

Canada FASD Conference

**2023
PROGRAM**



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

This national conference is an unparalleled opportunity to bring together researchers, front line service providers, policy makers, healthcare professionals, knowledge brokers, caregivers, and individuals with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).

This three-day conference will be held November 7-9, 2023, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at TCU Place. It will bring approximately 500 delegates together to discuss the complexities of FASD and share opportunities for solutions.

FASD is Canada's leading known neurodevelopmental disability. Its complexity requires interdisciplinary connection, as FASD intersects with fields like justice, education, social services, health care, psychology, homelessness, substance use, mental wellness, child welfare, and more. This event will bring together researchers, professionals, and those with living experience in these areas.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7:30 – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST

8:30 – 10:00 AM OPENING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE

KEYNOTE

*Sid Buckwold
Theatre*

Connect, Inspire, Innovate: From Evidence to Action

Darren Joslin, Dorothy Reid, Mansfield Mela, Jocelynn Cook, Jacqueline Pei & Kathy Unsworth

10:00 – 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

10:30 – 12:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSION A

PANEL

Regal Room A

A Lot of Hats! Supporting People with FASD Throughout the Lifespan

- Danna Louise Ormstrup

PANEL

Regal Room B

The FASD Prevention Conversation: A Shared Responsibility, a Level 2 FASD Prevention Intervention - Hazel Mitchell, H el ene Wirzba & Debbie Deak

WORKSHOP

Gallery B

Creating a Felt Safety Program for Children Affected by FASD

- Chris Trouff

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Gallery A

Supporting Students with FASD in the Classroom - Courtney Farrow-Lawrence & Yunn Wong

Implementing a Multi-tiered System of Supports in Education for Students with FASD - Denise Kollee & Oliver Foese

Why Students with FASD Struggle in Our Schools? - Simon Laplante

ORAL

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Planning Healthy Outcomes with Caregivers of Individuals with FASD

- Vannesa Joly

You're Amazing Just the Way You Are - Debbie Michaud

Relationship Between Motor Skills and Intelligence in Children with FASD - Erin Branton

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Gallery D

Findings from the Randomized Controlled Trial of the Families Moving Forward Connect Mobile Health Intervention for Caregivers of Children with FASD - Christie Petrenko

Building Connections & Relationships in Rural Alberta - Amanda Steffler

"The system is not set up for individuals with FASD": Lived and caregiver perspectives regarding current and ideal housing supports for Canadian adults with FASD - Siann Gault & Karen Huber

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Gallery Suite 1

Equity, Efficiency and Sustainability in FASD Assessment: A Plan for British Columbia - Gurpreet Salh & Claire Chadwick

FASD Assessment and Diagnosis in Atlantic Canada: Emerging Findings from the National FASD Database - Jocelynn Cook & Nicole LeBlanc

Visions and Voices: Our Dreams Our Hopes Our Lives Our Stories - Chris Fillion & Kaitlin Larabie

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Gallery C

Understanding Current Practices and Needs for FASD Screening in Criminal Legal Context - Emma Jewell & Meghan Schuurman

Examination of the Experiences and Needs of Individuals with PAE and FASD Who Have Criminal Legal System Contact - Martina Faitakis

Addressing FASD in the Criminal Justice System: Canada's First FASD Court in Manitoba - Jenn Thiessen, Carmen Edwards & Mary Kate Harvie

12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:15 – 2:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSION B

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Gallery Suite 1

The MB FASD Network: Bring Diagnostic Capacity Closer to Home - Sheryle Marshall, Marjike Vonderbank & Ana Hanlon-Dearman

PANEL

Gallery A

From a Ripple to a Wave of Change: Enhancing Capacity of Schools with FASD-Informed Educational Practices - Lisa Rogozinsky, H el ene Wirzba & Jen Duperron-Trydal

WORKSHOP

Centennial Hall

Both/And: Considering FASD and Neurodiversity Together - Kelly Harding, Devon Heath, Jacqueline Pei, Lauren Richardson, Niall Schofield & Emily Cauduro

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Regal Room A

Extending intervention effectiveness for children with FASD to participation-focused practice and outcomes - Catherine Elizabeth Hilly

Building a Positive Relational Model for Students with FASD: A Systematic Review of Teacher, Caregiver, and Student Perspectives - Breana Reedman

What Creates Educational Success? A Journey from Preschool to Graduation - Fatima Lawrence & Jocelyn Renfro

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Regal Room B

Immediate/Delayed Suggestibility and the Unique Pattern of Confabulation Observed in Adolescents with FASD - David Gilbert

Creating the greatest "gift"; self-esteem - Christine Bofenkamp

FASD & Me – Strengthening My Community: Multi-Agency Collaboration to Build Advocacy Skills and Support for Young People with FASD - Tracy Moisan, Catherine McIntyre & Nancy Lockwood

