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Who's Out There? Resources for the Field

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Operator: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for standing by and welcome to the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center February 2008 Webinar.

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As a reminder, this conference is being recorded, Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

I would now like to turn the conference over to Mr. Patrick Patterson, Project Manager for the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center.

Please go ahead, sir.

Patrick Patterson: Thank you, (Shauna).

Good afternoon to everyone. Welcome back. Welcome to our February 2008 Webinar. We're excited to have our program and practitioners back on the line with us again for another hour and a half of information.

This is going to be a great Webinar. Our focus today is who's out there, resources for the field -- one of the things that we really want to focus on today is sharing with programs and practitioners what are available resources that can provide support to your programs.

One of the things that I'll start with as a starting point is that with each of these programs there'll be things that each program will do well and there'll be things that programs will need support or technical assistance on.

And so our emphasis today is to really focus on how we could strengthen programs and avail support to each of you as you're conducting these programs.

Today, our presenters are from across the country. They represent different perspectives. And our aim is to share with you at least a number of the resources that are currently available and then also share with you what may be coming in the future.

The list that we'll talk about today of resources is not an exhaustive list, but it's just a few of the ones that we know about. Understand the fact that there are a number of others that programs are aligned everyday and that are doing a great job. So we'll try to give you at least a peek into what are resources that we're aware of

that programs can accept.

Our presenters are - will be myself -- I'll facilitate and also share information about a number of resources -- our second presenter will be Dr. Ted Futris from University of Georgia; our third presenter is Dr. Brian Higginbotham from Utah State University; our fourth, Dr. Mary Morris Hyde: from ICF International; and our last presenter is Dr. James DeSantis from James Bell Associates.

The last two presenters will speak specifically to resources that are now available to OFA Healthy Marriage grantee. So, we have a lot of information to share and I want to get into it very quickly.

I will add also, our normal practice has been to ask questions after each presentation. But because we have so much to share today, I'm going to ask that you continue to submit questions via the Webinar technology, but then we'll only have a Q&A at this very end of this Webinar to ensure that all of the presenters have a chance to share their information.

Before we go further, I want to allow time for our Project Officer, Ms. Michelle Clune to provide welcome comment.

Michelle?

Michelle Clune: Thank you, Patrick.

Hello and good afternoon everybody. I - we have put this Webinar together to give you an idea of some of the resources that are available to you from a broad to a more kind of national marriage field, as well as the more specific resources that are available from our particular technical assistance providers to you the grantees.

And so we hope this Webinar will be able to point you to some good and useful resources that will help you carry out your great project. And I just want to thank you for participating in our Webinar and then I'll just turn it back to you, Patrick.

Patrick Patterson: Thanks, Michelle. I'm glad you could join us.

Objective for today, we have two that are very specific. I'll just kind of highlight a couple of things we're thinking about today.

One is again to just give you guys an overview of what resources are available to strengthen your program. And then the second one is to avail to grantees that are federally funded by OFA what are the new resources regarding TA and program - programmatic technical assistance that programs can now access.

I will make a point to mention, we sent out the reminder message as we do the morning of each Webinar, ear-

lier. It was a very large file, very, very large file because we have so much information to share with you guys. Some of you have received it and I've got (unintelligible) that some folks are still receiving it as we're talking.

And so two things that we're going to do. We're going to actually post the Webinar materials as a priority on our Web site immediately after this Webinar. We'll do the FAQ and actual recording a little later because it takes a little more time. But the materials we're going to put on our Web site immediately after this Webinar to make sure that you have access to those in case you don't receive via our emails from this morning.

And the second thing is we'll send reminders once those things have been attached so that you know that they're actually available for you to review.

A couple of things that I'll mention also, housekeeping notes, we're recording today. And so for folks that do want to listen in to this Webinar again, it will be on our Web site seven to nine business days after this Webinar on the Resource Center Web site.

And the last thing that I'll mention that the housekeeping note, is that today, we're using Webinar technology that we've used before, and that the question and answer process is one that you could submit questions via the Webinar technology.

And so , just to remind folks about how to use it, I want to give (Stephanie Wofford) a few minutes to share with us how to submit questions via the Webinar technology.

(Stephanie)?

(Stephanie Wofford): Thank you, Patrick.

If I could get everybody's attention at the sample screen on - or sample side on this screen. If you have questions today, you do not have to wait till the very end. Throughout the presentation, if would just type your questions in this question line I'm highlighting here. Next to it is a Submit button. You click that Ask button. And when you do that, we will send you an automated message back that thanks you for your question to let you know that your question has been forwarded to the facilitator. And what this does is frees up your console in case you would have another question to ask throughout the rest of the presentation.

Thank you, Patrick.

Patrick Patterson: Thank you, (Stephanie).

Just got a note that there's feedback or issue with sound. So if you have a comment on that also, just to make sure (unintelligible) and get through clearly. If you feel like you're still having trouble hearing us, please go ahead and submit that, use the Webinar technology as well, I will make adjustment as we move forward.

Thanks for that who sent that.

I want to get into it really quickly. I'll start with the Webinar overviews that I want to share regarding resources. There are four that I'm going to highlight. The first being The National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, and then following I want to highlight The Couple Provision for Marriage, Family and Couple Education, the National Council on Family Relations, and then last but not least, I'll do the National Center for Marriage Research.

Each of these I will give high points. There are number of things that I've included as there are PowerPoint's on each. But I'm going to actually make those available on our Web site for you to review in detail. But I'll just highlight a couple of aspects of each of these so that you know that they're available as resource.

The National Healthy Marriage Resource Center. We are a federally-funded resource center. We operate as a first-stop shop on marriage information, data, training and TA and resource materials for individuals, couples, and programs, communities and policymakers across the country.

Our emphasis is to be a centerpiece for information around marriage for the entire country. We have multiple publics that would provide support to and resources for and on, and we aim to have, to be that place that folks go for information when they're looking on marriage as a topic.

We are a national leader and partner on strengthening health marriage and marriage education program across the country. Where we can, we try provide resources and also become a physical presence at meetings that are strategic that are going to advance the field of healthy marriage.

And then last but not least, one of aims is to support ACS in further and get commitment to promoting healthy marriage and child wellbeing.

And so we do that through a number of ways, and so I want to quickly highlight what are those strategic ways that we try to become a resource for the field.

