

Canada FASD Conference

2025 PROGRAM



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

With over 600 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!

"This conference was just fantastic and made me feel so much less alone!"

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"This was truly career changing for me..."

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"Best conference I've ever been to, and I mean that! The inclusive and supportive environment was second to none."

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About the Program

We are thrilled to present our lineup of incredible presentations for the 2025 Canada FASD Conference. Our program is broken out into seven concurrent sessions over 2.5 days. In each concurrent session, there are eight breakout sessions to choose from. Presentations from those with living experience are woven in throughout the program. They are indicated by a * symbol. Room names are listed on the left in **bold**. Moderator names are listed in *italics* underneath.

This program - including dates, times, and presentations - is subject to change. You can find details about each presentation (including presenter bios and presentations descriptions) on our website at www.canfasd.ca.

Presentation Formats

Presentation formats are colour-coded on the program.

PANEL - One 60-minute in-depth presentation, usually given by a panel of presenters, on a specific topic, followed by a 30 minute question and answer period.

WORKSHOP - One 90-minute interactive learning workshop where presenters will lead a learning opportunity for attendees.

ORAL - Three 20-minute oral presentations on a similar topic, followed by a 30-minute question and answer period for all presenters. You must attend all three presentations.

POSTERS - Physical posters displayed at the conference that attendees can view at their leisure during break-times and meals.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, October 21		Wednesday, October 22		Thursday, October 23	
<i>Morning</i>		<i>Morning</i>		<i>Morning</i>	
7:30-8:30	Light Breakfast	7:30-8:30	Light Breakfast	7:30-8:30	Light Breakfast
8:30-10:00	Opening Remarks & Plenary	8:30-10:00	Remarks & Plenary	8:30-10:00	Concurrent Session G
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Concurrent Session A	10:30-12:00	Concurrent Session D	10:30-12:30	Plenary & Closing Remarks
<i>Afternoon</i>		<i>Afternoon</i>			
12:00-13:15	Lunch	12:00-13:15	Lunch & Live Interview		
13:15-14:45	Concurrent Session B	13:15-14:45	Concurrent Session E		
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break	14:45-15:15	Coffee Break		
15:15-16:45	Concurrent Session C	15:15-16:45	Concurrent Session F		
<i>Evening</i>		<i>Evening</i>			
17:00-18:00	Poster Viewing and Judging	17:00-19:00	Networking Event & Film Festival		