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Gallery B

A Podcast on FASD (educational) - Amy Harlowe

Mobilizing Community Inclusiveness to Promote Dignity of People and Communities Affected by FASD - Marleny Bonnycastle

Stefanilia's Journey from Autism to FASD and from Ukraine to Canada - Olha Bolshova

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Gallery C

FASD-Informed Care and Cultural Safety in Substance Use Interventions - Melissa Tremblay & Jasmine Kowalewski

FASD-Informed Care for Youth and Adults in Substance Use Treatment - Erika Makowecki & Devyn Rorem

FASD and the Opioid Crisis: A Caregiver's Story - Amber Jensen

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Gallery D

Supporting Healthy Pregnancies: Informing effective and non-stigmatizing FASD prevention approaches in Northeast Ontario - Taylor Watkins

Supportive Alcohol Policy as a Key Element of FASD Prevention and Women's Health - Lindsay Wolfson

An Innu and Strengths-Based Approach to Developing and Implementing an FASD Prevention Strategy - Annie Picard & Melody Morton Ninomiya

2:45 – 3:15 PM COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

3:15 – 4:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSION C

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Re-Inventing the Wheel – an Innovative Approach to FASD and Justice - Sabrina Hacker & Chris Andrade

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Regal Room A

In Reach, FASD Supports and Services for Corrections Staff and Residents - Angela Kemble, Melissa Tremblay & Yvette Kraychy

WORKSHOP

Gallery Suite 1

Functional Interpretation of Occupational Therapy & Language FASD Assessments - Kellsey Dawn Scheepers & Shelley Proven

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Latent classes of neurodevelopmental profiles and needs in children and adolescents with prenatal alcohol exposure - Kaitlyn McLachlan

Learning to Take a Strength-Based Approach - Laura Woodward & Nya Woodward

Looking to the Future: Understanding Caregiver Needs and Hopes in Raising Individuals with FASD - Dorothy Reid & Katherine Flannigan

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Gallery A

Identification and Indications of FASD Among Individuals Declared Dangerous Offenders in Canada - Stephen Lee-Cheong

Implementing an FASD-Informed Correctional Environment - Pamela Buttinger & Mansfield Mela

Prevention Not Detention: FASD in Australia - Meg Perkins

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Gallery B

Data Informed n of 1 Clinical Trial Design for ADHD Symptoms in FASD - Alison Jayne Crichton

THO 2.0: An Update to the Towards Healthy Outcomes Framework for Individuals with FASD - Vannesa Joly

The Oral Health Related Quality of Life for Individuals with FASD - Keith Da Silva

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Regal Room B

Development of Aotearoa (New Zealand) diagnostic guidelines for FASD - Andi Crawford

Both Sides of the Coin - Matthew A. Sinclair

Weathering the Storm: Addressing the Complex Issues of Aggression Towards Families/Caregivers in Childhood and Adolescence (AFCCA) Through Holistic Circles of Support - Tracy Moisan, Maude Champagne, Tanya Eichler & Nancy Lockwood

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Gallery D

Disrupting Generational Trauma Through Advocacy, Support and Connection - Sarah Gander

"You can't talk about FASD in neurodivergent space 'cause it's preventable": Exploring representation of FASD on TikTok - Kelly Harding

The Raw and Real of FASD - Tanya Walsh

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

7:30 – 8:30 AM LIGHT BREAKFAST

8:30 – 10:00 AM MORNING GREETINGS AND KEYNOTE

KEYNOTE
Sid Buckwold Theatre
Collaborative action in FASD prevention: Reflections from research, practice, policy, and lived experience
Nancy Poole, Lindsay Wolfson, Melanie Muehling, Mary Motz & Lisa Lawley

10:00 – 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

10:30 – 12:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSION D

PANEL
Regal Room B
Does FASD Diagnosis Make a Difference? Long-term Outcomes for Adults Following Team Assessment, Diagnosis and Supports
- Valerie K Temple, Ann Lindsay & Paula Green

PANEL
Gallery C
From Pregnancy to Diagnosis, a New Innovative Model of Care
- Shay Johnson, Jasmine Saleh & Nicole Archer

WORKSHOP
Centennial Hall
Conversations that Matter – An Opportunity to Talk FASD Prevention - Nancy Poole

WORKSHOP
Gallery Suite 1
Tool Time – What About the Dads? - Danna Ormstrup & Pamela Henheffer

ORAL
Gallery A
Evaluating the Impact of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure on Adult Health: Evidence for Risk and Resilience - Tamara Bodnar

Don't they know my brain looks like alphabet soup! - Joanna Foley

Exploring Exercise as an Intervention Strategy for FASD: A Review of the Literature and Strength Training Program - Kirsten Morrison, Kelly Brown & Keisha Mohr