I have to mention to you we're a public resource center. Our grantees and non-grantees alike can use us and have used us in the past. And so I just want to make you aware of how you can best use us going forward.

One of our specific ways that we have material and physical resources programs is actually the development of resources that programs can extract from our Web site where that we actually provide via face-to-face TA opportunities.

They include tip sheets, fact sheets, how-to guides, research briefs and promising practice briefs.

Our tip sheets, generally speaking, are resources that show or give insight to programs regarding a particular strategy. Our facts are what they - are their fact-based documents that kind of compile data for programs to

use on how-to guide on instructional, more or less how to do a particular activity or task in your programs; the research briefs are more like the compilation of research in a succinct fashion a program may either use to make decisions or use in public presentations as they're bringing in new partners; and the last but not least, our promising practicing briefs are just more like the compilation of lessons learned and also briefings that we've learned from the field that programs can use as they make decisions with their programs.

We have a myriad of these resources on our Web site. And I have to say, it's an ongoing process. So as we're learning, we're trying to make these resources available to you on our Web site as well, and also in a physical format as we move forward.

Training and technical assistance is one of our primary opportunities also to engage and work with programs. The majority of the work has been group-based T&TA for programs designed to support and strengthen their work in programming. We've done this in a couple of ways specifically to date. And will just go over those real quickly with you as I talk about our T&TA effort.

We've used Webinar, which I'm glad to have you all on today. It's been a very cost effective vehicle what works and what can be used by programs to strengthen their outreach efforts and also their program efforts. We use it more or less as a communication mode to you information where you don't have to actually travel to a conference or to a meeting to actually get this information. So we think it's a very cost effective way to give information to programs.

Peer-to-peer roundtables, those have largely been grantee-focused. We intend to do more of those this year and they will tend to be grantee-focused as well. But these are opportunities where grantees are able to get together in person and exchange ideas and also share promising practice across programs and across sites.

Our modern audio forms, we've done a couple of these in the past and plan to do more of these in the future; is where we're getting together a number of successful programs no more than 10 to 12 and highlight a topic and find out what are best practices.

From that we develop a fact sheet or tip sheet that uses that information that we heard from those program practitioners to share with the field. Last year we did one and worked over for our partners. We had a great, great modern audio format. We're able to synthesize lessons learned and give those to the field.

And then last but not least, phone and email consultations. One thing that we made available is a team of experienced person who've worked with a number of programs and development in their actual operation and also to evaluation. So we have the ability to program to contact us either way to request information or to request TA for your programs as you're in development.

Our Web site, we are a virtual place for information also. And I start by saying it's an ever evolving site. For the most part, this will never be a finished product with the understanding that as the field grows, we plan to be the

place where that information will be housed.

As we've heard from the field, we've made adjustments. We've developed our Web site, we've made modifications, and we'll continue doing that moving forward. But our Web site is a place where you can find the information that I just referenced and how to actually contact us.

The Web site for the Resource Center is healthymarriageinfo.org. And that would be the place that you can go to access all of our materials and all of our resources.

I just have to give you a reminder. As you find things that you want to add or want us to add or consider adding, this is where you actually contact us to say please add this because it's a useful resource for the field.

When I mentioned earlier about program consult, it's an information request, the question may come, how do we actually request for support. And there are two ways. One is again, through info, the healthymarriageinfo.org which is our email. And then we have a toll free number that we operate: 186691NHMRC.

Not but not least, we operate a clearinghouse. It's a physical place where we have materials both curricula and resources for programs to use on a day-today basis. We - as we go through conferences, as we find out about new resources go to the field, we usually get those and we catalog those for use of our programs. So if you have questions about how to actually access our clearinghouse, you can also email or call us with that request as well.

Specifically, the question may be asked, how do you connect with the Resource Center. Our Web site is healthymarriageinfo.org. Our toll free number is 186691NHMRC. And specifically speaking, I listed here my program contact information for folks that want to talk to me or talk to the program manager for the project.

If you want to email us, our generic email is info@healthymarriageinfo.org. That's a quick snapshot. There's a lot of things that we have. We've been successful at in doing to advance the field. But that's just a quick snapshot of one resource that's available to the field.

Again, grantees and non-grantees alike can use us, and we expect that as you learn and grow that you help us to learn and grow as well.

The second resource that I want to make sure that you're aware of is a very, very useful resource. For years in talking ten plus years, it has been around to account the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education.

One of the things that I'll share with you early about this organization is they planned, has been successful to hosting a large conference that many of you may be going through or have been to in the past.

The mission of the coalition is for marriage, family and couple education being dedicated to making marriage

education more widely available and to getting information about the marriage out of the research labs and to the public. They're driven by a wonderful person, Ms. Diane Sollee. She has masterminded how to actually galvanize the field but also engage others as this field is growing.

The coalition serves to do the following: a clearinghouse to help couples find marriage and relationship education courses plastered in books; to help mental health professors clergy, mentor couples and life educators find marriage education training program; to connect those interested and continuing the development of the field, do some more community marriage education activities, and to promote the effectiveness of marriage education courses and increase their availability in the community.

Wonderful resource. Wonderful resource.

My slide just stuck here so I'm going to manually move it.

The other resource that I'll mention, it hasn't appeared on the screen yet but it's coming, is that they've made available to the field, is the Annual Smart Marriages conference. This year's conference is going to be held in San Francisco. It is one of the largest gathering of healthy marriage leaders, researches, policymakers, programs and practitioners, and is a wonderful resource for new and emerging programs to the field.

Bear with me one second.

(Stephanie), if you could move my slides. I think my connection is...

((Crosstalk))

(Stephanie Wofford): I will - I have to reestablish my own connection.

Patrick Patterson: Okay.

Just bear with us for a second. Technology is wonderful when it works.

So I'll just continue. I have my information in front of me.

The 12th Annual Smart Marriage Conference is going to be held July 2 through 4 at the Hilton San Francisco Hotel in San Francisco, California.

For those that have not been there, as I've said before, it's a life-changing event. One of the things that many new programs have aimed to do is to get to this conference. And one of the things that I'll mention for federal grantees is if you are planning to go there, one of the things that must happen is that you contact and clear it with your FTO as one of the approved travel conferences that you'll attend this year. I just want to make sure

that that's a point to make as we move forward with programs having interest in going through the conference.