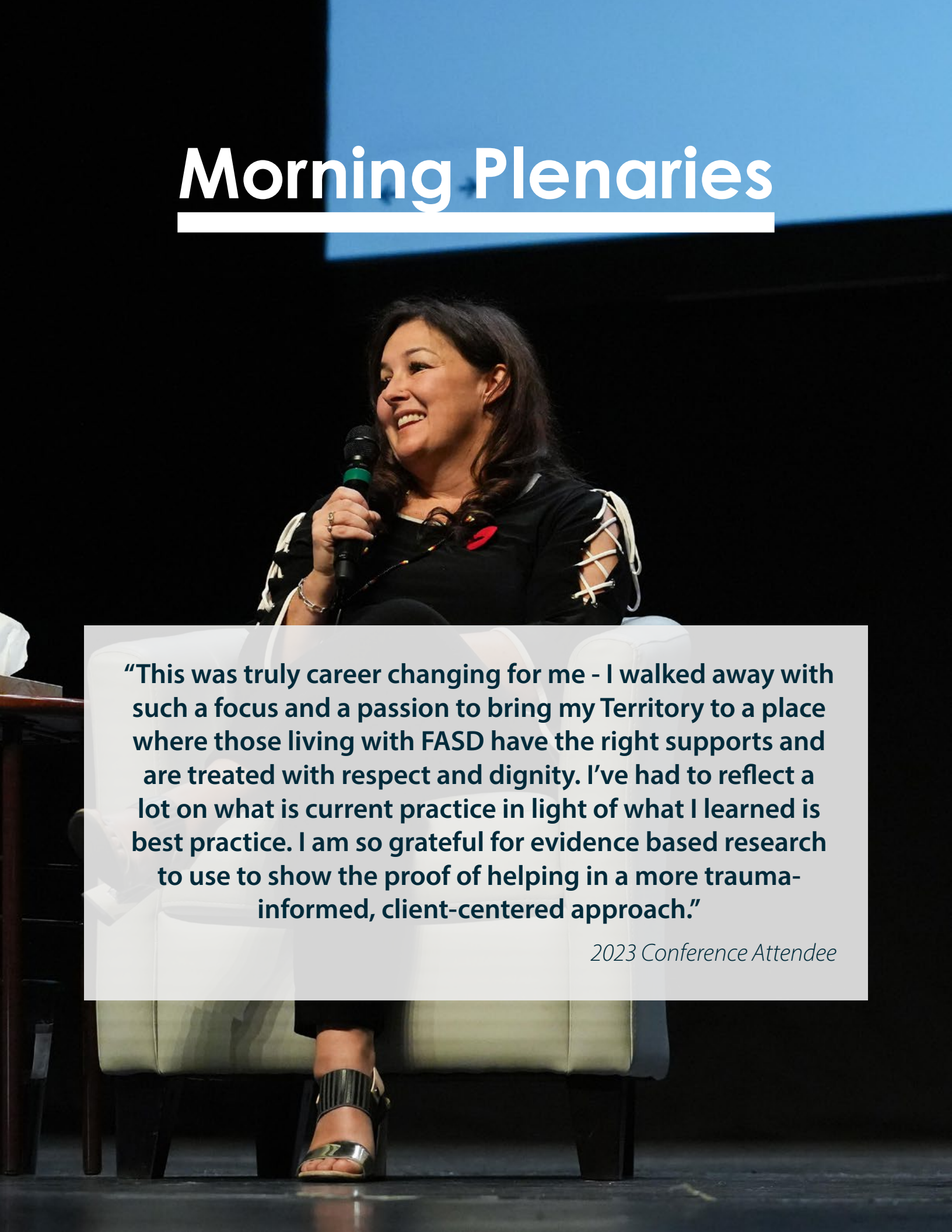
Pre-Conference Events

Monday, October 20	
<i>Evening</i>	
17:00-19:00	Early Registration & Exhibitor Set Up
17:30-19:00	CanFASD Member Meet and Greet

"I've been to many FASD conferences over the past decade and this was my favourite in regards to sessions. It was a nice balance, it wasn't too complex, but nor was it too simple."

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Morning Plenaries

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black top with white lace-up details on the sleeves and a red pin, is seated in a light-colored armchair on a stage. She is holding a microphone and smiling. The background is dark with a blue screen visible at the top.

"This was truly career changing for me - I walked away with such a focus and a passion to bring my Territory to a place where those living with FASD have the right supports and are treated with respect and dignity. I've had to reflect a lot on what is current practice in light of what I learned is best practice. I am so grateful for evidence based research to use to show the proof of helping in a more trauma-informed, client-centered approach."

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Plenary

The Right to Thrive: FASD, Equity, and Human Rights in Canada

Tuesday October 21, 2025 at 8:30am

Moderated by Christian Whalen

We don't talk enough about Human Rights and FASD. This plenary will highlight the role Human Rights can play in our lives, the state of those rights in Canada, and the impacts it can have. This is a key opportunity to elevate the conversation around rights, equity and systemic change.

Keynote Speakers



Melissa Dobson

Co-Chair CanFASD Family Advisory Committee



Krista Carr

Inclusion Canada



Christopher Sutton

Canadian Human Rights Commission

Plenary

Think It's All Trauma? Think Again!

Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 8:30am

Moderated by Dr. Jacqueline Pei

Individuals with PAE disproportionately experience adversity and trauma. Yet our understandings of the impact of this adversity is lagging – which impacts our ability to implement effective, well timed and feasible intervention. In this presentation panelists will provide an overview of current work examining effects of adversity on individuals with PAE and FASD. Consideration for unexpected results, nuanced interpretation, and further inquiry will be provided. Ultimately the panel will identify future directions for the field and emphasize need for collaborative approaches that leverage shared initiatives and inform practices.

