wisconsin. We have a lot of new staff, and I'm not sure they all see the benefit of being a part of a state and/or national organization.

Reaching all audiences, supporting new audiences (blended families, incarcerated, mental health, and addiction) Virtual education and learning, burnout and adaptation. Accessibility to technology. The change in educational platforms and giving everyone equal access for programming.

Reconnecting and making our organization stronger.

Positions, existing & new, seem to have a tighter content focus so a "general" association like WEAFCFS & NEAFCS may not meet the professional development needs of potential members any more.

**To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:**

- NEAFCS board is doing a wonderful job!
- Appreciation of the meetings that have been conducted virtually -- so much easier than the old emails and phone calls.
- Member Resources Diversity has done some wonderful outreach and organizing.
- Staying connected without in person meetings.
- Funding is challenging to attend national conferences