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Canada FASD Conference

2023

CALL FOR  
SUBMISSIONS



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# Call for Submissions

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We invite you to participate in the Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Conference, hosted by the Canada FASD Research Network (CanFASD), the Canada Northwest FASD Partnership, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Government of Alberta, to be held Nov 7-9, 2023 in Saskatoon, SK. The theme for this year's conference is **Connect, Inspire, Innovate: From Evidence to Action**.

This is Canada's only national conference focused on FASD. This event will provide a secure and open environment to share diverse perspectives, valuable experiences, new research, and best and promising practices. It will also provide opportunities to network with others and participate in workshops related to improving outcomes for individuals with FASD and prevention of the disability. The target audience for this conference is broad, including researchers, service providers, professionals, policy makers, mothers, individuals with FASD and families. Therefore, presentations need to include a link to practice or describe why this work is important.

CanFASD is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the 2023 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, practice/program, or policy abstracts and submissions based on personal experience.

Submissions are due no later than Monday, April 24, 2023. 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 **Research, Practice and Policy Abstract Submissions**

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

# CONNECT, INSPIRE, INNOVATE: FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION

## Personal Experience Submissions

### CONFERENCE THEME

The theme for the Canada FASD Conference 2023 is **Connect, Inspire, Innovate: 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 everyone. The goal of our conference is to ensure all voices connected to FASD have the opportunity to be heard. To this end, we are inviting mothers, individuals with FASD and their families/caregivers to share their stories.

### GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to contribute to the conference by presenting your experience and perspectives on a topic related to the theme of the conference, please submit your presentation idea using the [online submission form](#). All submissions are to be electronic and must be submitted by Monday, April 24, 2023.

#### THINGS TO CONSIDER:

We encourage different types of submissions such as **posters, artwork, storytelling**, or other types of **oral presentation**.

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, especially during COVID-19; substance use and mental health; stigma and discrimination; parents experiences; employment success; and alternative or new approaches to providing support to people with FASD.



#### WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Your idea should be relevant to the conference theme: **Connect, Inspire, Innovate**.

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.



# Conference Subsidies

A limited number of subsidies are available to cover the cost of registration for the Canada FASD Conference 2023.

## PRESENTER SUBSIDIES

Presenter subsidies are available to those who submit an abstract for an research/policy/practice presentation or a submission for a presentation based on personal experience at the Canada FASD Conference 2023.

- Please note that only one presenter subsidy will be awarded per abstract or submission.
- Poster presenters are not eligible for this subsidy.

## DEADLINE

The final day to submit an application for a presenter subsidy is

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023**

**HOW TO APPLY** To apply for a presenter subsidy, please submit the following documentation:

1. A **written request** (maximum 250 words) with the following information:
  - Reason for financial need
  - Identification of your organization's category or your community role:
    - Government
    - Not for profit
    - University or college
    - Community member (please state community)
    - Other (please specify)
  - Area of work or interest and organizational objectives aligned with the conference
  - Information on area of work or organization
2. **Letter of support** from your organization, if applicable, or from someone familiar with your situation and experience, and how you communicate about it.
3. Identify if **you have research/policy/practice** or are **a caregiver**.
4. Name of **research/policy/practice abstract** or **personal experience submission** and names of co-authors, if applicable.

For assistance in providing this documentation, please contact [conference@canfasd.ca](mailto:conference@canfasd.ca). Please submit your subsidy request and supporting documentation to [conference@canfasd.ca](mailto:conference@canfasd.ca)

## Upon Acceptance

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 provide to CanFASD the name of the alternate speaker who is a co-author on the original abstract or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program.

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, 2023**.

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