

Canada FASD Conference

2025

CALL FOR  
SUBMISSIONS  
PERSONAL  
EXPERIENCE



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The Canada FASD Conference is coming to **Toronto, Ontario on October 21-23, 2025**. This national conference on FASD brings together different people from across the country and internationally who hold valuable perspectives on FASD and prevention of FASD. With over 500 attendees expected, this three-day event brings together healthcare professionals, social workers, justice and legal professionals, educators, counsellors, researchers, policy makers, and those with direct or indirect lived or living experience to connect and collaborate. This conference provides a secure and open environment to share diverse perspectives, valuable experiences, new research, and best and promising practices. We encourage you to be part of it!

We are pleased to announce the call for submissions for the 2025 Canada FASD Conference. Our conference acknowledges the principle that all voices should have a platform to share knowledge and experience. With this in mind, we welcome submissions for **research, policy, or practice (Academic Abstracts)** and submissions based on **personal experience (Personal Experience Abstracts)**.

Submissions are due no later than Monday, March 31, 2025 at 23:59 EDT. For more information about the conference, visit the **Canada FASD Conference webpage at <https://canfasd.ca/canada-fasd-conference/>**

See this section for more information on **Academic Abstract Submissions**

See this section for more information on **Personal Experience Abstract Submissions**



# Conference Theme

The theme for Canada FASD Conference 2025 is **Shaping the Future of FASD: From Evidence to Action.**

FASD touches many lives. To be successful in breaking down barriers, erasing stigma and improving wellness, we need all people and perspectives working together. Collectively, we can shape a brighter future for people who are vulnerable.

The goal of our conference is to ensure all voices connected to FASD are provided with the opportunity to be heard. To this end, we are inviting individuals with living experience in FASD and/or alcohol use in pregnancy and affected family and friends to share their perspectives, experiences and knowledge. These personal stories can help us all better understand this disability.



**“Best conference I’ve ever been to, and I mean that! The inclusive and supportive environment was second to none.”**

*2023 Conference Attendee*

# Guidelines for Personal Experience Abstracts

If you would like to contribute to the conference by presenting your experience and perspectives on one of the sub themes related to FASD, please submit your presentation idea using the [online submission form](#). All submissions are to be electronic and **must be submitted by 23:59 EDT on March 31, 2025**.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

We encourage different types of submissions such as posters, artwork, storytelling or other types of oral presentation. Please explain your submission in 250 words or less.

The conference audience will be researchers, caregivers and individuals with FASD, frontline service providers, professionals in social work, justice, health, education and policy makers. Example ideas include:

- the challenges and successes of providing support to those who have FASD;
- the use and impact of different types of medication;
- managing wellness strategies;
- substance use and mental health;
- stigma and discrimination;
- employment, housing or educational success;
- and alternative or new approaches to supporting people with FASD.

Translation services are minimal.

Advise how the conference can accommodate your needs.

## NEED HELP?

We at CanFASD would be happy to help you with your submission!

You can email [conference@canfasd.ca](mailto:conference@canfasd.ca) for direct assistance.

## WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- ✓ Your idea should be relevant to the topic of FASD and the conference theme.

Your idea should have a message that can be presented clearly to the audience.

- ✓ Consider an idea or message that could improve their work and understanding of people with FASD. If you are a person with FASD, helping others understand the pros and cons of your experience could be helpful.







Submit your  
Personal Experience  
Abstract now!

## If Accepted

CanFASD will email all communications about an abstract submission to the applicant (Primary Presenter), who is responsible for distributing information to other authors or co-authors.

If an applicant accepts an offer to present, but is later unable to attend, they must make CanFASD aware of this.

Presenters will be required to disclose any real or potential conflicts of interest at the beginning of their presentation or workshop, or on their poster, as well as the funder of their work.

All presenters must register for the conference and pay their registration fee by Friday, August 4, 2025. **Only the Primary Presenter is eligible to receive the speaker rate (\$749).**



A large conference hall with a stage and an audience. The stage is in the foreground, and the audience is seated in rows of red chairs. The lighting is dim, with spotlights on the stage. The text is overlaid on the image.

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