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Raja Mukherjee

Surrey and Border's Partnership NHS Foundation Trust



Dr. Alan Price

*Department Psychology, University of Salford
UK FASD Research Collaboration*



Dr. Carly McMorris

*School and Applied Child Psychology, Werklund School of Education
ENHANCE Lab
Canadian Research Chair (Tier II) in Neurodiversity and Mental Health*



Shana Mohr

FASD Network of Saskatchewan & Parent Advocate

Plenary

Navigating Self-Care and Recovery with the Pinkifying of Alcohol Marketing

Thursday October 23, 2025 at 10:30am

Moderated by Lindsay Wolfson

Sponsored by Health Nexus

Understanding the factors that contribute to alcohol use in pregnancy is important. While some factors associated with prenatal alcohol use include histories of substance use, trauma, or violence, other factors point to peer pressure, the normalization of alcohol and the ways in which the alcohol industry has increasingly targeted new products and marketing towards women. In this plenary presentation, internationally recognized researchers and women's health advocates will speak to how the alcohol industry has 'pinkified' products and how women have responded and even rejected these marketing tactics with their own movements that push towards low- or no-alcohol use or sobriety. The presenters will share empowering strategies for health promotion and self-care that support healthy pregnancies and healthy beginnings.

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Kelly Harding

*Department of Psychology, School of Liberal Arts, Laurentian University
CanFASD Research Network*



Dr. Dawn Nickel

She Recovers Foundation



Ashley Wettlaufer

WHO Collaborating Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, CAMH



Dr. Amanda Marie Atkinson

Sociology of Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University

Concurrent Session A

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 10:30 to 12:00

Simcoe <i>K. Harding</i>	<u>Exposed: Examining the generational impact of maternal substance and alcohol use on family health and social outcomes</u> <i>Sarah Gander & Natalia Fana</i>
Gov. General <i>K. Flannigan</i>	<u>Aging and FASD: What does the future hold? - Valerie Temple</u> <u>*Living as An Adult On The FASD Spectrum in 2025 - Reinier deSmit</u>
Jackson <i>A. Taylor</i>	<u>System neglect is neglecting children</u> <i>Peter Choate, Dorothy Badry, Jacquie Pei, Kimberly Spicer & Terri Pelton</i>
York <i>C. Whalen</i>	CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM <u>FASD Awareness, Recognition, and Response: Developing a Toolkit for Multi-Disciplinary Professionals Supporting People in the Legal System</u> <i>Emma Jewell, Martina Faitakis & Kaitlyn McLachlan</i> <u>FASD-Related Vulnerabilities and the Over-Incarceration of Indigenous Women: Psychological Perspectives</u> <i>Rina Asghar</i> <u>*Shaping support in the justice system</u> <i>Leesa Myers</i>
Osgoode <i>T. Roberts</i>	TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS APPROACHES <u>Manitoba's FASD Strategy Indigenous Elders Circle</u> <i>Jennifer Short & Michael Pierre</i> <u>Key Considerations for Using Self-Report Questionnaires to Research and Evaluate Community-based Parenting Programs in Indigenous Contexts</u> <i>Lakota Wood & Melissa Tremblay</i> <u>*Culturally Enhancing Resources through Indigenous Voices</u> <i>Jillian Nason & Courtney Fournier</i>
Casson <i>K. Morrison</i>	SERVICE PROVISION <u>Empowering Ontario Families: Building Knowledge, Mentorship, and Connections Through Innovative FASD Support Group Microgrants</u> <i>Marine Delage de Luget & Nancy Lockwood</i> <u>Staff Experiences of a Dedicated FASD Residential Summer Camp</u> <i>Jessica Rutherford</i> <u>*Growing Up, Growing Forward: An Occupational Therapist's Journey as a Parent of Youth with FASD</u> <i>Janet Carioni</i>
Carmichael <i>E. Jimerez</i>	HEALTH AND WELLBEING <u>Pain in Individuals with FASD: Overlooked and Misunderstood</u> <i>Cara Nania</i> <u>A systematic review of the health needs of children and youth with FASD to inform their primary care needs across the lifespan</u> <i>Prabhjot Bedi & Ana Hanlon-Dearman</i> <u>*My Story: Thriving with FASD through Education, Employment and Health Challenges</u> <i>Jessica Fulmer</i>
T. Thompson <i>S. Mohr</i>	MENTAL HEALTH <u>Untangling the Complex Associations Between Mental Health and Early Adversity in Youth with FASD</u> <i>Carly McMorris</i> <u>*The Impact of FASD in the Virtual World: Lessons from Living Experiences</u> <i>Joseph Munn</i> <u>Improving Suicide Risk Assessment for People with FASD: Research Findings and Clinical Recommendations</u> <i>Stephanie Howe</i>

