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# **NHMRC February 2008 Webinar Frequently Asked Questions**

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The National Healthy Marriage Resource Center broadcasted a webinar entitled "Who's Out There? Resources for the Field" on February 28, 2008. During the course of the webinar, we received more questions than we were able to answer. This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is a follow-up to many of the questions posted during the webinar.

### 1. Does the NHMRC web site have information on healthy marriage that relates to specific populations or families with special circumstances?

Yes. You will find information on our web pages about specific audiences, in particular on the Culture and Diversity and Family Stages and Special Circumstances pages. As well, you can use the library search function (at the top of the home page) to search for resources by key words. For example, if you are looking for information on healthy marriage education for individuals or couples in the correctional system, you may try searching keywords such as "incarcerated" or "correctional." Try using variations of key words to retrieve the largest number of resources.

### 2. Our marriage education program is not Federally-funded, but we would like to be listed on the NHMRC web site? Is the NHMRC considering listing information about healthy marriage programs that are not Federally-funded on its site?

The NHMRC is currently working through an internal

process that would allow certain marriage education programs that meet outlined criteria to be posted on its web site. More information on how to submit a request to be listed on our site will be distributed in the upcoming months. Join our listserv to keep apprised of this exciting development.

### 3. Can anyone submit a request for information to the NHMRC? If so, how do I submit a request?

Anyone can submit a request for information or program consult to the NHMRC. You do not need to be an OFA grantee. To submit a request, email us at [info@healthymarriageinfo.org](mailto:info@healthymarriageinfo.org) or call 1-866-91-NHMRC (1-866-916-4672).

### 4. Our program has developed some great resources that we would be willing to share with the field. Does the NHMRC ever add new resources to its site?

Yes, the NHMRC continuously adds new resources to its website. While our library staff scour various resources seeking items for the collection, it is not possible for staff to have access to all healthy marriage related resources. This is where you can help by sharing materials created by your program so that they may be reviewed or used by program staff, resource families, or related professionals for the purpose of improving service delivery. The following are guidelines on what kinds of resources library staff are seeking and how to get these materials into the NHMRC library:

Library staff seek materials for the collection (e.g.,

documents, training resources or curricula, program reports or evaluations, research papers, resource materials for families—English and Spanish) that are complete and in final form for distribution. The NHMRC does not distribute drafts. A professional should be able to use or adapt the material easily for their own use. Our goal is to assist professionals by providing resources that may be adapted for various uses.

To submit material to the collection, please send the following to [info@healthymarriageinfo.org](mailto:info@healthymarriageinfo.org)

A. Cover letter (memo or email) that includes:

- o Title of the document, date, and the name, address and phone number of the agency that created the material. If the agency received funding from an outside group for the materials (e.g., foundation, State or Federal Agency) please indicate that as well.
- o Suggested citation for the product.
- o Information on where users can obtain a copy of the product (if copyrighted and not available via electronic distribution).

B. Electronic copy of materials (in PDF or Microsoft Office files- e.g., MS Word, MS PowerPoint. Please do not send Zip files as our network does not accept these files.)

NOTE: The National Healthy Marriage Resource Center highly recommends that you also put the suggested citation on either the first or second page of your materials to assist users of your documents with correctly citing your work.

C. If sending an electronic copy is not possible, mail a cover letter with a CD ROM of the materials (please note that copies cannot be returned) to:

National Healthy Marriage Resource Center

ATTN: Library  
10530 Rosehaven Street, Suite 400  
Fairfax, VA 22030

## 5. Can we link the NHMRC or the NERMEN web site to our program's web site?

Absolutely. Because each of these web sites continually updates the resources available, we encourage you to link to our web sites in order to provide the most up to date information our sites have to offer. Our respective links are:

National Healthy Marriage Resource Center- <http://www.healthymarriageinfo.org>

National Extension Relationship & Marriage Education Network- <http://www.nermen.org>

## 6. Does NERMEN offer any free or low-cost curricula or promising practices guides that my program could download?

Yes, several curricula are available for download either free of charge or at low cost. You can find these curricula under the Extension Resources section of the NERMEN web site. As well, Cultivating Healthy Couple and Marital Relationships: A Guide to Effective Programming, can also be ordered online. This 80-page guide, the first official publication from the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network, is based on presentations from the 2006 Family Life E-Seminar and papers later published in the May 2007 special issue of The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues. The guide, authored by members of NERMEN and developed/ published out of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, offers theoretically and empirically informed implications for designing, delivering, and evaluating

relationship and marriage education programs for diverse audiences.

### 7. How do I get connected with an Extension agent? Is there a list of state contacts available on the web site? How do I find out who the NERMEN contact is in my state?

A state directory of cooperative extension relationship and education contacts can be found on the NERMEN web site under the State Initiatives page. This webpage, currently under development, will also highlight the initiatives occurring and resources that have been or are being developed by Extension in each state.

### 8. Is the Individualized Technical Assistance you described during the webinar only for OFA grantees?

Yes. The Individualized Technical Assistance described in the webinar is currently only available to OFA grantees. The Individualized Technical Assistance process may be initiated by the Federal Project Officer through a form called the TA Needs Assessment form, or by the grantee via the TA request form located on the NHMRC web site.

### 9. Where is the OFA grantee TA request form located?

The TA Request form can be found on the NHMRC website by visiting the Programs and Grantees Tab, then selecting Training and Technical Assistance and

clicking on the TA Request form. Alternatively, you may locate the form directly by going to [http://www.healthymarriageinfo.org/prog\\_grant/tarequest.cfm](http://www.healthymarriageinfo.org/prog_grant/tarequest.cfm).

### 10. Will any program-specific resources (i.e. lessons learned or promising practices) be developed and shared with programs based on your TA work with the OFA programs?

Yes. It is the intent of the TA providers to use appropriate wholesale TA mechanisms to distill lessons learned and convey promising practices discovered. Wholesale TA modes may include future webinars, fact sheets, tip sheets, how-to guides, and other tools.

### 11. How do I find out more information about the Federal Healthy Marriage Initiative and the Office of Family Assistance Healthy Marriage Demonstration grants?

For more information on the Federal Healthy Marriage Initiative, please visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/healthymarriage/index.html>. On this site, you'll find a wealth of information about the mission, goals, and background of the Federal Healthy Marriage Initiative. You'll also find links to information about any current funding opportunities, past funding and projects, as well as grant abstracts of the current OFA Healthy Marriage Demonstration grants.