

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Contact: Victoria Bailey, 705-331-8529

Sold-out conference on fetal alcohol spectrum disorder comes to Saskatoon

(November 6, 2023, Saskatoon) The inaugural Canada FASD Conference is being hosted at Saskatoon's TCU Place from November 7-9, 2023. The conference will bring together approximately 600 researchers, caregivers, individuals with FASD, policymakers, and professionals to share what they know about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).

Media personnel are invited to attend the plenary sessions, happening November 7th from 8:30-10:00am; November 8th from 8:30-10:00am; and November 9th from 10:30am-12:30pm. To respect participants' privacy, we request crowd images not be taken during keynote address.

What: The inaugural Canada FASD Conference

Who: Key speakers at this event include,

- Myles Himmelreich, FASD Advocate and Conference MC
- Dr. Nancy Poole, Director of the Centre of Excellence for Women's Health and Prevention Expert
- Audrey McFarlane, CanFASD Executive Director
- Dr. Mansfield Mela, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Saskatchewan
- Senator Mohamed-Iqbal Ravalia could not attend and will be recording his remarks

When: Monday November 7 from 8:30 to 4:45; Tuesday, November 8 from 8:30 to 7:00; and Thursday, November 9 from 8:30 to 12:30

Where: TCU Place, 35 – 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK

Why: FASD impacts an estimated 4% of Canadians, more than Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and Autism combined.

Media may contact:

Victoria Bailey

Communications Manager, Canada FASD Research Network

Victoria.bailey@canfasd.ca

705-331-8529

Fiona Binns

Communications Coordinator, Canada FASD Research Network

fiona.binns@canfasd.ca

438-773-6151