Concurrent Session B

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 1:15 to 2:45

Osgoode <i>L. Murphy</i>	<u>The association between self-esteem, compliance, acquiescence and suggestibility in individuals with FASD from an international study</u> <i>David Gilbert</i>
York <i>K. Unsworth</i>	<u>Shaping the Future – Australia’s Evolving FASD Response and the Role of International Collaboration</u> <i>Sophie Harrington & Louise Gray</i>
Casson <i>Self-Moderated</i>	<u>FASD Diagnostic and Assessment Clinic Team Training Workshop (Part 1)</u> <i>Lisa Swan, Amanda Lindholm, Hasu Rajani & Monty Nelson</i>
Simcoe <i>J. Fast</i>	<u>The Traveller’s Guide to FASD</u> <i>Danna Ormstrup</i>
Jackson <i>C. Moore</i>	PREVENTION AND WOMEN’S HEALTH <u>The Power of Networking: The work of Canada’s Network Action Team on FASD Prevention from a Women’s Health Determinants Perspective (pNAT)</u> <i>Nancy Poole</i> <u>Impacts of relational FASD prevention with pregnant individuals using substances</u> <i>Kirstin Bonot</i> <u>Integrating Alcohol Use Reduction Counselling with a Person-Centred Guidebook</u> <i>David Brown & Wayne Skinner</i>
Gov General <i>M. Wilson</i>	IDENTITY <u>Who Am I? Exploring identity experiences of individuals with FASD</u> <i>Vannesa Joly</i> <u>Who Gets to Be Neurodiverse? Understanding the Place for FASD in Neurodiversity Research</u> <i>Emily Cauduro & Devon Edwards</i> <u>*Navigating the Search for Identity in Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)</u> <i>Dorothy Reid, Niall Schofield, Katy Flannigan & Lauren Richardson</i>
Carmichael <i>C. CheeChoo</i>	TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS APPROACHES <u>Indigenous Representation in FASD Literature: Insights from an Ongoing Realist Review</u> <i>Jasmine Kowalewski & Melissa Tremblay</i> <u>Qanuqtuurniq: Providing Innovative and Responsive FASD Services in Nunavut</u> <i>Jennifer Noah, Amanda Ishulutaq, Amber Miners & Shuvina Mike</i> <u>*Welcome to my FASD</u> <i>Matthew Sinclair</i>
T. Thompson <i>B. Kosteniuk</i>	LIFESPAN INTERVENTION <u>Peers, Power, and Potential: Transforming FASD Support Through Strength-Based Interventions</u> <i>Melody Morton Ninomiya, Carl T & Robert MacDonald</i> <u>Transition from Care Experiences of Youth Aged 13 to 23 Living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Canada: A Scoping Review</u> <i>Michele Palk</i> <u>Exploring the Transition from Childhood to Adulthood for Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</u> <i>Melody Morton Ninomiya</i>

NOTES:

The **FASD Diagnostic and Assessment Clinic Team Training Workshop** will be held over two sessions from 1:15 to 2:45 and from 3:15 to 4:45.

