

**ADVOCATING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND
FAMILIES LIVING
WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM
DISORDERS (FASD)**

**WEBINAR PRESENTED AT NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS
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**MODERATED BY: TOM DONALDSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
ORGANIZATION ON FETAL ALCOHOL
SYNDROME**

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12:00-1:30 CENTRAL STANDARD TIME**

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FASD IN ARKANSAS:

BIRTHS WITH FASD EACH YEAR 382 (THAT'S 7 PER WEEK OR 32 PER MONTH)

CHILDREN WITH FASD IN ARKANSAS: BIRTH – THREE (1,146) OR BIRTH – 18 YEARS (6,876)

COST OF FASD IS \$22,810 PER YEAR (BY AGE 20 ARKANSAS HAS SPENT \$456,200 PER CHILD WITH FASD)

Introductions and Comments:

Tom Masseau, Executive Director of Disability Rights
Arkansas

David Deere, Co-director of Specialty Diagnostic Resource
Center (A program affiliated with AR Regional LEND and
University of Central Arkansas) & Board Member of Arkansas
None for Nine

Participants will learn about local resources related to FASD.

Speakers:

Dr. Larry Burd, Ph.D., Director of the North Dakota Fetal Alcohol
Syndrome Clinic

FASD: If It's So Common Why Don't We See It?

Participants will become familiar with population estimates of FASD in foster care and corrections service systems. Current screening strategies for FASD will be discussed. Participants will learn about appropriate management of people with FASD in these systems. Emphasis will be given to prevention of secondary disabilities as a component of diagnosis informed management.

**Diane Smith Howard, Esquire, National Disability Rights
Network, Washington, D.C.**

Educational Rights of Children and Youth with FAS

This presentation will cover key issues involving the legal rights children and youth in the public education system. Included will be issues that often arise for children with FASD including Identification, discipline and eligibility. Case hypotheticals will be discussed, and specific legal resources will be provided.

**William Edwards, Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County
Public Defender, Mental Health Court**

***Why FASD should be considered a ‘developmental disability’:
Identifying the need for services to overcome not overshadow
the secondary disabilities.***

This presentation will examine the facts that show Why FASD is a permanent developmental disability. It’s a severe developmental disability. FASD is not a disorder that children outgrow. FASD is a lifetime disorder that starts at birth and lasts the lifetime-THE FUTURE OF FASD? The neurodevelopmental, neurocognitive and neurobehavioral deficits get worse over time. Often both state and federal governments place over-reliance on the IQ level = unfair denial of services to children and adults. Measuring the IQ can be misleading, as people with FASD have lower adaptive behavioral scores. Most state agencies argue that the low adaptive behavioral deficits are based “solely on psychiatric issues.”

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