



## **The National Center for Families Learning Applauds Congressional Resolution**

*Two-generation Family Service Learning Model Highlighted for its Results*

**Louisville, KY (November 19, 2018)** - Today, members of Congress, led by Senators Rand Paul (R-KY), John Cornyn (R-TX), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Jack Reed (D-RI), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Roger Wicker (R-MS), Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Rob Portman (R-OH), and Congressmen John Yarmuth (D-KY), Phil Roe (R-TN), and Sam Johnson (R-TX), as well as Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV) introduced a resolution celebrating the broad benefits of Family Service Learning. The Resolution designates the week of November 19, 2018 as “National Family Service Learning Week.”

Family Service Learning is a model developed by the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL), extending service-learning benefits to families through a multi-generational approach. The six-step model provides education and empowerment to families that allows them to effect change in their community. Working together with other families, the process allows for investigation of a problem in need of a solution and provides the steps to find that solution. Many times, this includes tapping into other community leadership or resources. The results have shown a greater sense of community pride, in addition to the development of potential workforce skills such as critical thinking and group problem-solving being built.

“I am pleased to see Congress recognize the importance of Family Service Learning. Whether addressing crime, fostering health and nutrition or helping people reclaim their communities, when families are treated as an integral part of the solution, children, families and communities all stand to benefit. Family Service Learning equips family members with the employability skills to improve their socio-economic status and creates stronger ties between low-income populations and their own communities,” said Sharon Darling, NCFL president and founder.

Among its many benefits, Family Service Learning improves workforce and literacy skills while enabling families to become stronger teachers and role models for their children.

Results from an independent evaluation of Family Service Learning have found that Family Service Learning can:

- Expand voice, social capital and networks of participating adults;
- Expand self-efficacy and self-confidence;
- Increase formal learning, including content knowledge, research and academic skills;
- Increase technology skills;
- Increase opportunities to develop work-based skills;
- Improve employment status-46% of participating adults secured a job or improved their existing work status.

### **About the National Center for Families Learning:**

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) is a national nonprofit that works to eradicate poverty through education solutions for families. Partnering with educators, literacy advocates, and policymakers, NCFL develops and provides programming, professional development, and resources from the classroom to the community that empower and raise families to achieve their potential. For more information on NCFL, visit [familieslearning.org](http://familieslearning.org).

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