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RE: Funding Request for families to attend the Canada FASD Conference October 21-23, 2025

The Canada FASD Conference 2025 is a national conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder hosted by the CanFASD Research Network. This three-day event in Toronto, ON will highlight new research, provide hope, explore the experiences of caregivers and individuals with FASD, share important information on services and resources available, and provide opportunities for networking. World-renowned experts in FASD from Canada and internationally will be in attendance and presenting their work. We are also asking those with lived experience to submit abstracts to present their unique stories.

This conference is targeted to families, service providers, researchers, professionals, and policy makers. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn more about FASD and to network with other caregivers from across the country. Often the most meaningful part of conferences like this is finding others who have the same struggles and triumphs as yourself. It also provides opportunities for families, caregivers, and those with FASD to learn about new strategies and how to implement them into their daily routines.

Families will need support to cover the cost of accommodations, taxis or milage to the airport, flights, meals, conference registration, and childcare during the event. Having both parents in attendance will ensure that families return home equipped with the same information to support their children.

Thank you for your consideration to cover the costs of First Nations families to attend this conference. We are thrilled to have their participation so that their voices can be heard, and knowledge obtained can be shared within their communities to improve the care of individuals affected by FASD.

Sincerely,

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