Concurrent Session C

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 3:15 to 4:45

York <i>M. Wilson</i>	<u>Building Community, Capacity, and Connection – A Rural Approach to FASD Mental Health Support</u> <i>Jayne Stoddart & Rob More</i>
Gov General <i>K. Huber</i>	<u>Preparing BC Educators to Support Students with FASD: A Participatory POPFASD Program Evaluation</u> <i>Trina Chivilo, Kristy Timmons, Heather Braund & Stace Kesh</i>
Casson <i>Self-Moderated</i>	<u>FASD Diagnostic and Assessment Clinic Team Training Workshop (Part 2)</u> <i>Lisa Swan, Amanda Lindholm, Hasu Rajani & Monty Nelson</i>
T. Thompson <i>M. Song</i>	CAREGIVING <u>Wellness Strategies Among Caregivers of Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Practices and Perceived Usefulness</u> <i>Mansfield Mela, Dorothy Reid & Katy Flannigan</i> <u>The experiences and needs of fathers of children with FASD</u> <i>Lindsay Morcom & Dane Mauer-Vakil</i> <u>*From Overwhelmed to Empowered: Parenting Through FASD with Confidence</u> <i>Michelle Hughes</i>
Osgoode <i>M. Tremblay</i>	TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS APPROACHES <u>Māori Caregivers Experiences of Parenting a Person with FASD in Aotearoa New Zealand</u> <i>Anita Gibbs</i> <u>*Honouring Strengths, Navigating Challenges: A Team-Based Approach to FASD Support in an Indigenous School</u> <i>Deborah Maund & Christine Agnew</i> <u>*Supporting Indigenous individuals who can become pregnant in rural communities and the Piikani Nation in Alberta</u> <i>Ashlynn Ball & Kelly Lepine</i>
Simcoe <i>N. Lockwood</i>	BUILDING CAPACITY FOR SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY <u>*Building Capacity in those with FASD; a conversation with residents of Hope Terrace</u> <i>Diana van der Stoel, Floyd Gray & Mandi Waskahat</i> <u>What We Have Learned: Improving Housing for Individuals with FASD</u> <i>Celisse Bibr, Lauren Richardson & Rod Densmore</i> <u>*FASD Mentors of Change</u> <i>Chris Fillion</i>
Jackson <i>M. Dobson</i>	HEALTH AND WELLBEING <u>Neurodevelopmental profiles in people with FASD: Findings from the UK national clinic</u> <i>Raja Mukherjee</i> <u>*Looking Back, Moving Forward</u> <i>Wanda Beland</i> <u>Caregiver perspectives of the role of strengths and protective factors for youth with FASD and criminal legal system involvement: A thematic analysis</u> <i>Chantel Ritter</i>
Carmichael <i>P. Taylor</i>	POLICY AND PRACTICE <u>Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Canada Northwest FASD Partnership (CNFASDP)</u> <i>CNFASDP</i> <u>Secure Treatment in the Province of Ontario: Opportunities for treatment of youth with FASD utilizing youth centric legislation</u> <i>Mitesh Patel & Jason Langer</i> <u>*Supporting System Change Through Community Partnerships</u> <i>Sue Brooks & Denise Kollee</i>

