

Give **FASD** a Seat at the Table

Affiliate Monthly Meeting
February 19, 2025



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**Let's Connect!
Program Huddles**



Welcome



Affiliate Network

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



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Updates from FASD United

We need to hear from you!

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The 2025-2026 National Education Survey is LIVE!

WHO?

The survey is for self-advocates, parents and caregivers, and educators/professionals. *But this year, we are EXTRA focused on educators of all kinds.*

Even if you have taken the survey before, please take it again

FASD AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SURVEY RESULTS



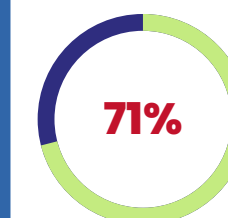
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders occur in school aged children at a rate of

1 in 20

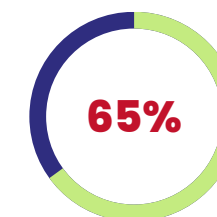
That's a child in every classroom.

<https://www.cdc.gov/fasd/data/index.html>

STATISTICS



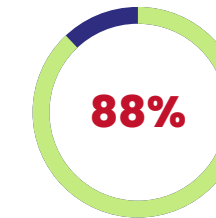
of self-advocates say not having appropriate FASD education accommodations is a **significant challenge**



of caregivers began noticing **educational challenges** in preschool



of self-advocates said the lack of recognition and understanding of FASD in schools is **discriminatory** for students with FASD



of professionals say students with FASD have a **more difficult time** obtaining educational accommodations compared to others with disabilities

May PA, Chambers CD, Kalberg WO, et al. Prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in 4 US Communities. JAMA. 2018;319(5):474-482. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.21836

bit.ly/FASDEdSurvey2025





What Happens Now?

NEXT POLICY FORUM:

FEBRUARY 25,
2026



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POLICY FORUM**

[BIT.LY/POLICYFORUM26](https://bit.ly/policyforum26)



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Affiliate Network Updates

AFFILIATE WORK GROUPS

Widening the Circle

Purpose: To deepen Affiliates' sense of connection and community with each other and provide learning opportunities and resources as we consider what it means to be advocates for access and engagement on behalf of people with FASD, their families, and communities in the broader access and engagement space.

Mental Health

Purpose: The purpose of this work group is to provide clinicians with a deep understanding of brain-based differences (BBDs) to enhance mental health support related to assessment, treatment planning, and service delivery.

Connectivity

Purpose: The Connectivity Work Group mission is to cultivate a sense of connection, build community, and promote collaboration within the FASD United Affiliate Network. The Connectivity work group members also moderate the FASD United Affiliate Network Facebook page.

Task Forces & Coalitions

Purpose: To elevate and document how to successfully create or join Task Forces & Coalitions around FASD. This Work Group is meant to support Affiliates in their strategy, progress, and confidence in building or joining state Task Forces & Coalitions.

Micro-Learning Modules

Purpose: To create a series of 5 - 20 minute mini-modules designed for lunch & learn style trainings for specific professionals.

- ANYONE at your Affiliate (even if they are not primary contact) can join initiatives within the Affiliate Network.
- Work Group participation is the best ramp if you want to join ANEC someday.
- You are always allowed to participate as you are able. If you are interested in a topic, try it out!



ACTION ITEM!



**Interested in a Work Group
or want more information?**

Please fill interest form!

EMERITI CIRCLE

- To acknowledge and honor community leaders
- Preserve institutional memory
- Maintain connectivity & relationships
- Leverage retired Affiliate Community leaders' valuable wisdom, perspectives, and ideas
- To provide a role for Affiliate Community leaders who retire to offer inroads to stay involved in FASD efforts.



Eileen Bisgard, JD



Jdg Michael Jeffery



**Jdg Susan Shepard
Carlson**



Sarah Messelt



Enid Watson



**Ann S. Yabusaki,
PhD, LMFT**



**Dr. Leigh Tenkku
Lepper**



**Marilyn Pierce-
Bulger**



Peggy Way



ACTION ITEM!



2026 Commitment Forms and Dues

Please submit by tomorrow.

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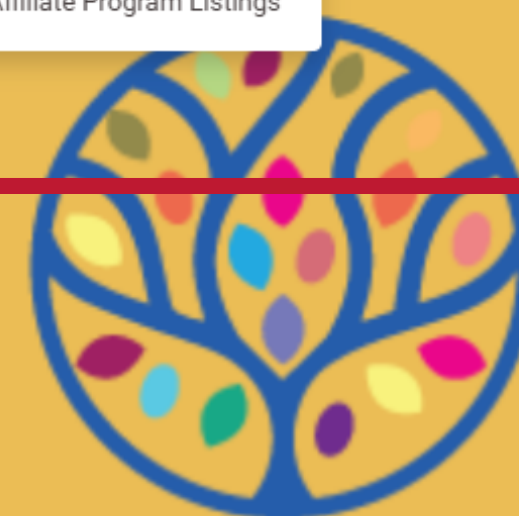
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Breakout Discussion

1. Advocacy
2. Training
3. Prevention
4. Support
5. Diagnosis
6. Therapies & Interventions



1. Choose a breakout room that aligns with your work

(I know, you probably do several/all!)

1. Take turns sharing about your program(s)/project(s) in this area.

2. Discuss:

- a. What parts of your program/project are you proud of or believe is going well?
- b. What would you like to start or do next with your program/project?
- c. How would you like to grow?
- d. If you are just starting to plan this program, what would be helpful to know from others already doing this work?
- e. What issues or struggles with your program/project would you like insight from others on?
- f. Free for all – these discussions are ultimately led by *YOU!*



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CloseOut

More Questions?