

SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT

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Suggestions for Helping Families

1. I would like to pass on some information I obtained from the NCCW website. I hope you will find it beneficial to those you serve. It is adapted from “Ten Things the NCCW Service Commission Can Do for Families,” prepared by Karen Painter, NCCW Service Commission 2013-2015
2. Become an individual NCCW member; by doing so, you will receive the quarterly Catholic Women’s Magazine, the monthly NCCW Connect, as well as receiving news, legislative alerts, and information from your NCCW National Office.
3. Contact the Wisconsin Pro-Life Office and Catholic Charities. Ask to be placed on their mailing list, share information, and collaborate on projects.
4. Contact the Wisconsin Catholic Conference and ask to be on their email list to receive legislative updates.
5. Read and subscribe to Catholic family publications—e.g. Catholic Digest, Marriage and Parenting—to get ideas for programs, articles, and workshops.
6. Communicate regularly with parish, vicariate, and diocesan leaders. Make certain that information flows through all rings of council. Use newsletters, email blasts, local parish bulletins, diocesan newspapers, and magazines. (Always ask permission from your local priest before publishing information, and correctly identify your sources.)
7. Use NCCW, www.nccw.org, and USCCB, www.usccb.org, websites to keep current on family issues.
8. Be knowledgeable about NCCW programs, particularly those that are family oriented, and share them with your organization. Adapt them to your local needs. Use the NCCW Service Commission, Family Concerns Resources, and Links Information page. Ask questions of and request information from your NCCW and MDCCW commission chairs.
9. Monitor the media. Find ways to help parents monitor home computers, cell phones, iPads, iPods, Facebook, and Twitter.
10. Stay current on issues facing families today such as: Domestic Violence, Pornography, Human Trafficking, Marriage and Family, Abortion, Respite, and Alzheimers.
11. Pray for all families and the strengthening of family values.

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