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Gallery B
Building Community Capacity for Multidisciplinary FASD Assessment Services in Ontario - Janet Carioni, Louise Scott, Angela Geddes, Clare Mitchell, Kim Harris & Ashley Bildfell

Understanding and Advancing Assessment Practices for FASD Diagnostic Assessment: A Collaborative Process - Kathleen Kennedy

Canadian FASD Assessment and Diagnostic Clinic: Waitlist Management Practices - Andrew Wrath, Lisa Swan & Amanda Lindholm

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Regal Room A
Level Up: Table Top Role Playing Games as a Psychosocial Intervention for Structurally Marginalized Youth - Devyn Rorem

Living the Dream - Wanda Beland

Stigma and FASD - Dorothy Badry

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Gallery D
Shining Through: Promoting Strengths-Based Approaches in BC Education - Trina Chivilo, Vanessa Worthington & Stace Kesh

Untangling the Web: One Practitioner's View on Both Sides of the Table - Tanya Walsh

Beyond the Behaviour - Tina Maria Lomax

12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:15 – 2:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSION E

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Centennial Hall
"We need to do better": Barriers and Opportunities for Housing Solutions for Canadians with FASD - Celisse Bibr

PANEL
Gallery D
Walk and Talk With Us: Learning from the Experts with Lived Experience - Myles Himmelreich

WORKSHOP
Regal Room A
FASD and Social Work Practice in Australia: A Narrative Literature Review - Nirosha Boaden

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Regal Room B
Sterling Clarren Research Award Talks - Danielle Johnston & Melody Morton Ninomiya

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Gallery A
Sexuality in FASD: A Topical Review Primer for Clinicians - Sarah Moss

Canada's National Database on FASD - Jocelynn Cook

Exploring the relationship between trauma and FASD: A justification and exploration in using a trauma informed play therapy perspectives in the mental health treatment of individuals with FASD - Fatima Natascha Lawrence

ORAL
Gallery B
Development of the Adult FASD Justice Clinic in Manitoba - Ana Hanlon-Dearman

Breaking the Cycle: Addressing FASD in Justice and Correctional Systems in New Brunswick - Hannah Denberg & Jillian Nason

Child friendly justice for youth with FASD - Christian Whalen

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Gallery Suite 1
Partnerships in Action: Regional Psychiatric Center and FASD Network of SK - Andrea Kotlar, Shana Mohr & Mansfield Mela

Atypical Functional Lateralization in People with FASD - Claudia Gonzalez & Nicole Netelebos

From Clinician to Mom and Everything in Between - Janet Carioni

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Gallery C
Pregnancy and Family Planning Choices of Birthing People who Use Substances (BPWUS) in the Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) - Sarah Gander

Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) in Saint John: From Pilot to PCAP 2.0 - Sarah Gander

Alberta PCAP Council: Bridging FASD Policy and Prevention Programming - Kristin Bonot & Laudine Herzog

2:45 – 3:15 PM COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

3:15 – 4:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSION F

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Gallery A
Working Together in Strengths-based Research: Elevating Voices of Individuals with Lived Experience - Katherine Flannigan, Niall Schofield, Dorothy Reid & Lauren Richardson

PANEL
Gallery B
FASD Toolkit/Resources for Mental Health Professionals - Emma Jewell, Wanda Beland, Maria Beland & Randi Martin

WORKSHOP
Centennial Hall
FASD in Canada: Weaving the Voice of Lived Experience and Research into the National Framework - Kathy Unsworth & Audrey McFarlane

ORAL
Gallery Suite 1
Diagnostic Capacity in Canada: Barriers and Facilitators to Maximizing Capacity - Andrew Wrath & Kaitlyn McLachlan

Hybrid Evaluation Model to Facilitate an Interdisciplinary Diagnostic Process for FASD: Building Capacity in Diagnosis - Elizabeth Cleveland, Tiffany Lepard & Albrey Love

Communicating the Results of Family-Inspired Research Questions to Individuals who Support Children & Adolescents with PAE - Kristene Cheung

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Regal Room B
Risks and Opportunities for Children with FASD Involved in the Child Welfare System Nationally and Internationally – Time for New Narratives - Dorothy Badry

Engaging Youth in the Diagnosis and Intervention of FASD – Using the MW Difference Game Cards - Lori Cox & Chris Look

Raising Youth with FASD, a Parent's Perspective - Tammy Roberts

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Gallery C
Whanau, Whanaungatanga, Whakawhanaungatanga – Creating Supports Through Connections - Tania Henderson

Building a Village – A Recipe for Success - Laurie Anderson

The Social Prescription: Therapeutic Recreation to Facilitate Connection, Curiosity and Creativity - Jessie Lynn Jones

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Gallery D
Starfish – Services for the Underserved: Youth with FASD who are Justice-involved and have Problematic Substance Use - Susan Maxwell & Leah M Sholdra

