

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Experts on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) will travel to Yellowknife from October 26 to October 30 to discuss FASD initiatives

CanFASD representatives will be available to the media to discuss the landscape of FASD in the Northwest Territories and across Canada

(October 17, 2019) Representatives from the Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Research Network (CanFASD) are meeting in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories from October 26th to 30th to discuss nation-wide FASD initiatives. Board and committee meetings, as well as public events have been scheduled during this time period. Prominent speakers will include CanFASD Executive Director, Audrey McFarlane and Senior Research Lead, Dr. Jacqueline Pei. There will be opportunities to meet with other FASD experts such as Mr. Tim Moorhouse, the CanFASD Board Chair.

This is an opportunity for media personal and community members to interact with experts of a nation-wide research network to learn more about FASD, its effects on Canadians, and the supports available. The media is invited to attend two such events: the *CanFASD Meet and Greet* and *Improving Healthy Outcomes for Individuals with FASD*.

CanFASD representatives will also be available for media interviews upon request.

Improving Healthy Outcomes for Individuals with FASD

What: In partnership with other researchers and organizations, Dr. Jacqueline Pei has recently released a new FASD Intervention model, designed to improve outcomes for individuals with FASD. In an event open to the public, Dr. Pei herself will be discussing this model and explaining how it can be implemented. She and CanFASD Executive Director, Audrey McFarlane, will be hosting an open question and answer period as part of this event.

Who: CanFASD Senior Research Lead, Dr. Jacqueline Pei, and Audrey McFarlane, Executive Director with CanFASD

When: 28 October 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Where: Auditorium of the Northern United Place

CanFASD Meet and Greet

What: CanFASD is hosting an informal public meet and greet. Attendees will have the opportunity to talk to FASD researchers, CanFASD Board Members, and select CanFASD staff about FASD initiatives in Canada and around the world.

Who: Mr. Tim Moorhouse, CanFASD Board Chair; Dr. Jacqueline Pei, CanFASD Senior Research Lead; and Audrey McFarlane, Executive Director with CanFASD, in addition to other members from CanFASD Staff and Board of Directors.

When: 29 October 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Where: The Flavour Trader in the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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The Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network (CanFASD) is Canada's first national Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) research network. CanFASD works collaboratively with researchers and partners across the nation to address complexities of FASD. Our mission is to produce and maintain national, collaborative research designed for sharing with all Canadians, leading to prevention strategies and improved support services for people affected by FASD. For more information on CanFASD, please visit: <https://canfasd.ca/>