



AAFC AFTERCARE PROGRAM Partner Application

ORGANIZATION DETAILS	
Name of Organization	
Name of Director	
Mission of Organization	
CONTACT DETAILS	
Name of Contact Person	
Postal Address	
Telephone Number	
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Website	
E-mail Address	
REQUEST DETAILS	
Participation Requested	Schedule and host at least 2 information sessions, workshops or activities within a quarter.
Required Assessment	The AAFC will document the progress of the Aftercare Program via film, interviews and surveys to be better able to fulfill its role in governance and development of the program.
PROJECT	
Brief summary of the AAFC Aftercare Program	The AAFC is seeking partners to support implementation of the AAFC Aftercare Program project. The AAFC Aftercare Program provides continued information sessions, workshops and resources for participants via participating organizations and programs in various cities. The main goal is to connect participants and practitioners to assist families.

AAFC Aftercare Program Summary

1. AAFC Aftercare Program

The AAFC Aftercare Program is an innovative and action planning project connecting families with programs and organizations that can provide necessary counseling, resources and workshops after the conference. The AAFC will assess programs and organizations to create a knowledge base and an impetus for AAFC family and community strengthening initiatives. It is unique in that it is initiated and implemented by the AAFC and participating partners for families and communities in various cities across the country.

The implementation of the Aftercare Program will deliver a crucial needs assessment and action plan for families and communities. Data and analysis accruing from the program will provide the AAFC, practitioners, governments, researchers and the community with unique perspectives on the nature, values, environment and impact of the AAFC Aftercare Program, the challenges faced by families, and aspects of the Aftercare Program that can be enhanced.

The Aftercare Program entails, amongst others, a set of participatory research and consultation activities. This will ensure that dialogue among participating programs on how to best strengthen the Aftercare Program is grounded in an accurate and commonly-agreed upon assessment of its reality. As a result of this dialogue, an action agenda on specific Aftercare Program strengthening activities will be generated. This agenda holds the promise to serve as a crucial road map on how to strengthen the Aftercare Program, participating partners, organizations, families and communities alike.

Therefore, the AAFC Aftercare Program is not a conventional research exercise. The AAFC seeks to empower families through the promotion of knowledge-sharing, dialogue, collective learning and action-planning.

Being part of a nationwide comparative program, participating partners will also gain valuable insights from other partnering entities on how to effectively strengthen families and communities.

2. Background and Justification

Despite the increasing number of organizations with development initiatives for families, there is a crucial lack of a body of knowledge about the characteristics, roles and impact of these organizations and their guidance of communities to positive social change. On the other hand, families and communities don't receive the appropriate assistance due to lack of knowledge/awareness or misinformation. Acknowledgment of this is crucial in order to understand and form those strategies and activities within programs that will be key to assisting and educating families.

The AAFC aims to address these needs by conducting a participatory needs assessment and action planning exercise for the Aftercare Program. This is an innovative action-planning project that is initiated and implemented by the AAFC and actively involves a broad range of participants including government representatives, the business community, academics and the community at large in all phases of the project.

3. Project Approach

The AAFC Aftercare Program uses a unique approach which places strong emphasis on widespread and meaningful participation between families and programs. Connection is key and reinforced via the AAFC. A broad range of entities will support the initiative ranging from, professional organizations, social movements, and representatives from government agencies, private sectors and universities. The AAFC will continually promote the efforts of the partners to families and communities via various outreach and media campaigns.

4. Join the AAFC Aftercare Program

To become an AAFC Aftercare Partner, fill out the information above and forward to our office. You can forward the document via fax (215) 457-2774 or e-mail info@AfricanAmericanFamilyConference.com. Upon our receipt and review, one of our representatives will call you to schedule a meeting to further define your participation in the Aftercare Program.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this much needed initiative.

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