Concurrent Session D

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 10:30 to 12:00

Osgoode <i>C. Bibr</i>	<u>Sheltering Arms: Housing Program for Persons with FASD</u> <i>Wanda Beland</i>
Gov General <i>D. Reid</i>	<u>*Insights from Adults with FASD: Navigating Life and Advocacy</u> <i>Dorothy Reid & AFECT Committee</i>
York <i>H. Sapers</i>	<u>Is Canada Ready for a New Consensus Statement on Legal Issues for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)?</u> <i>Christian Whalen & Nicole Leblanc</i> <div>Sponsored by Northwest Peace FASD Network</div>
T. Thompson <i>T. Ahmed</i>	<u>Finding New Opportunities for Collaboration: Bridging Policy and Practice Efforts to Support Women at-risk of an Alcohol Exposed Pregnancy</u> <i>Lindsay Wolfson, Ashley Wettlaufer & Nancy Poole</i>
Simcoe <i>D. Brown</i>	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND PREVENTION <u>The Good, The Bad, and The Contradictory: Consumption Consequences of Alcohol in Womanhood</u> <i>Kelly Harding</i> <u>An insight into the answers of Danish pregnant women and attitudes towards substance use screening, when asked anonymously - A pilot study</u> <i>Michela Wedel</i> <u>*Wicked: FASD through the lens of Elphaba</u> <i>Rhonda Konrad</i>
Casson <i>M. Parks</i>	ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS <u>Prenatal Alcohol Collection and Confirmation: A Guide for FASD Diagnostic Clinics</u> <i>Lisa Swan & Amanda Lindholm</i> <u>An Innovative Model of FASD Assessment and Diagnostic Services through Partnership</u> <i>Olivia Ng, Marcella Blanchard, Sarah Balazs & Nidhi Luthra</i> <u>Clinic Collaboration as a Means to Producing Positive Access to Health Care Across the Life Span</u> <i>Emily Cotsonitis</i>
Carmichael <i>A. McFarlane</i>	FASD AWARD PRESENTATION <u>Dr. Sterling Clarren FASD Research Award - 2025 Recipient</u> <i>Chantel Ritter</i> <u>Claudette Bradshaw FASD Innovation Award - 2024 Recipient</u> <i>Eastern Door Centre</i>
Jackson <i>N. Lockwood</i>	CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM <u>*Demanding Better: integrating lived experience, research and practice to educate, train and empower in the New Zealand Criminal Justice System</u> <i>Anita Gibbs</i> <u>Trends in Sentencing Indigenous People who are Affected by FASD</u> <i>Jonathan Rudin</i> <u>Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Support FASD diagnosed justice involved folks</u> <i>Shay Sharma, Kayla Brown-Kivi & Jessica DeVries</i>

Concurrent Session E

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 1:15 to 2:45

Osgoode <i>L. Wolfson</i>	<u>Honoring Tradition: Decolonizing FASD Assessments for First Nations Healing</u> <i>Nicole Leblanc & Noel Milliea</i>
York <i>A. Majeed</i>	<u>Templates for understanding common issues affecting patients with FASD</u> <i>Roderick Densmore</i>
T. Thompson <i>K. Tuff</i>	<u>Bridging Evidence and Action: Advancing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment for Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)</u> <i>Lucy Digney, Jacqueline Pei, Jeremy Weleff & Tracey Marshall Craig</i>
Gov General <i>D. Joslin</i>	<u>Key Findings from a Canadian Assessment on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</u> <i>Peter Choate, Leigh Wincott & Lori Vitale Cox</i> <div>Sponsored by Kids Brain Health Network (KBHN)</div>
Carmichael <i>L. Frederick</i>	BUILDING CAPACITY <u>Increasing FASD Care Capacity with Advanced Practice Nurses: Current Status and Future Opportunities</u> <i>Lynn Cole</i> <u>Building a cross-sectoral collaboration for inclusive and FASD-informed practices</u> <i>Taha Awan</i> <u>Manitoba's FASD Strategy: A collaborative, cross-departmental approach</u> <i>Jennifer Short, Carly Moore & Ken Lamoureux</i>
Simcoe <i>J. Stoddard</i>	EDUCATION <u>*From Training to Teaching: Assessing Ontario Preservice Teachers' Knowledge, Self-Efficacy, and Preparedness to Support Students with FASD</u> <i>Tanya Joseph</i> <u>The Animation Curriculum: An inclusive educational intervention to support those with FASD in mainstream classroom settings</u> <i>Jessica Rutherford</i> <u>Helping Educational Staff and Students with FASD reframe their views on the diagnosis</u> <i>Meredith Sewell</i>
Casson <i>M. Parks</i>	CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM <u>Qualitative Exploration of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and Creation of Informed Police Officer Training in Canada</u> <i>Brenna Bonn</i> <u>Engaging Police Officers in FASD Prevention: Exploring the Synergies between Relational Policing and the FASD Prevention Conversation</u> <i>Lisa Whittingham & Jennifer Lavoie</i> <u>Bridging the Gap – Advancing Justice Reform for Youth with FASD</u> <i>Sophie Harrington & Louise Gray</i>
Jackson <i>A. Boeking</i>	PREVENTION AND WOMEN'S HEALTH <u>#winemoms and #cannamoms: Motherhood and Substance Use Culture on Instagram</u> <i>Kelly Harding</i> <u>Expanding our understanding of the influences on alcohol use in pregnancy</u> <i>Nancy Poole</i> <u>Do alcohol tax changes reduce pre-pregnancy and pregnancy alcohol consumption? Evidence from the PRAMS</u> <i>Sarah Hamersma</i>

