

Give **FASD** a Seat at the Table

Affiliate Monthly Meeting
June 26th, 2025



**Demystifying
Advocacy**



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Welcome

and happy Disability Pride Month!



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For Attendance, please put your full name and Affiliate name in the chat.

Please also share something that made you smile this week.



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Updates from FASD United



Metricool Grantees

- First and Second Cohort Complete
- Third Cohort Finalizing
- Hope to Expand in 2026



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July Updates:

Metricool Grantees: Awareness month posting workshop. *7/8/25 2PM–3PM Central Time*

Affiliates: Have questions or need support for social media? Feel free to drop in for extra help!

7/7/25 2PM–3PM Central Time

Email Sophie: *Sissi@FASDUnited.org*



FASD Impact Week

September 15–17, 2025
Washington, DC



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- **Applications for Mini-Grants now open**
- **Call for Poster Abstracts now open**
- **Room Block now Open**

Impact Week 2025

Monday, 9/15



FASD Symposium

9:00 to 4:00

Attendees contribute to discussions over 3 sessions to co-create updated recommendations for progress in the FASD field & community.

Poster Reception

4:30 to 6:00

A professional development opportunity with attendees from many different background and career areas.



View the white paper from the 2024 Symposium here:



Impact Week 2025

Tuesday, 9/16 

CDC NPN Partners Meeting

9:00 to 4:00

A meeting for the CDC FASD National Partner Network.
This is a closed meeting for grantees only.

The Red Shoes Gala

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

FASD United's largest fundraiser of the year.
The Gala promises celebration of leaders & champions,
good food, auction items, and connection.

**Ticket Purchase Required to Attend*



Impact Week 2025



Wednesday, 9/17



Partners' Day & Emerging Research

9:00 to 4:30

A day of sharing, collaboration and activities with FASD United partner USU CHSR and others while we look at current and emerging research in the FASD field and beyond.





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Updates from Emma

Move FASD

Event Packages

Event Needs	FASD United Affiliate Package
Move FASD logo & sponsor logo	✓
Kick-Off Meeting	✓
Marketing flyer for your event	✓
Registration software & event registration support	✓
Event marketing social media (8 media tiles with suggested captions)	✓
Sponsor outreach flyer with your organizations information	✓
Branded sign-in sheet	✓
Template press release	✓
Day-of Event Support/Staff	X
Primary contact for event questions	X
Venue search and permit applications (if applicable)	X



Scan QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to fill the Move FASD interest form. You can email Emma Baldwin at FASD United with any questions: baldwin@fasdunited.org

What is the current state of federal FASD policy?

Funding for FASD programs has been stagnant, with FASD authorization language ***expiring in 2007***.

Prenatal alcohol exposure and FASD are misunderstood by systems of care funded by federal and state governments, which keeps FASD out of the current funding stream.



What do we need from FASD policy?

What can we get from passing federal FASD policy?



- FASD-informed systems of care that address the needs of individuals with FASD and their families.
- Increased diagnostic capacity leading to early intervention.
- Awareness and education to prevent prenatal alcohol exposure and decrease stigma.

How can legislators have a seat at the table?



Local, state, and federal policy makers can have a seat at the table by:

- Becoming FASD-informed and directing their staff to engage with FASD advocates
- Enacting policies that will create FASD-informed systems of care
- Cosponsoring S.1800/HR.3946, the FASD Respect Act

The FASD Respect Act

- Builds FASD Systems of Care in States
- Provides FASD Informed Transition Services for Adults
- Creates Identification, Intervention, and Services in the Education System
- Develops Identification, Intervention, and Services in the Judicial System
- Reauthorizes spending on FASD and updates the language to FASD not just FAS
- Starts a Conversation with Lawmakers About FASD



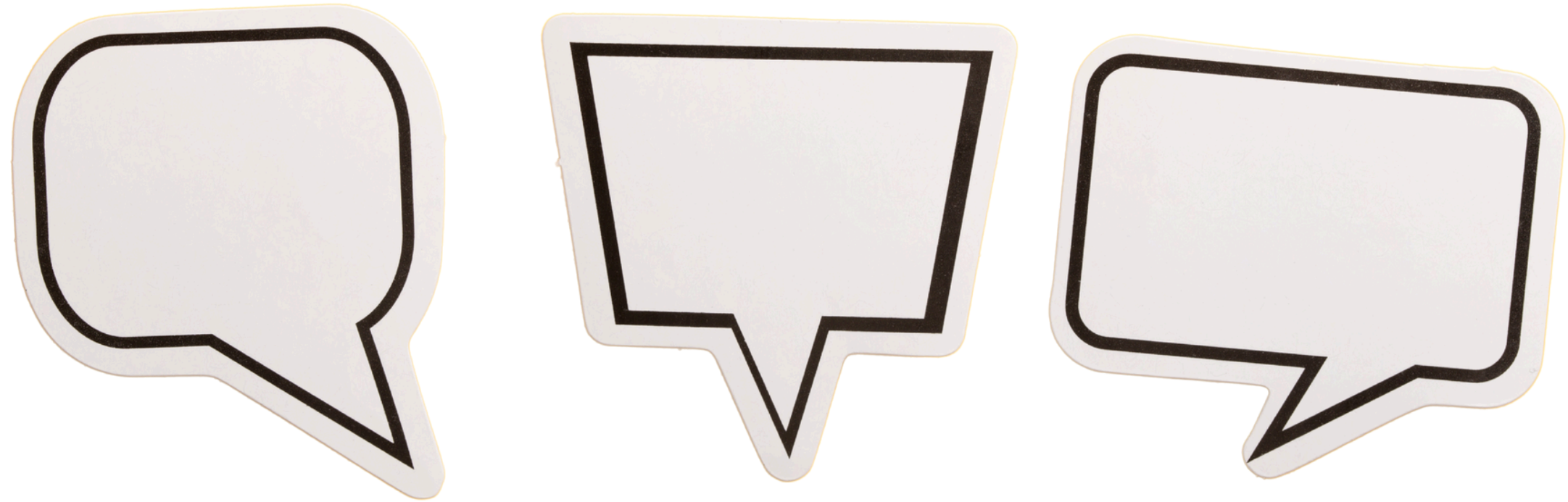
Building the Foundation
for Change **#FASDRESPECT**

Questions for Panelists

1. **Every panelist:** What was your first experience with advocacy? What does advocacy mean to you?
2. **Reuben/Annika** - In what ways have you taken action as an advocate? How have you been supported by FASD United or other Affiliates in advocacy?
3. **Mike** - What do you see as the role of living experience and caregiver advocates in your work? What impact do constituents have in policy change? Do you have an example of a time a constituent made a big difference in the outcome of your work?
4. **Reuben** - Do you consider yourself an advocate or lobbyist? What is your role as an advocate? How do you partner and collaborate with other advocates? How do you interact with other advocates?
5. **Annika** - What is the academic's role in advocacy? How can organizations effectively engage academics and invite them into advocacy efforts?

Breakout Discussion

1. What does advocacy mean to you, your role (or roles!), and your work?
2. How can FASD United and the Affiliate Network support you in engaging with advocacy?





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Q&A

***Please write your question(s) in the chat.**



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CloseOut

More Questions?

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