

Why Join AFTA?

The American Family Therapy Academy is an organization of approximately 800 leading national and international family therapy educators, researchers, clinicians, program directors, and policy makers dedicated to advancing systemic and social constructionist theory, research, and practice for families in their communities and larger social contexts. AFTA membership includes: pioneers, innovators, recognized leaders, and emerging leaders who blend their ideas, practices, and passions within organizational collegiality.

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- Is a place where our field takes shape, generates and nurtures new ideas, and challenges itself to advance systemic family-centered perspectives on mental health, social constructionist and next generation thinking;
- Addresses the interaction of biological, psychological, relational, and socio-cultural dimensions;
- Holds a core commitment to equality, social responsibility and justice with attention to marginalized and underserved groups;
- Attracts a unique interdisciplinary and diverse membership, concerned with the mutual interactions of individual and family health and wellbeing in larger social contexts;
- Fosters collegiality, collaboration, mentorship, and friendship among members with varying perspectives within the field;
- Provides easy access for practice referrals and valuable research, practice, and training information via the website, searchable database, e-list, and directory;
- Publishes the thought-provoking and cross-disciplinary *AFTA Monograph Series* and *AFTA Newsletter* and disseminates information on new publications and research resources; and
- Offers a unique annual conference that is intellectually stimulating, focused on cutting edge topics and knowledge, and addresses personal and professional growth in accessible, peer exchange formats.