



FASD United
THE NATIONAL VOICE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS
Formerly NOFAS

Weekly Roundup

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NEW AT FASD UNITED

[NOFAS Northern California is now FASD Network of Northern California](#)

FASD United congratulates long standing affiliate organization NOFAS Northern California on its new name. "As FASD United's affiliate in Northern California" states Rachel Sing, a board member for the organization, "we are excited about the expansion and rebranding of the national organization and the Affiliate Network as the FASD movement across the nation grows."



[California's SB1016 Continues to Make Progress](#)

We are pleased to report that SB1016, a bill introduced by California State Senator Anthony Portantino, which would add FASD as a qualifying condition for special education services in the State of California under the category of OHI or other health impairment, passed out of the Assembly Education Committee with 100% support on the afternoon of June 29th.



[Representative Jennifer Wexton Joins as a Co-Sponsor of HR4151](#)

Virginia Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) is the latest house member to join the long list of legislators sponsoring The FASD Respect Act.



LATEST FASD NEWS

["A Hidden Epidemic of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome"](#)

This in-depth article from the American *Psychological Association* quotes from FASD United Board Member Dr. Christie Petrenko, PhD, a clinical psychologist, who says that behavioral problems associated with FASD are common, and often misunderstood.



[Podcast on Lived Experiences of Adolescents with FASD](#)

In this podcast from *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology (DMCN)*, Kelly Skorka discusses her paper 'Lived experiences of adolescents with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.'



["Quebec Study Finds Alcohol and Pregnancy Something Men Should Be Careful About Too"](#)

"A study found that in male mice that had consumed the human equivalent of five drinks in two hours each day for 70 days, proteins associated with sperm genetic material appeared in a modified biochemical form that affected the transcription of genes important for fetal development."



[Research Exploring the Gut's Link to Mental Health in Children with FASD](#)

"Brock University Assistant Professor of Psychology Charlis Raineke and Research Associate Tamara Bodnar from the University of British Columbia are leading an international research team studying how FASD affects children's immune function and micro-organisms in the digestive track, or 'gut microbiota.'



[FASD Youth Services Program Coordinator Featured on Podcast](#)

This Research & Resources Edition of the *FASD Family Life* podcast features Avnit Dhanoa, Youth Services Program Coordinator with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Northern Alberta, Canada.

FASD Family Life

Research & Resource Edition on Elizabeth Fry Society with Avnit Dhanoa



[FASD Presentation at Domestic Adoption Camp in Colorado](#)

Julia Rivera of North Texas FASD Network will present on FASD on Sat July 16th at Domestic Adoption Camp, sponsored by Heritage Camps of Colorado.

Heritage Camps support the healthy development of families formed by adoption by offering weekend camps for adoptive families in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.



RESEARCH

[Study on Alcohol Intake During Pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome](#)

"A range of contextual and structural factors such as poverty, histories of trauma and violence, physical and mental health concerns, sociocultural and economic vulnerabilities, and child welfare involvement are influences the utilization of alcohol consumption during pregnancy."

- *International Journal of Pregnancy & Child Birth*

[Fetal Benefits of Treating Opioid Use Disorder During Pregnancy Are Confirmed](#)

"Treating opioid use disorder in expectant women can reduce the risk of opioid-related brain abnormalities in infants; however, the mechanisms behind these medications are not well understood. To unpack those questions, the researchers of this study utilized advanced resting-state functional MRI imaging to compare the brains of 109 2-week-old babies."

- *BioTechniques*

NOTE: To request more information on a piece of research, please contact the source of publication/journal.

Some journal articles may require a paid membership or login credentials to access and view the full article.

FASD United is not able to provide assistance in obtaining this access.

RESOURCES

[Featured: CDC FASD Training Website](#)

This online training course is from the CDC's Collaborative for Alcohol-Free Pregnancy.

[FASD United Family Navigator](#)

[NIAAA Alcohol Treatment Navigator](#)

[CDC Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network \(SET-NET\)](#)

[CDC NCBDDD's Disability and Health Data System](#)

[CDC Tool to Check Your Drinking](#)

[NIAAA: The Healthcare Professional's Core Resource on Alcohol](#)

EXPLORE

FASD Events

FASD: Clinical Features & Educational Implications

July 14, 2022. 9:00am-12:15pm

North Dakota FASD Conference

July 21-22, 2022

CAN Council's FASD Conference

August 10, 2022. Michigan

FASD Lunch & Learn presented by Indiana Alliance

August 25, 2022

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