If there are questions about the conference, there's a number that posts and contact is 1-800-314-1921 and has extension 10. Wonderful resource for the field. The Web site is smartmarriages.com. And that is where you're going to find a plethora of information regarding programs, where they're located, practitioners, but also resources for the field.

The Web site is smartmarriages.com. They have a listserv that is vibrant. And it's also you can find it at smartmarriages.com.

And then last but not least, the founder and president of Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education is Diane Sollee. And you can contact her via email at CMFCE at smartmarriages.com. Wonderful resource. Another resource for you to take advantage of.

The third resource that I'll mention is the National Council in Family Relation. It is a wonderful resource as well. A number of programs have used it. Our programs have been a part of it. And just in short, it's a resource that provides an education for programs, practitioners, researchers, policymakers to grow the field and also promote family well-being.

Couple of the resources that it provides, this is not all inclusive list, but it's a couple of things that they've been extremely successful at in terms of (routing) to the field is providing scholarly journals. Two that have been published to date, *Journal of Family, Marriage and Families* and *Family Relations*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Study*.

In 2009, they will be unveiling the third journal for the field to take advantage of. And so that's a wonderful resource for programs to use to remain current on new information and research in the field.

Some of you are aware of CFLE, Certified Family Life Educator. They actually administer that program nationally and internationally. And so that's a place if you have questions about becoming a Certified Family Life Educator that you can contact. But they oversee that process for the country.

(Unintelligible) among county professionals, they do a wonderful job of actually convening and coordinating conferences and meetings strategically to advance the field, are promoting wellbeing through public policy education. They do a great job of holding seminars in a form of legislators and decision makers about the possible impact of policy on families.

And then an Annual conference, they too do a wonderful annual conference that includes researchers, practitioners and programs interested in advancing the field of marriage.

So I'll highlight very quickly the 2008 NCFR conference will be 7th year national conference. It'll be on Novem-

ber 5 through 8 at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. If you have questions about the conference, the contact information is here, and you can surely access them also via the Web site.

Their Web address is www.ncfr.org. They also maintain a listserv that is vibrant and also very useful for the field. You can sign up there on the Web site at www.ncfr.org, and here's the phone number for contact if you want to talk to a person as you're considering your choices.

The last resource that I'll mention very briefly is the National Center for Marriage Research. This is a new resource that we now have for the field to take advantage of, that I'm very excited because there are some opportunities for partnership across the country for this resource.

They have three major priorities under the mission: research, training and dissemination.

By introduction, I'll mention to you kind of where they are and kind of the background.

The center was established in 2007, funded by cooperative agreement by the Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, ASPI, in the US Public Health and Human Services. They are housed at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio and a wonderful resource for the field.

Upcoming things they are planning to do that are resources for the field are here. Primarily speaking, they plan to be a research for the field. All the current research, all the past research, they plan to make those available to the field.

The other thing they really look at doing is having an emphasis on crosscutting thing, complex families, methodological and data advances to a population variation, and link between academic research and policy.

They are going to test some theories and they're going to publish research that is new to the field in order to advance the work that we're doing.

They tend other resource to build new capacity for Marriage and Family research, a research collaboration, there are number of ways they're going to do that, and then research and data infrastructure, are focuses of the resource center.

There are two major events that they have that are coming up. One is a research symposium this March 13, 2008 at Bowling Green State University. For more information, the link is here beneath where you can (find) out how you may be able to participate in that. And then the second thing is a summer workshop, June 24 and 25 at University of Michigan.

Again, more information is at the Web link beneath this announcement.

Wonderful resource, new (unintelligible) but I think a welcomed edition to the work that we're all doing.

If you're interested in contacting or connecting with the resource center, their Web site is www.ncmr.bgsu.edu. The two co-directors are Dr. Wendy Manning and Dr. Susan Brown. The phone number is here and the email address is here for you as well.

And so in the brief time that I had, I tried to go to do the four resources that are not going to be covered for the remaining of the Webinar. But they are available - currently available resources for programs to take advantage of.

With that, we're going to move to our second presenter. Again, we're going to take questions at the very end of this Webinar.

Our second presenters are Dr. Brian Higginbotham and Dr. Ted Futris.

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Dr. Brian Higginbotham is an Assistant Professor in Family Life Extension Specialist at Utah State University. As an extension specialist, he provides statewide leadership and support for programs to strengthen and person relationships.

Dr. Higginbotham also directs two marriage education demonstration projects funded the Office of Family Assistance and one by the Office of Head Start.

Without a break, he'll be followed by Dr. Ted Futris. He is an Assistant Professor in Child and Family Development and an Extension Specialist in Family and Consumer Sciences at University of Georgia.

Dr. Futris provides leadership for extension programs and family life with particular focus on relationship and marital enrichment education, stepfamily relation and fathering and adolescence.

They will both cover resources for the field that are provided by the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network, otherwise known as NERMEN.

We'll start with Higginbotham.

Brian Higginbotham: Thank you very much.

As Patrick mentioned I'm a Family Life Extension Specialist with the Utah Corporate Extension System. But today I've been asked to talk about our cooperative extension services and staff in your respective states in communities that can be of help to you and your programs.

We're going to begin by - our slides aren't going down. Can I - can somebody help me move those down?

Thank you.

I'll begin by briefly describing Extension Federal Partner at the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services, also known as CSREES. The information I will share in more much detail is available at www.csrees.usda.gov.

All universities engage in research and teaching, but the nations of more than 100 land grant colleges and universities have a third critical mission which is extension. Extension means reaching out and along with teaching and research, land grant institutions extend their resources solving public needs through non-formal non-credit programs.

Through programs and a variety of emphasis areas, CSREES seeks to advance knowledge for agriculture, the environment, human health and wellbeing and communities.

These programs are largely administered through a network of thousands of state, county and regional extension offices which bring land grant expertise to the most local of levels.

Currently there are 57 universities with land grant status; 18 historical Black colleges and 33 tribal colleges that have a federal mandate to extend their knowledge and resources to the citizens in their respective states and communities.

Advancing and extending knowledge and resources occurs in many ways. As emphasized by the acronym CSREES, we work in cooperation and partnership with other entities. We do research, develop and provide education programs, extend financial and educational resources and provide service.

Hopefully, each of you has already had some personal exposure to the wide array of available extension services and programs. County fairs, forage programs, water and soil testing are just a few of the many extension services available in nearly every county in the country.

I will now highlight just a few of the extension services that may help you in your healthy marriage and relationship programming.