Concurrent Session F

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 3:15 to 4:45

Osgoode <i>N. Mackinnon</i>	<u>Flexing the Model for FASD Assessment: Improving Accessibility and Inclusivity for Clients</u> <i>Kendra Toporowski & Hasmukhlal (Hasu) Rajani</i>
Gov General <i>A. Munn</i>	<u>Let's Get Real about Sex and Drinking - A Prevention Conversation for Youth</u> <i>Korie Seibel</i>
T. Thompson <i>Self-moderated</i>	<u>Development of a National Indigenous FASD Framework in Canada</u> <i>Melissa Tremblay & Jasmine Kowalewski</i>
Carmichael <i>Self-moderated</i>	<u>*Vulnerability and finding strength</u> <i>Sara Harrison & Lexie Chornoby</i>
Casson <i>Self-moderated</i>	<u>*Mindfulness through meditation and breathwork</u> <i>Melissa Dobson</i>
York <i>M. Piercey</i>	WOMEN'S HEALTH <u>Provision of Indigenous cultural support services in the InSight Mentoring Program in Manitoba</u> <i>Carly Moore, Merilee Sinclair & Jennifer Spence</i> <u>Language Matters: Writing and Speaking About FASD</u> <i>Kirsten Morrison & Jessica Fulmer</i> <u>*Women with FASD - What matters</u> <i>Nancy Poole & Lauren Richardson</i>
Simcoe <i>L. Taylor</i>	HEALTH AND WELLBEING <u>The "Pebble in Your Shoe" Model of Effectiveness: Undergraduate Students' Perspectives on Campaigns Regarding Alcohol Use During Pregnancy</u> <i>Celisse Bibr</i> <u>The Impact of Prenatal Alcohol and Other Exposures on Growth: A Focus on Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)</u> <i>Jocelynn Cook & Katy Flannigan</i> <u>*Parenting Through Complexity: A Mother's Perspective on Raising a Child with FASD</u> <i>Tanya Walsh</i>
Jackson <i>K. Huber</i>	SERVICE PROVISION <u>Transformative Approaches in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Support: A Two-Decade Journey with the Lakeland Centre</u> <i>Lisa Murphy</i> <u>Landscape of health of children and youth with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)</u> <i>Shae Mulvihill & Ana Hanlon-Dearman</i> <u>Creative Solutions in Unique Populations: How One Diagnostic Assessment Centre Works Collaboratively to Serve their Community</u> <i>Lauren Ireland & Megan Quinn</i>

