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FASD

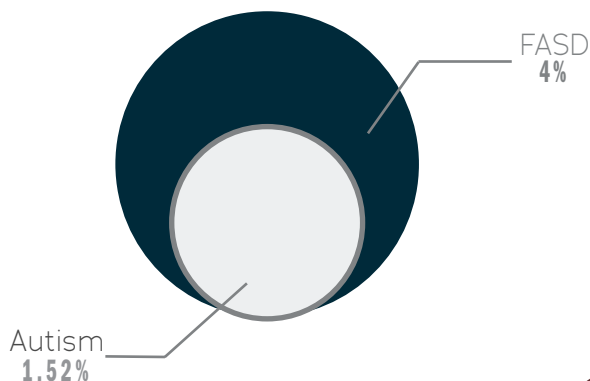
WE HAVE THE
ANSWERS

What is FASD?

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe the impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Each person with FASD has both strengths and challenges and will need special supports to help them succeed with many different parts of their daily lives.

FASD is an extremely complex and unique disability. It is challenging to recognize and diagnose. FASD is not just a health issue. The impacts extend across multiple sectors, including healthcare, education, employment, addictions services, child welfare, housing, and criminal justice systems. The cost per case of FASD is estimated at \$27,000 annually and the incremental cost over a lifespan is estimated at \$1.1 million per person.

FASD is one of Canada's leading developmental disabilities, 2.5 times more common than Autism.



The annual cost of FASD in Nova Scotia is estimated to be over one billion dollars.

$$\begin{array}{r} \$27,000 \\ \times \quad 38,856^* \\ \hline \$1,049,106,600 \end{array}$$

*Estimated number of people in Nova Scotia with FASD based on 2019 statistics and 4% prevalence rate

About Us

We are Canada's only national organization focused on addressing FASD. Our network brings together the voices of researchers, professionals, service providers, policy makers, and people with lived experience to improve knowledge and expertise in this field. Our goal is to inform policy, practice, and decision-making at all levels.

BECOME A MEMBER

And get access to a trusted agency to turn to for answers to important policy questions

“CanFASD has, without a doubt, made us stronger and improved our capacity to respond and support the needs of individuals and families living with FASD in New Brunswick.”

-Nicole LeBlanc
Chief of Staff
Vitalité Health Network

Member Benefits

We offer a unique opportunity for provinces and territories to benefit from the expertise of our network through our jurisdictional membership. The member fee helps to support CanFASD's daily operations to improve FASD in your jurisdiction.

Get the Answers

- Policy-relevant information and recommendations on topics and issues related to FASD tailored to Nova Scotia's needs and priorities upon request
- Opportunities to collaborate on research and have input into CanFASD's research priorities

Build Connections

- Intra-provincial networking and learning opportunities with other member jurisdictions to build on experience and expertise from across Canada
- Annual learning events, such as presentations, workshops, and/or symposia, held in Nova Scotia
- Annual visits and presentations by CanFASD staff to improve your knowledge of FASD

Improve Practice

- Claudette Bradshaw FASD Innovation Award open to residents of Nova Scotia
- Discounts to CanFASD online courses for residents of Nova Scotia
- Foundations in FASD online course free for residents of Nova Scotia

Provincial Representation

- Travel awards available to researchers and students in Nova Scotia to fund their participation in national and international events
- Nova Scotia representation on CanFASD's Family Advisory Committee to speak on behalf of the caregivers in your province

Annual member fee: \$57,234

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

“Provinces and territories who become members of CanFASD benefit from increased research capacity, advice and assistance in evidence-based policy and program development, and collaboration with other member jurisdictions.”

-Audrey McFarlane
Executive Director
CanFASD

Jurisdictional memberships provide the opportunity to reduce some of the long-term costs of FASD in your province. Provinces and territories who are members of CanFASD are significantly advanced in their response to FASD.

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