States specialists and county extension staff develop and distribute resources and research-based curriculum and fact sheets on family-related topics such as communication, conflict management, domestic violence, finances, health and wellness, remarriage, stepfamilies, divorce and much more.

These resources are typically free or low cost available for download from extension Web pages and written for community audience. Several Family Life Extension staff including myself are grantees of healthy marriage

funds and are currently implementing healthy marriage demonstration programs. Most extension specialists at universities have PhDs and have the statistical background and expertise to evaluate marriage programs.

Compared to for-profit evaluation firms, extensions specialists can typically provide evaluation services for a fraction of the market cost.

Finally, because of their academic backgrounds and programmatic work, extension specialists and agents have a wealth of information related to effective recruitment retention and teaching.

There are multiple potential benefits to you and your agency by partnering with extension. And all the benefits are available at little or no cost because extension services are publicly funded.

Benefits include access to couples and families; existing programs and outlets for advertising; establish community report; history of providing family life education and partnership with other community entities; knowledge of cultural and community interest, needs and related programs; and free or low cost resources that are research-based.

I will now turn the time over to Dr. Ted Futris who will talk about some of the specific resources available to you through the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network.

Ted Futris: Thank you, Brian.

As co-director of NERMEN, NERMEN stands for the, as you all know now, the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network. And it was something really founded back in the, when was it, late 90s and continued on since then. And every state as Brian noted has a state specialist and many states we have specialists with expertise in relationship and marriage education specifically.

So what we did was establish this network to bring all of us within extension who work in this program area together to provide support within our own states and nationally to our other extension county agents who also programs.

Our mission - let me see if I can get the slide here to move. The slide is not moving.

Patrick Patterson: Dr. Futris?

Ted Futris: Yeah. Yeah.

Patrick Patterson: This is Patrick. You're fading a little bit.

Ted Futris: Okay. On the headset so - but our vision - I'll try to speak a little louder. Our vision is nationwide

outreach through extension specialist and educators and partnership and agencies and organizations at the national state community level supporting individuals and couples preparing for developing and enriching healthy relationships and healthy marriages.

Basically, as our extension, general extension mission is basically to extend out into the community, provide the resources, the research that we have at the university level out into the community and partner to develop programs and resources that further support healthy relationships and marriages.

So our mission is to provide these research-based resources and promote partnerships and to advance our understanding of practice of relationships and marriage.

You'll find that particularly at the county level, our family consumer science agents or educators in some places they're called are very well connected to community partners and other social service providers. And so they might be of particular help to you in making some connections in your communities.

NERMEN is involved currently in identifying and developing research and evidence-based programs, coordinating and participating state and national development opportunities such as this one, and documenting the efficacy of relationship marriage enrichment programs.

As Brian noted, researchers, part of what we do and so one of our goals is to continue to document how effective these programs are as I'm sure many of you who have grants are doing.

I do want to highlight here for a moment a Web site which you might find helpful in the works that you do in terms of identifying the resources that extension does have that are specific to relationship and marriage education, there are other Web sites as well that we - that house other resources that extension offers, and you will actually be able to identify and find them here as well in terms of CYFAR, the Children Youth and Families at Risk network. And I believe that's www.cyfar.org. It has a larger array of extension fact sheets on a variety of other topics.

And as you visit our Web site which is that www.nermen.org, you can learn more about who we are and what we do. You'll also be able to see what our current - who our current working group is. If you click on the About NERMEN section you can see which dates currently have specialists and/or regional or county level agents who are part of our working group and involved in developing some of our new national resources, and more about what we do and who we are there.

Also, you can see the projects and resources that we currently are developing. Currently -- and I'll talk more about this in a moment -- we have the cultivating healthy couples and marital relationship: a Guide to Effective Programming which is a collection of articles, papers written by extension specialist that explain why - the research behind why we do the work we do in this - in relationship and marriage strengthening, how develop programs that are important by research and how to conduct programming, how to work with community part-

ners and program specific information for working with diverse audiences.

So it's a real helpful guide that we currently have available for \$10, and you can access in that resource there. We're also developing another resource which I'll touch base on momentarily.

But also here on this site you can see the different research and evaluation projects we're involved in, the variety of trainings that we offer as well.

If you click on State Initiatives you will see that you'll be able to access what each state is currently involved in. Currently, we don't have state specific information up there yet, but it will be coming up. But if you do visit this site, you can click on the directory to see who is your state specialist and who is involved in healthy relationships and marriages or who you might be able to contact at the state level if you want to try and get connected with extension.

And so - but eventually, you will be able to see specific activities that extension is involved in each state. And in your case, their may - extension may be a partner currently and you might be - you project might be highlighted on this site if extension is involved.

The page that will be of particularly interest in many of you will be our Extension Resources. Here you will be able to access our past trainings. Many of our trainings are - have been digitized or are available here online, so you can access those resources. The fact sheets as well that have been developed across a variety of relationship and marriage education topics are available there. These, for the most part that, are available either HTML or/and PDF format. Most I believe are available in PDF format so they are easy to print off and they can be used and reproduced as is.

So as long as the proper - the credit for the original author is maintained, you can use that as is. Any alteration though to it I would recommend solely recommend contacting the original author of the product, not contacting NERMEN. NERMEN doesn't own any of these fact sheets or publication. These are all owned and copyrighted by the home university that developed them.

You can also access journal articles. Many of our extension colleagues, professionals have authored peer reviewed publications and also provide evaluation reports on our Web site, so you can access some of those resources.

And last, you'll also be able to identify, find on here programs and resources curricula for example that our folks have developed over the years. And this is where you be able to access the Guide to Effective Programming.

Also, Alabama has recently put out their marriage handbook that they are now making available for other states to purchase. It's adaptation from their Alabama Marriage handbook. That resource is available under

Programs and Resources now, as well as other curricula. Some curricula are available at no cost online that can just simply download and print now. Some are available at low cost. And so, links to access those resources are available under Programs and Resources.

As well we try to feature other resources that extension has not developed but in to some extent has used in its work or is familiar with. And so, here is where you can access other research and fact sheets, educational programs, organizations that support healthy marriages. Here you might find similar resources as what the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center might be sharing as well. And so, it might be - some duplicate but maybe some not. So, but again, these are resources that extension has found helpful in its work.

