



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

Weekly Roundup

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NEW AT FASD UNITED

Get Ready for FASD Awareness Month!

Check out the new FASD United webpage for FASD Awareness Month! Throughout the month of September, there are numerous ways to engage in advocacy, support, build community and raise awareness of FASD.



California Representative Maxine Waters Joins as Co-Sponsor of HR4151

The House was in session for just one day in August and Rep. Maxine Waters from California's 43rd district hopped on with support for The FASD Respect Act bringing our total House members supporting the bill up to 62. Thank you!

THANK

Representative Maxine Waters (CA-43)
is now a Sponsor of H.R. 4151,
The FASD Respect Act

YOU!

Run FASD with Hope RISING Clinic

Run FASD is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. We are thrilled to add Hope RISING Clinic as a platinum sponsor for Run FASD.

"Hope RISING Clinic is proud to support Run FASD." States Liz Flores-Marcus, Chief Investment and Partnership officer of Wonderland Child and Family Services, parent organization to Hope RISING Clinic.



LATEST FASD NEWS

[TV News Segment on FASD and Alcohol in Pregnancy](#)

Registered Nurse Al Romeo of MotherToBaby Utah speaks to CBS news channel 2 KUTV in Utah about FASD Awareness Day coming up September 9th. This is for the segment “Baby Your Baby” sponsored by the Utah Department of Health.



[Podcast: Hope for the FASD Journey with Natalie Vecchione](#)

This episode of *The Adoption & Foster Care Journey* podcast features host Sandra Flach and Natalie Vecchione of the FASD Hope podcast, collaborate together as they announce the official launch of their Hope for the FASD Journey virtual community.”



[Book on FASD Receives Award](#)

Congratulations to Sandra Flach of Justice for Orphans, an FASD United Affiliate. Sandra’s book, “Orphans No More—A Journey Back to the Father” won the Golden Scroll 2022 Memoir of the year award at the AWSA - Advanced Writers & Speakers Association – conference.

You can learn more about Sandra’s book at sandraflach.com.



[NOFASD Australia Sends Message for FASD Awareness Day](#)

“The National Organisation for FASDs Australia chair Cheryl Dedman has met hundreds of people in her role over the past four years. Mrs Dedman said International FASD Awareness Day highlighted the difficulties of living with the disorder.”



[\\$500,000 Grant Helps Families with FASD in Canada](#)

“Rural FASD Support Network is using the \$500,000 Family Innovations Scale Grant to hire two employees and lease office space to provide additional support to individuals with FASD and their caregivers. It’s also helping with key administrative and rental space costs, as well as purchasing program supplies and technical equipment, as well as communications costs too.”



Announcing Hope for the FASD Journey

"Hope for the FASD Journey is a faith-based support community for parents and caregivers of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol and other substances, led by Natalie Vecchione of the FASD Hope Podcast and Sandra Flach of the Adoption & Foster Care Journey Podcast."



FASD: What is Known 50 Years Later

"Over the past 50 years a lot of research has gone into the subject of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. It has since become an umbrella term for a number of conditions: FASD refers to intellectual and behavioral problems that can appear any time in childhood and last a lifetime, says the National Institute on Alcohol, Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) at the National Institutes of Health."



RESEARCH

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Risk of Neurodevelopmental Disorders: A Longitudinal Cohort Study

"Tens of thousands of American children with lifetime costs in the billions of US dollars were estimated to be impacted by FAS-associated NDs. These impacts are particularly tragic because FAS is dependent upon lifestyle."

- *Brain & Development*

The Prevalence of FASDs in Rural Communities in South Africa: A Third Regional Sample of Child Characteristics and Maternal Risk Factors

"A third comprehensive study of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) in a rural, agricultural region of South Africa is described... The prevalence of FASD remained a significant problem in this region, but the severity of physical traits and anomalies within the continuum of FASD is trending downwards."

- *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*

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 Tool to Check Your Drinking](#)

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

[MyHealth: An Online Resource for Inclusive Health](#)

[CDC Alcohol and Other Substance Use Fact Sheet](#)

NEW: [CDC: Resources to Promote COVID-19 Vaccines for Children & Teens](#)

FASD EVENTS

[August 24, 2022 - Weekly Policy Drop-in 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at Via Zoom](#)

[August 31, 2022 - Monthly Policy Forum 2:00 pm at Via Zoom](#)

[September 7, 2022 - Weekly Policy Drop-in 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at Via Zoom](#)

[September 8, 2022 - Webinar by TX HHS and NTX FASD Network, "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum](#)

[Disorders - Impacts, Prevention and Support Strategies" 10:00 am-11:30 pm at Online](#)

[September 9, 2022 - UC San Diego's FASD 5k to Stamp Out Stigma 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at NTC Park at Liberty Station](#)

[September 9, 2022 - Sarasota 5K Run/Walk Sponsored by The Florida Center for Early Childhood 5:30 pm-8:00 pm at The Florida Center for early Childhood](#)

[September 10, 2022 - St. Augustine 5K Run/Walk Sponsored by The Florida Center for Early Childhood 9:00 am-10:30 am at Treaty Park](#)

[September 10, 2022 - Marianna 5K Run/Walk Sponsored by The Florida Center for Early Childhood 9:00 am-10:30 am at Citizens Lodge Park](#)

[September 10, 2022 - Rebecca's Runners 9:30 am-12:30 pm at Voorheesville Rail Trail](#)

[September 10, 2022 - Run FASD South Puget Sound 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Central Park, Orting](#)

[September 10, 2022 - FASD Awareness Event – Organized by Kansas FASD Support Network 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Meadowbrook Park](#)

[September 12, 2022 - Affiliate Executive Council Meeting 1:00 pm-2:00 pm at Online](#)

[September 12, 2022 - Kick-off Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Housing and Supports for Adults with FASD 2:00 pm-3:30 pm at Online](#)

[September 14, 2022 - Weekly Policy Drop-in 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at Via Zoom](#)

[September 14, 2022 - EUFASD Conference 5K walk/run in Norway!! 2:00 pm-3:30 pm at Clarion Hotel Tyholmen, Arendal, Norway](#)

[September 15, 2022 - Affiliate Network Meeting 3:00 pm-4:00 pm at Online](#)

[September 17, 2022 - Ocala 5K Run/Walk Sponsored by The Florida Center for Early Childhood 9:00 am-10:30 pm at Shalom Park](#)

[September 17, 2022 - Orlando 5K Run/Walk Sponsored by The Florida Center for Early Childhood 9:30 am-11:00 am at Lake Eola Park](#)

[September 19, 2022 - 2022 Affiliate Summit 1:00 pm-5:00 pm at Hyatt Georgetown](#)

[September 20, 2022 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASD\): Understanding, Supporting & Preventing FASD's 9:00 am-10:30 am](#)

[September 21, 2022 - Weekly Policy Drop-in 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at Via Zoom](#)