

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Weekly Roundup

December 5, 2022

NEW AT FASD UNITED

[Join the 2022 Circle of Stars Celebration This Friday!](#)

Join FASD United and our honored guests on this Friday, December 9, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time for the 2022 Circle of Stars, a celebration of distinguished leaders in the FASD community. The fast-paced hour will highlight achievements in the field of FASD and recognize champions from our field in the areas of research, advocacy, justice, and service.

The 2022 Circle of Stars is a free Zoom event for anyone dedicated to the growing recognition and investment in FASD support and awareness.



[In Case You Missed It — November Policy Forum Recording](#)

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the November 2022 FASD United Policy Forum as we said goodbye to an eventful month. We had, and will continue to have, important discourse around The FASD Respect Act. Our next monthly forum will be on Wednesday, December 28th at 2pm Eastern – please join us! Watch the video recording and see slides of our session.



LATEST FASD NEWS

["How I Found Success Despite Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder"](#)

"Carol Hunter spoke about her experience of adoption and FASD - and how she achieved success. The 39-year-old is a parent, has a full time job and leads a program of support for adopted children for the charity Adoption UK."



[Remembering FASD Champion Bonnie Buxton of FASworld Canada](#)

Bonnie June Buxton passed away on November 15, 2022.

"Her international bestseller, "Damaged Angels", caught the imagination of parents on the devastating impact of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure.

As co-founder of FASworld Canada, Bonnie was awarded Canada's Meritorious Service Medal for her work with families coping with FASD."



["The Wires Got Crossed in My Brain as My Mom Couldn't Stop Drinking"](#)

"Maggie May McHugh was three days old when she was put into care. Some 14 years later her adoptive mother sat her down and told her that she had a foetal alcohol spectrum disorder."



[Pregnant Women's Cannabis Usage in US States Where It is Legalized Raises Calls for Screening](#)

"Pregnant women living in U.S. states where cannabis is legal must be screened for the drug, for the health of both mother and baby. This is the claim of scientists who in a new national study have found that these individuals are far more likely to use the substance."



[Podcast on Treating Substance Use Disorder in Pregnancy](#)

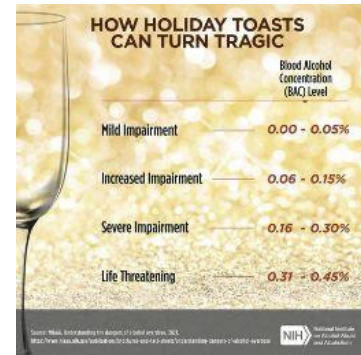
Stephen Patrick, pediatrician and former senior policy advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, talks about a new report that lays out suggestions for lifting barriers to OUD treatment for pregnant people.



NIAAA: The Truth About Holiday Spirits

“Many of us look forward to celebrations during the holidays, yet it is also a time when some people are more likely to drink beyond their limits than at other times of the year.

Some people will experience adverse consequences that range from fights to falls to traffic crashes.”



HHS Announces New Data Showing Nation Has Expanded its Ability to Treat Addiction and Save Lives

“Secretary Xavier Becerra marked the one-year anniversary of HHS’s Overdose Prevention Strategy by announcing the progress the nation has made.”



RESEARCH UPDATE

Maternal Alcohol Consumption and Risk of Postpartum Depression: A Meta-analysis of Cohort Studies

“Maternal alcohol consumption is significantly associated with the risk of developing postpartum depression. These results emphasize the necessity of... strengthening the prevention and intervention of maternal alcohol consumption to promote maternal mental health.”

- *Public Health*

Buprenorphine versus Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy

“The use of buprenorphine in pregnancy was associated with a lower risk of adverse neonatal outcomes than methadone use; however, the risk of adverse maternal outcomes was similar among persons who received buprenorphine and those who received methadone.”

- *The New England Journal of Medicine*

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 \(SET-NET\)](#)

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

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

[White House Report: Substance Use Disorder in Pregnancy: Improving Outcomes for Families](#)

[CDC FASD Training Website and Online Courses](#)

[NIAAA Brochure: Alcohol and Your Pregnancy](#)

[Participate in a Focus Group to Inform a New App for Mental Health Providers to Use with Families](#)

[AAP PediaLink course: FASD: Recognition and Management](#)