Last, if you want to stay connected with NERMEN we do have our own listserv that you can sign up on. Unlike many other listservs, this is not one where you will get a lot of email on a daily basis or even on a weekly basis. The listserv is primarily intended as a way for us to communicate with listserv members when a new extension resource in relationship marriage education has become - is available.

So any new resources that extension produces, you'll get an email saying that what it is and where you can access that. So it's a great way to stay connected to anything new coming out of extension if you like.

So that is our Web site. Our guidebook, again, it's - overall, 80-page guide and it covers a variety of topics what research, what's love got to do with it, so basically the background of the research and how to inform this relationship marriage education.

Really good summary particularly if you're bringing - this might be a really good resource for many of you who might be bringing on new staff to your project and it could a helpful tool to get them caught up and understand the field right away. They can take it home, read it over night and next they come in and hit the ground running.

Also, how to develop new programs and how to use that research and form and a variety of other topics focused on youths, stepfamilies, low resources and diverse audiences and how to build those community partnerships.

Last, NERMEN is currently developing a marriage education model which will help to inform folks in terms of evaluating and identifying and creating new resources, new materials, educational tools to work with couples.

And real quickly, you know, these were - these are concepts that we've - a team of our working group, NERMEN working group, has put together based on research. So this all research informed and theoretically informed.

And we start with CHOOSE which is really the central importance of intentionality in a relationship; KNOW which is the, you know, development of interest and involvement in each other's world; CARE, demonstrating kindness, affection, respect; SHARE, developing and maintaining friendship, positive interactions and mean-

ingful time together; CONNECT, which is the engaging social support, community ties and socials of meaning; MANAGE strategies of engagement interaction around differences, so basically how to deal with conflict and stresses in one's life; and last, CARE for SELF, maintain physical, psychological and sexual health and well-ness as an individual.

This is - the last concept to something that we find often that is missing in many relationship programs. And we know from research that caring for one's self is very important to being able to care for one's relationship.

So we're putting these together, we're still developing this. We hope to have this model fully complete with basically a guide to the - a guidebook written up by this summer or the latest by early fall. And so, this will be a resource that will be available on our Web site for folks to access and use. And so, if you sign up on the listserv you will get a notice when it is available.

So again our Web site www.norman.org. I hope that the resource you find there will be helpful to you and your work and that you connect with extension in your state and in your county to work together in supporting healthy relationships and marriages.

Patrick Patterson: Thank you, Dr. Higginbotham and Dr. Futris.

Wonderful presentation. We received a number of questions that we'll post to you at the end of the Webinar.

There are couple of things that folks have already specifically asked for, just to give you a heads up, is about how to access with the copies of the guide. And so we'll post that back to you at the end of the Webinar.

Man: Sounds great.

Patrick Patterson: Great. Great job.

Our last two presenters specifically will highlight resources that are available for OFA healthy marriage grant-ees. And so I introduce them and without a break they'll...

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...presenter is Dr. Mary Morris Hyde:

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((Crosstalk))

Patrick Patterson: She is the project manager at the ICF Caliber which manages two large healthy marriage

project.

Dr. Hyde oversees National Healthy Marriage Resource Center project in ICF Caliber and the Healthy Marriage T&TA project which ICF has responsibilities.

Dr. Hyde will cover two resources that the office - I'm sorry, the resource of the Office of Family Assistance, Healthy Marriage T&TA contract to revise the grantees.

Following her will be Dr. James DeSantis. He is Vice-President at James Bell and Associates as of 18 years of evaluation experience working with programs.

Dr. DeSantis and his staff are currently assisting OFA, Office of Family Assistance, with the evaluation TA services to support the discretionary grant program. He will cover the resources that the OFA T&TA contract offers regarding evaluation to healthy marriage grantee.

So with that, I will turn it over to Dr. Hyde. After these two completed -- complete their presentations, we will then take the questions that we've been receiving throughout the Webinar.

Dr. Hyde?

Mary Morris Hyde: Thank you, Patrick.

As Patrick mentioned, I'm going to talk briefly about the type of technical assistance that is available to OFAs healthy marriage grantees.

So, just as a transition I want to remind the listeners that while the information that was just presented was widely available to anyone, this is focused specifically on OFA healthy marriage grantees.

And I'm going to cover the types of programmatic assistance that is available.

And so, what do I mean by programmatic assistance? These are the areas that programmatic assistance that are available. We have a team of TA specialist that OFA has contracted with to provide grantees with assistance in these particular areas.

So for example, if you're a grantee and you are experiencing some challenges around recruitment or retaining individuals or couples in your program, there are specialists who are going to be available to provide assistance around that. Similarly, any of the areas that you see up here we have folks that can provide help if there are strategies that people need to try or different approaches that need to be taken to strengthen their program in this area.

In general, what we refer to for these grantees is Individualized Technical Assistance. And what do we mean by that? By Individualized Technical Assistance we are talking about customized TA that will be outlined in an individualized TA plan and provided by programmatic specialist.

What is included in this individualized T plans? Well, they may include one or all of the following types of assistance. It might include in initial conference call where team of TA specialist will contact the grantee in partnership with the fellow project officer and conduct some questions over the phone.

The TA plan might also include and onsite consultation or assessment. Ongoing teleconference in e-correspondents can also be part of this individualized TA plan. You may also be invited to participate in wholesale TA events like those that Patrick mentioned earlier on in this Webinar, things like what Webinar that you're participating in now, moderated audio forums, roundtables, things like that.

Finally, the type of assistance that might be available on the plan is specialized product development. So if there are number of OFA grantees that are struggling with the same kind of issue, there might be some specialized products developed or existing products might be shared with you as a grantee.

All individualized TA plans are reviewed and approved by the Office of Family Assistance. So whereas we have a team of TA specialists, we are responsible for developing a plan and that plan is submitted not only to the grantee but also to the Office of Family Assistance and all final decisions come from OFA.

So how can a grantee obtain this Individualized Technical Assistance? At this point in time, there are two primary processes by which grantees may access technical assistance.

The first is what we are referring to as FPO initiated, in other words the federal project officer of grantee requests technical assistance on behalf of a grantee. And that process takes place through a form called the TA Needs Assessment form.

The second process is grantee initiated. And so that means, that if a grantee would like to request assistance on behalf of itself then it can use the TA request form and request particular types of assistance.

