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Canada FASD Conference

2023

CALL FOR
SUBMISSIONS



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Call for Submissions

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**

Research/Policy/Practice Abstract Submissions

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme for the Canada FASD Conference 2023 is **Connect, Inspire, Innovate: From Evidence to Action**. FASD is complex, far reaching, and consequential. It takes a wide range of perspectives and collective efforts to drive the needed change to shape a brighter future for people with FASD, their families, and communities. Focusing on work that has a tangible impact can help us envision and action a future where barriers are broken down and stigma is eliminated. We need to hear about stories that can connect us, projects that will inspire us, and innovations that are moving the field forward. When we show how we can move from evidence to action, we can empower everyone. By focusing on actioning research and evidence, both now and in the future, we can create a healthier Canadian society where evidence transforms approaches to better serve individuals with FASD, their families, and communities.

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH/ POLICY/PRACTICE SUBMISSIONS

Individuals and teams are encouraged to submit abstracts that stimulate ideas and discussion, promote learning of knowledge and skills, and energize attendees to participate in debate and critical reflection. We are seeking submissions for presentations, posters, and workshops on policies, programs, and frameworks that include evidence-informed practices, emerging research, and innovative knowledge exchange strategies.

The conference will cover a diverse audience and it is required for presenters to highlight the practical implications of their work.

Although we will consider all abstracts related to FASD, we are looking for submissions that support the following subthemes:

- Current trends and new issues
- Wellness including resiliency, physical health, and healthy approaches
- Reconciliation, community and culture-driven approaches.
- Supporting at-risk or priority populations (e.g., youth and emerging adults, incarcerated and justice involved-persons, older adults, people who are unhoused, new Canadians, LGBTQ2S+, etc.)
- Stigma reduction and discrimination

- Innovative and novel approaches to delivering care
- The continuum of care: promoting health, services, and support across the lifespan
- Building capacity
- Clinical research
- Prevention efforts that span the spectrum of FASD prevention approaches
- Assessment and diagnosis
- Intersections of FASD with child welfare, justice, education, housing, parenting and employment
- International research
- Other

We are requiring presenters to consider sex, gender, and diversity as part of their work to help create more useful and specific evidence, guidance, and perspectives for different groups of Canadians. Additionally, if your study focused on a specific population (e.g., Indigenous peoples, people with lived or living experience, youth, etc.), we are asking presenters to describe their engagement with this population. As part of the abstract submission, please provide a brief summary (100 words or less) about how your project has considered or could consider in the future sex, gender, or diversity (e.g., ethnicity, race, socio-economic status, religion, etc.) and, if applicable, how your study engaged or could engage in the future specific populations (100 words or less).

Presentation Formats for Research/Policy/Practice Abstract Submissions

Applicants must **submit abstracts** by Monday, April 24, 2023. The requirements for Research/Policy/Practice abstract submission are provided below. Abstracts should be 250 words or less in English or French and be in one of the categories described. Please note that the word limit does not include the 100-word summaries on sex, gender, and diversity considerations or on engagement with specific groups. These summaries are to be provided separately when the abstract is submitted. If you have any questions, please contact conference@canfasd.ca.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS (20 OR 60 MINUTES)

Individual presentations of 20 minutes or team presentations that feature a panel of three 20 minute presentations each allow for a brief overview of the major points or highlights of a particular program or research project. All presentations will be followed by 30 minutes of moderated discussion and questions. Applicants must include the following information in the abstract using the headings provided:

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| 1. Title | 4. Objectives of your research or project |
| 2. Learning objectives for the presentation | 5. Methods |
| 3. Background | 6. Results |
| | 7. Conclusions |

Abstracts for the 60-minute team presentations that feature three 20-minute presentations should clearly describe the three topics that will be addressed in the panel. Do not submit separate abstracts for each of the three presentations to be included in the panel.

OTHER INFORMATION

Audio – visual equipment: Session rooms will be fully equipped with computers and projectors. If additional audio-visual equipment is needed, the presenter will be responsible for those costs. Please advise if you will be playing audio clips in your presentation.

Translation: Sessions provided in French will have simultaneous translation in English.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING WORKSHOPS (90 MINUTES)

Workshops are interactive learning opportunities to demonstrate the real-life application of techniques and skills. The abstracts for workshops must include a clear explanation of how participants will be engaged and actively participate in learning. Participation cannot be limited to simple questions-and-answers or group dialogue. Applicants must include the following information in the abstract using the headings provided:

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| 1. Title | 3. Description |
| 2. Learning objectives for the workshop | 4. Interactive formats or processes |

POSTERS

Posters allow for the presentation of key points or highlights of a particular research project, program, practice, policy, or intervention. The author must be available to engage with conference participants about their submission by responding to questions about their work during designated periods (to be determined and communicated prior to the conference). Applicants must include the following information in the abstract using the headings provided:

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| 1. Title | 4. Methods |
| 2. Background | 5. Results |
| 3. Objectives of your research or project | 6. Conclusions |

Submitting a Research/Policy/Practice Abstract

Applicants must submit abstracts electronically by Monday, April 24, 2023. Abstract applicants can submit no more than two abstracts as primary author and the primary presenter must be one of the co-authors listed on the abstract. The Conference Program Committee reserves the right to limit the number of abstracts or submissions accepted for review, has final authority in selecting presenters, and will inform applicants by June 2023 as to whether their submission has been accepted. For individuals with lived or living experience with FASD who are interested in submitting a presentation based on personal experience, please go to the section for **Personal Experience Submissions**.

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT?

Individuals and organizations from disciplines associated with FASD and FASD prevention, public health, mental health and substance use, diagnosis, housing, justice, physical health, education, child welfare, social work, policy and service planners, program managers, academic and clinical researchers, students, postdoctoral fellows, residents, and private sector professionals are invited to submit abstracts for the Canada FASD Conference 2023 that showcase their initiatives, research, programs, or best practices.

A key intent of the Canada FASD Conference 2023 is to stimulate discussion and the exchange of ideas by presenting new or emerging initiatives, policy analyses, knowledge exchange, and research. To this end, work submitted for presentation should not have been reported previously in a publication, either as an article or as an abstract. Presenters will need to clearly establish the applicable use of their work for the audience.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria will each be given equal weight in the assessment of abstracts:

- Strength and appropriateness of evidence or knowledge base for the abstract content
- Potential to stimulate discussion and learning
- Significance and potential impact of findings or conclusions

- Consideration of sex, gender, and diversity as part of the work
- Engagement with a relevant population if this was the focus of the work
- Overall quality and clarity of the abstract

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Before completing the online submission form (**electronic link**) applicants should ensure that they can provide the following information:

- Description of how the work has considered or could consider in the future issues related to sex, gender, and diversity
- If applicable, a description of how a specific population was engaged in the work
- Preferred presentation format
- Primary and alternate subtheme that best applies to the abstract (this information will only be used to assist in reviewing abstracts)
- Keywords (up to five) that best apply to the abstract
- Language of presentation (English or French)
- Full title, name, organizational affiliation, and email addresses of the presenter and all presenting co-authors (up to a maximum of nine)
- If this research has been previously published, the publication name and year
- If this research has been presented at another conference, the title, location, and year of the conference

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. Please submit your subsidy request and supporting documentation to 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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