Concurrent Session G

Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 8:30 to 10:00

York <i>D. Reid</i>	<u>A Case Study of Trauma-Informed, Culturally Safer Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Assessments in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut</u> <i>Kaitlynn Dewhirst, Kendal Aknavigak & Shayla Richards</i>
Osgoode <i>K. Lamoureux</i>	<u>Reframing child protection for children and youth with FASD: Protective casework planning for children and youth with FASD</u> <i>Dorothy Badry, Peter Choate & Terri Pelton</i>
T. Thompson <i>McIntire-Cowx</i>	<u>Beyond Awareness: Mobilizing Multi-Sectoral Action for FASD-informed Transformations</u> <i>Melody Morton Ninomiya, Annette Cormier, Jillian Nason, Lisa Gay-Taylor & Nicole LeBlanc</i>
Gov General <i>Self-moderated</i>	<u>Overcoming Barriers: Fostering Meaningful Community-Engaged Research Partnerships</u> <i>Emily Speybroeck, Christie Petrenko, Erika Makowecki & Jacqueline Pei</i>
Simcoe <i>L. Wolfson</i>	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING <u>"Wine not... make it a big glass!": Representations of Women, Alcohol, and Young Adulthood in a Popular Television Reboot</u> <i>Kelly Harding & Kirsten Morrison</i> <u>*"Don't Let Go!"</u> <i>Maria Beland</i> <u>Birth Mothers Caring for Their Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</u> <i>Wanda White, Karen Huber & Maureen Parkes</i>
Jackson <i>V. Temple</i>	CAREGIVING AND CAREGIVER PERSPECTIVES <u>FASD across the lifespan: Exploring health and aging in adults with FASD</u> <i>Tamara Bondar</i> <u>*Through Our Eyes: The Realities of FASD</u> <i>Eddie Bunkowsky, Mary Ann Bunkowsky, Clementine MacKinnon, Neena MacKinnon, Matthew Pakozdy & Judy Pakozdy</i> <u>The path to FASD diagnosis: A retrospective study of healthcare resource utilization</u> <i>Nadia Bouhamdani</i>
Casson <i>A. Majeed</i>	BUILDING CAPACITY <u>Building Capacity to Support Families: An FASD Training Initiative for Frontline Children's Program Workers</u> <i>Kathy Unsworth & Celisse Bibr</i> <u>Evidence-based FASD prevention school-based program for urban, rural and First Nation schools in Ontario, Canada: A pilot study</u> <i>Svetlana Popova & Danijela Dozet</i> <u>*Living with FASD: A Youth's Perspective on Hope, Awareness, and Navigating Stigma</u> <i>Ben Walsh</i>
Carmichael <i>L. Murphy</i>	TRENDS IN ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS, AND SUPPORT <u>Sex-related trends among people assessed for FASD in Canada</u> <i>Katy Flannigan, Jocelynn Cook & Nancy Poole</i> <u>Recommendations Following Clinical Assessment for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Trends by Age, Sex, Diagnostic Status, and Needs Class</u> <i>Ariella Golden & Martina Faitakis</i> <u>Ten years of teaching service providers (and others) about supporting people diagnose with FASD: Lessons learned and future directions</u> <i>Jay Goddard, Marsha Wilson, Michele Bebault & Sharnelle Matthew</i>

Posters

Poster viewing and judging will take place on Tuesday October 21, 2025 from 5:00 to 6:00 in Johnston on the main convention centre floor. The winner will be announced Wednesday evening during the Networking Event.

<u>Overcoming Stigma: Navigating Systems as a caregiver and advocate</u> <i>(Fatima) Natascha Lawrence, Chris Fillion & Twyla Gilroy</i>
<u>Creating a Cohesive and Connected Community of Practice Model for FASD: A Manitoba Strategy</u> <i>Shannon Foster</i>
<u>Knowledges, attitudes, and practices of social workers related to alcohol and pregnancy, and FASD in New Brunswick</u> <i>Lauren O'Neill</i>
<u>Exploring the Impact of Stigma on Mental Health in Individuals with FASD: A Qualitative Study</u> <i>Kanzah Rabbani</i>
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Events and Activities

In addition to our lineup of incredible speakers, we have a number of fun events and activities where you can connect with other attendees and get inspired.

Networking Night

Join us on Wednesday, October 22 from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Ballroom for some light refreshments. Explore our exhibitor booths, connect with speakers and conference attendees, and have some fun. Don't forget your red shoes!

FASD Film Festival

New this year we are running a film festival. Canadians are invited to submit a short film about FASD for consideration. We will choose a selection to showcase at our film festival on October 22nd during the Networking Night. Come out and celebrate!

Member Meet & Greet

Individual members of CanFASD are invited to a small meet and greet the night before the conference starts (Monday October 20, 2025) from 5:30 to 7:00. Join us for some light refreshments and connection. Meet with CanFASD staff, researchers, and other members. CanFASD members can RSVP to conference@canfasd.ca. Not a member? Sign up at www.canfasd.ca.

Live Interview

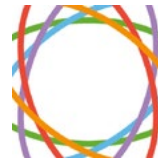
An interview by Jeff Noble of FASD Success with the new Executive Director of CanFASD, Kathy Unsworth. Join us on Wednesday at 12:30 in the main ballroom for an informal chat about CanFASD projects, goals, and leadership.



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