So a little bit more about this FPO initiated process. As I mentioned just a minute ago, all of the federal project officers for the healthy marriage grantees, the OFA healthy marriage grantees, have been provided with a form called the Technical Assistance Needs Assessment form. And this form was developed and shared with the federal project officers in December. They spent the month of December and January assessing every single grantee and the form identified specific areas of programmatic need.

So for example, the second slide that I showed you were the areas of programmatic assistance might be domestic violence or marketing or retention or curriculum. All of these categories, all of these areas were a part of this needs assessment form so that the FPO can identify and rate where particular assistance might be of

value to the grantee.

In addition to rating the particular areas of program functioning, they were also asked to rate each grantee in terms of their priority, in terms of when they think or the level of urgency around the need for technical assistance. So that, we had basically three categories where an FPO rate the grantee is either high, a moderate or a low priority.

The technical assistance for grantees that were ranked as high priority is currently underway. So this month in February, those grantees that were ranked by their FPOs as high priority have already received contact and in some cases have already receive the site visit by a team of technical specialist.

For the second process by which grantees may access technical assistance there is a form that's available on the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center Web site, and so this is their grantee initiated process. You can go on to the Web site and you can see here the URL and you actually go on to the homepage, you click on this area here called Programs and Grantees, then you click on Training and Technical Assistance and you will see a link called TA Request Form.

You click on that and there's a fillable form with the same types of programmatic areas that I've just covered, as well as the evaluation areas, if you're interested in receiving evaluation assistance. Dr. DeSantis will cover that next. And you just submit that and you'll receive acknowledgment that it's been received and it will be reviewed.

So, in addition to the picture that I just showed you, this is sort of the word of how access the TA Request form. So, again you go to the Web site from the homepage. A grantee with click on Programs and Grantees, you would then click on the Training and Technical Assistance link. You go to the actual link for the request form. You complete and submit the form.

If you have additional questions about how you might access or be considered for individualized technical assistance, please contact your federal project officers and they can talk to you a bit more about what types of technical assistance is available to you and how you might go about obtaining it.

If you have additional questions at this particular presentation, you may feel free to contact me. Again my name is Dr. Mary Morris Hyde. I manage the technical assistance as well as the Healthy Marriage Resource Center here at ICF and here is my contact information.

And with that I will turn it over to Dr. DeSantis.

James DeSantis: Thank you, Mary.

Good afternoon. I'm pleased to have this opportunity to speak with you about the evaluation technical assis-

tance services that the Office of Family Assistance has made available to the OFA healthy marriage grantees through a contract with James Bell Associates.

We are a research and evaluation firm in the Washington DC area and we've been working for the past 11 years assisting community-based programs with their local evaluations.

The abbreviated name of our firm is JBA. So you will hear me using this during my discussion.

Our services are available at no cost to the OFA healthy marriage grantees, and I wanted to clarify that upfront.

I am going to speak with you for a few minutes about the various ways that JBA staff can offer evaluation TA and share some examples of area in which we can be of assistance to you with respect to designing and implementing component of your evaluation.

There are a variety of approaches that JBA staff will use in providing evaluation TA to the grantees. We already have been responding to request for assistance, and as Mary - as Dr. Hyde described the FPO initiated request, we've had a number of those already. And hopefully after today's Webinar, all of you will have a good understanding of how to go about requesting evaluation TA if you think you could benefit from some assistance with your evaluation.

JBA can provide TA through Webinars, such as the presentation we gave in December on evaluation expectations that some of you may have participated in. We also provide TA to organizing and facilitating teleconferences through email communications, through individualized telephone consultation with the grantee or local evaluator and through developing evaluation briefs and other resources on evaluation topics.

Our staff also will be providing TA to workshops and presentations at OFA grantee conferences, cluster meetings and we're available to facilitated discussions and networking session among evaluators.

We also can review grantees written materials such as evaluation plans or draft reports and offer feedback to you. And we have resources to conduct site visits. And with the approval of your federal project officer, we can come on site to meet with you and assist you, if you need more intensive help with your evaluation.

So, that's a general overview of how we provide evaluation TA. And you maybe wondering specifically about the content areas in which we can be of assistance to you. To provide you with just a few examples, JBA staffs are available to assist with developing or revising your logic model and also helping you to use a logic model to manage progress of your evaluation.

We can assist in reviewing and critiquing evaluation plans, help you to operationalize your outcome measures, assist you with locating appropriate data collection instrument or tracking tools and forms. And we can also help by providing guidance on how to use process data to make adjustments and enhancements to your program services.

We also can provide feedback and ways to summarize your evaluation findings or when your reporting information and progress reports or in final report. And for those sites that have a third party evaluator, we can serve as source of feedback and collegial support to an evaluator in reviewing their materials and providing them with our comments and suggestions.

JBA's approach includes an outreach component where we begin our work by conducting an initial review of each grantee's proposal and any progress reports that are available. You know, we already have completed this and we are now starting to conduct initial outreach calls to the high-priority grantees as Dr. Hyde explained. And our goal is to clarify any questions or gaps that we identify with respect to the evaluations and see if updated information or materials are available.

Sometimes, one of the federal project officers may ask us to take a closer look at what a grantee is doing in its local evaluation and see if there are ways in which we can be assistance to you. So, this would be an example of FPO initiated TA.

And as Dr. Hyde explained, any grantee also may request TA in this case evaluation TA as well at any time. And the process for requesting TA would be to access the Web site that Dr. Hyde just described for you and complete the TA Request form. This request will then get directed to the staff at JBA.

Here at James Bell Associates, we assigned to each grantee an evaluation liaison who is an experienced program evaluator. And this individual will be your point of contact, then, we'll get to know your project and your evaluation plan, so that as future need and questions come up, you will be dealing with someone who's built an understanding of what of what you're doing in your local evaluation.

Briefly, our overall goal in providing TA is to help grantees implement the evaluation that OFA approved for your grant. That sometimes changes were made from what was included in the original proposal and if this is the case for you grant, it would be very helpful to JBA if you could notify us and let us know of those changes with respect to the evaluation.

The specific goals that we are trying to help you meet of the evaluation expectations that were articulated in detail by OFA in the December 2007 Guidance Memorandum. And that hopefully all of the OFA grantees have received that memo. In particular, I'm referring to an evaluation or assessments in which there are plans to monitor and document progress or project milestones and your expected project outcomes are clearly identified.

I also want to emphasize that any intents and to make changes to your evaluation plan, should be discuss first with your FPO and JBA and then, approval of the FPO is required before you proceed with any changes.