Innovative Approaches in Service Delivery to Justice System Participants Presenting with Complex Needs - Alicia D. Wendel, Sandra Potts & Diana Goldie

Working with Youth with FASD - Leesa Myers

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Regal Room A
A National FASD Learning Collaborative for Prenatal and Pediatric Healthcare Teams in the United States - Nicole Kitten

Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women who use Alcohol During Pregnancy: A Scoping review - Yasmeen Almomani

Supporting Perinatal People Who Use Substances: Walking Alongside the Healthy Care Pregnancy Program - Lindsay Wolfson & Nancy Poole

5:00 – 7:00 PM MOCKTAIL NETWORKING EVENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

7:30 – 8:30 AM LIGHT BREAKFAST

8:30 – 10:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSION G

PANEL
Theatre
2nd Floor Women's Recovery Center: Supporting Women with Problematic Substance Use - Sandy Boyd & Lisa Murphy

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Gallery A
It's Our Right - Dorothy Reid, Kelly Harding, FAC & AFECT

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Gallery Suite 1
FASD: Overcoming Barriers in Diagnosis and Management - Roderick James Densmore

WORKSHOP
Regal Room B
Programming from Childhood to Adolescence: an Alumni Perspective - Sara Harrison

WORKSHOP
Centennial Hall
Listening to Indigenous Peoples' Perspective on FASD Assessment, Diagnosis, and Supports - Melissa Tremblay, Wenda Bradley, Carol Anne Cheechoo & Darren Joslin

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Gallery B
"It will, it will cause more trauma I guarantee it"; Caregivers' experiences of accessing services for their suicidal neurodiverse youth - Mercedes Bagshawe

Suicidality in Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Identifying Effective and Valid Risk Assessment Tools - Stephanie Howe

Just Trying to Mitigate the Adverse Outcomes: Perspectives on Suicidality in FASD from Service Providers - Kirsten Morrison & Dorothy Badry

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Gallery C
Our Children are Sacred: an Indigenous-led FASD initiative - Brittenany Gillespie

Acceptance and Commitment Training for Women Caregivers of People with FASD: A Feasibility Study - Angela Geddes

Love, Marriage and FASD – the heart has its reasons that the reasons don't understand - Lori Cox

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Gallery D
Cannabis Use Among Adults with FASD - An Exploratory Study - Mansfield Mela & Monique Reboe-Benjamin

Family Centered Practice and FASD - Elizabeth A McWilliams Hewitt & Marsha Wilson

Weaving Our Way: Metis Naiton of Alberta Story - Tracey Verbonec & Robbie Seale

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Regal Room A
Project Choices: A Level 2 Prevention Program in Winnipeg, MB - Melanie Muehling, Carly Moore, Danae Reimer & Michelle Juarez

Prevention Conversation in Action - Jennifer Willes, Chris Chabot, Leanne Aspen & Madison Tumbach

First Exposure – the Making of a New Digital Pregnancy, Lactation and Infant Safety Program in Canada - Wendy Katherine

10:10 – 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

10:30 – 12:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE

KEYNOTE
Sid Buckwold
Theatre
'View from the Mountain Path': A Review
Dr. Sterling Clarren

POSTERS

Caregiver Story Sharing: Learning Through Sharing and Innovating the Everyday
- Melissa Dobson and Robbie Seale

Using Ethyl Glucuronide in Umbilical Cord Tissue to Monitor for Prenatal Exposure to Ethanol and Co-Exposure to Other Substances - Guida Brown

Transitioning into Adulthood for Adults with FASD - Lauren Gnat & Lisa Taylor

Characteristics, Outcomes and Experiences of Patients with FASD in the Emergency Department - Olusegun Oyedokun

Caregivers' and Frontline Staff's Perceptions and Experiences of Cannabis Use in Adults with FASD - Monique Reboe-Benjamin

Medical Diagnoses and Use of Health Resources Prior to a FASD Diagnosis: a Retrospective Descriptive Study - Erika Dugas

An Analysis of Punitive Income Support Policies and the Impacts on Birthing Parents Who Use Substances - Sarah Lunney

FASD Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices within the Healthcare Sector Across New Brunswick - Alexandra Burman

WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching Partnership Project: Enhancing the Capacity of School Staff through FASD Instructional Coaching - Lisa Michelle Rogozinsky

Characterizing Pain in Youth with FASD - Cara Nania

Advocating for Rights in FASD: The Challenge of Having a Hidden Disability - Dorothy Reid, Marsha Wilson, Alicia Munn, Wanda Beland, Lauren Richardson, & Katherine Flannigan

The Role of Psychotropic Algorithm in FASD - Amy Short, Melissa Armstrong, Monique Reboe-Benjamin & Mansfield Mela

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