I going to skip over much of the information on this slide since I discussed earlier, but I do want to mention that is JBA plans, future workshops and sessions on evaluation topics for your conferences, we really do need

to hear from you about what you want and what topics will be useful to you and we need to hear from both grantee, staff as well as evaluators.

I mentioned that JBA also provides TA to evaluation briefs and written materials. During this coming year, we will be developing resource papers for you on the following evaluation topics.

I have them on this last slide: how to select and evaluator, how to conduct a process evaluation, evaluation why, when and how, and how to conduct an outcome evaluation.

And if there are other topics around which you think evaluation brief papers could be a helpful resource, please let us know, we really want the TA that we developed to be responsive to your need and where you think attention is warranted, so we do know want to hear from you.

Finally, I provided my contact information for you on this left slide and I thank you. I'm now going to turn the presentation back to Patrick Patterson.

Patrick Patterson: Thanks, Dr. DeSantis. Thank you each for those presentations.

A number of things have come in terms of questions that we'll spend the balance of our time asking questions or asking and getting answers to question. But a couple of things that I want to make a point that were may be omitted or should be restated from earlier.

One of the things that we've seen is there are number of folks - at least in the smaller number of folks who'd say that they have a issue with their connection. And so for those that have had that issue, you can stay on the line to hear, but you may need to reestablish your connection, so you may need to power down and relink using the live meeting information to get back onto the Webinar. That has helped the few folks already, and for those who do have issues with the connection, that would be your best bet at this point.

The second thing, Smart Marriages. There are a couple of ways that you can actually get to Smart Marriages Web site. I mentioned one of those, but two ways are smartmarriages.com or smartmarriages.org. There are couple of ways you can get to Smart Marriages Web site and I just want to make sure you're all aware of that.

The third thing is all of the materials that you saw today will be available on our Web site shortly following this Webinar. Our normal pattern has been to actually seven to nine days it takes us to get this up, but we're going to make it a priority to get this up today.

There were a few folks that did not receive the final alert email for today's Webinar which includes the handout. And just to make sure that folks can put this thing on there sooner, we're going to make a priority to get that up on the Web site as soon as we hang up today.

And then our last announcement that I'll mention to you, there are couple of handout, there will be an addition to that handout that you received. One is Dr. DeSantis mentioned a memo from OFA regarding evaluation TA. And so that will be one of the handouts that you received. And the second would be we didn't cover all of these that are more expansive list of resources that programs can access (and you'll have) by virtue of their program.

And so our intentional purpose today was to give you a few more things to add to your menu of services that you count on whether that'd be people resources or virtual resources that you can take advantage of. But we just want to make sure that programs understand that there are support and resource to help you out there.

One of the things that I'll mention before we get into the Q&A is a number of programs that may or may not be connected to a formal network or to other programs may struggle in isolation. And one of the big things that I've noticed with the healthy marriage deal is that it's more or less a family. And with these resources, we're just encouraging you to connect to your family of resources and folks that want to help you advance your program.

Ultimately, we're trying to help family and also achieve child wellbeing. And these resources are only going to point you in that direction.

So, with the question and answer, I'm going to go through these questions. As I present each, I may call on specific presenter or I may just ask for general response because there were number of questions that we have to go through. So, I'm going to get to it.

The first one is that (unintelligible) and for, I would presume, the resource center, the Healthy Marriage Resource Center that also Dr. Futris and Dr. Higginbotham, is can programs link to your Web site or vice versa, can you link to theirs in some way or fashion?

I'll speak on the resource center first. We prefer because we update our information regularly that programs link us to their Web site. And it's the best way to stay current as we update your information. And so folks can link to the resource center Web site without an issue. But the best way that we suggest is that it's - we'll post it on your Web site to make sure that your current with the resource that we have.

Dr. Higginbotham or Dr. Futris?

Man: With regards to NERMEN, we're happy if - you know, we'd be happy to be a link on your Web site. So, if you want to direct folks to us as a resource in terms of being added to our Web site.

We're still working out process of how we decide on what to put up and what not to, but currently, our process involved if it's something that extension is using, so if your resource or something extension is using, our preference would be that it comes from someone within extension. So you can - but if you'd like to submit your request to us independently, you're welcome to do so.

You can go on our Web site and on the - under Programs and Resources or if you're an organization, under the Organization's page, there is a link that if you click on, it will open up an email that you can send us an email submitting your request. But our preference is that if it's something extension is using to use the extension system to submit your request.

Patrick Patterson: Thank you.

Question for Jim and also Dr. Mary Hyde, is if an OFA grantee wants to submit a TA request, can they submit multiple request at a time? Jim or Mary.

James DeSantis: I'm going to ask Mary to answer that because she's been working more closely with the development of the actual system.

Mary Hyde: Well, I think you can submit multiple - I mean you can, for sure, but I would encourage you to check out the form first because the form includes multiple areas of assistance that you can request using a single form. And then, it would be reviewed and determine what - how to proceed from there.

So, I'd encourage you to take a look at the form and if you have further questions, certainly, feel free to contact me.

Patrick Patterson: Thank you, great, great.

One of the questions from the resource center is, my program is not funded by OFA, and we'd like to be listed on the resource center Web site.

I'm happy to report that we are in the process now of working through what format, those programs will be added. But we expect to have programs added to our Web site in the future.

That was one of things that we grappled with in the first year about who and how and what's the best way to actually highlight programs from across the country whether federally-funded or not. But we're at a stage now with our Web site on development, but also knowledge of field that we're at a point we're looking to add programs to our Web site.

So that's a great, great bit of news for programs that are out there.

One of the things again that is going to be critical for this field, from just field and the folks have mentioned it already, is that a lot of couples actually go online and are looking for resource (and support). So we want to make sure that resource center includes what resources and programs are available going to include what resources and programs are available as well. So that's yes to that longwinded answer.

In terms of a process, you can still now submit the information at resource center that we're going to hold on to until we clear our process, but that will be added stuff. And so if you want to send that information to be considered at this point, the Web address or the email address for us is info@healthymarriageinfo.org.

Question for NERMEN, this would be Dr. Higginbotham or Dr. Futris, how can I can get connected with an extension agent? And the second part of that question is, is there a list of state contacts available on your Web site?

James DeSantis: And the answer to that is twofold. On the Web site, there is a list of all the extension specialists who are then tied in knowing who in that respective counties are doing family life programming, also in any phonebook, you can look up cooperative extension system or county extension systems, sometimes it's listed differently, to see what the phone number is for your local county extension office.

Patrick Patterson: That's great. Thank you.

Another question for Jim or Mary. The question is - and this is phrased in the fashion, I'll read directly the way it reads. What kind of services do you offer be at TA resources to non-grantee at this point if any?

Mary Hyde: That, the answer to that question as far my understanding goes is that these resources are currently only available to the Office of Family Assistance Healthy Marriage grantees.

Patrick Patterson: Okay.

Mary Hyde: However, if you're not an OFA healthy marriage grantee, I just want to remind you that you can access these group-based types of TA that are available through the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center. So, for example that very Webinar that we're holding right now, that is a form of a technical assistance that's available, but the individualized or customized plans currently are just for the OFA grantees.

Patrick Patterson: That's great. That's great.

Man: And if I could just add about regarding evaluation TA, similarly the OFA technical assistance resources and evaluation are limited to those OFA grantees. But any of the evaluation brief resources that we developed in those materials, we can make those available to anyone who's interested as well as if someone called and asked us for some guidance about where they might go for particular evaluation resources or assistance, we would be certainly happy to help.

Patrick Patterson: That's great.

That's one of the things as I was thinking to respond to the question but I want to give it to you guys first, but to say if you are non-grantee, some multiple resource that we shared about today are available to you to use at

any given point. I only mentioned, and repeatedly mentioned, a couple of these particularly the Healthy Marriage Resource Center because we have a great team and a number of folks have actually been using that. So it's a resource out there for you or resources that are out there for you if you are not a federal grantee.

Another question that came in for Jim and Mary, I think Jim may have just handed on it was from the TA that you're doing, would there be an compilation of lessons learned or promising practices that can be shared with programs that are not able to access the resources right now?

James DeSantis: JBA does develop lessons learned through our experience in providing evaluation, technical assistance to the Children's Bureau discretionary grantees. And I think as you work more closely with grantees over time, certainly, we're learning quite a bit and that information could be compiled for OFA if they were interested in having that material pull together.

Mary Morris Hyde: And on the programmatic side, there is absolutely the intention to compile promising practices and lessons learned that would be shared with a broader field absolutely.

Patrick Patterson: Great. Great, great.

Two quick questions for Dr. Higginbotham and Dr. Futris. The first one, does NERMEN provide onsite TA to providers or program? And then how would folks access that if they did do that?

Man: Currently we don't provide official technical assistance but, you know, in terms of the grants, unless you've contracted with extension, but if you're looking for some assistance, you know, the best way - the best route is to first contact to local county extension office and see if - see what they can provide or support, and if they can't help, they can then connect you with who at the state level might be able to assist you.

The other option is to go directly to the state-level person and they could put you in touch with who's at the local level and you can identify the county or the state-level person by going to our state directory on the NERMEN Web site.

Patrick Patterson: Great, thank you.

The last question that came in that I have time of share is again for Brain or Ted is you mentioned that you have curricula available. Could you speak a little bit about that and then where can folks locate the curricula?

Man: Well there's a link on the Web site under Extension Resources that, and under Programs and Resources that list Current Curricula that Extension has developed that are available. And each of those provides a link to the actual resource.

So it either goes to - and it's either a resource that you can download and pronounced for yourself or it'll take

you to a page where you can order that resource from the original developer. And I would say - and I would say many of them are available at no cost or all of them are available at no cost or at very low cost.

Patrick Patterson: Great. Thank you.

Last question that came in for the resource center was can programs or practitioners (supply) the resource center with what they think are user resources. And the answer to that is a resounding yes. You can submit those via our Web site or email it to us at info@healthymarriageinfo.org. Those things will go through a definite review process or the things that you see they are available and use it for the field, again, we'll make the resource center the place that those things are housed.

So if you have document resources too that you think of benefit to field, you're more than welcome to submit those to us for review and that we will actual try to add to our Web site.

We're at a point now where we come to a close. There are a number of things I want to try to go through as we close the Webinar particularly our evaluation process, but also just reminders about our process and Webinars that are moving forward.

So our next sets of slides are those that will help us think to your feedback on today's Webinar. The answers that you're going to provide to us can only be viewed by you as you actually vote.

Once you actually vote, once you submitted that, we go to the next question and you can't change it. But once you vote and the page is still available to you, you can change your answer as many times as the pages open.

And so we'll go through five questions to help us to capture what feedback to thought about today's Webinar. Some of these questions are very pointed or all the questions are very pointed. If you have qualitative feedback about what we might be differently, what might have went well, you could submit that to us via the Healthy Marriage Resource Center Web site at the address at info@healthymarriageinfo.org. So I'll go through our questions.

Our first question: I better understand the resources available to me through the NHMRC; I better understand the resources available to me through the NHMRC; and your options are before you.

Our second question: I understand how to submit a request or information from the NHMRC; I understand how to submit a request or information from the NHMRC.

Third question: I learned or confirm my knowledge of what technical assistance is available to OFA Healthy Marriage grantee -- I learned or confirm my knowledge of what technical assistance is available to OFA healthy marriage grantee.

Fourth question: I have a better understanding of what resources and support NERMEN can provide to all marriage education program; I have a better understanding of what resources and support NERMEN can provide to all marriage education program; I will be able to apply the knowledge within to date to my program; I will be able to apply the knowledge within to date to my program.

As I said earlier, these are very specific questions. But if you have other feedback for us regarding how we could advance or change or improve our Webinars moving forward, please feel free to email the resource center, (attention) to me, Patrick Patterson at info@healthymarriageinfo.org.

I want to conclude today's Webinar by thanking our presenters who did a wonderful job. I think we have a lot of information that we now know that is available to program -- Dr. Higginbotham from Utah State University, Dr. Ted Futris from University of Georgia, Dr. Mary Morris Hyde from ICF Caliber and Dr. James DeSantis from James Bell & Associates.

Webinar is moving forward will the fourth Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted at same time, 12:30 to 2:00 pm eastern. And a recording to today's Webinar with will post it 7:00 to 9:00 business days after today.

Again, a number of folks did not receive the handouts because of the size in advance in today's Webinar, so they really want some handouts. We're making a priority of posting those on our Web site for your information.

With that, I say thank you. Have a great day and we'll talk to you next month

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