

Give **FASD** a Seat at the Table

Affiliate Monthly Meeting
March 19, 2026



FASD United
Affiliate Network



**Progress on Affiliate
Listening Report**





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



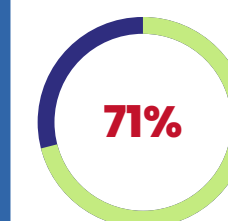
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders occur in school aged children at a rate of

1 in 20

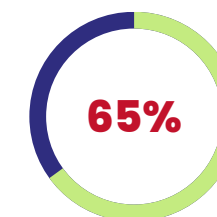
That's a child in every classroom.

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

STATISTICS



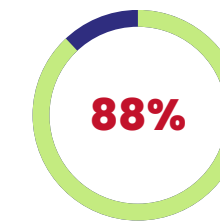
of self-advocates say not having appropriate FASD education accommodations is a **significant challenge**



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.2017.21896

bit.ly/FASDEdSurvey2025





What Happens Now?

NEXT POLICY FORUM:

MARCH 25,
2026



**JOIN THE MARCH FASD
POLICY FORUM**

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



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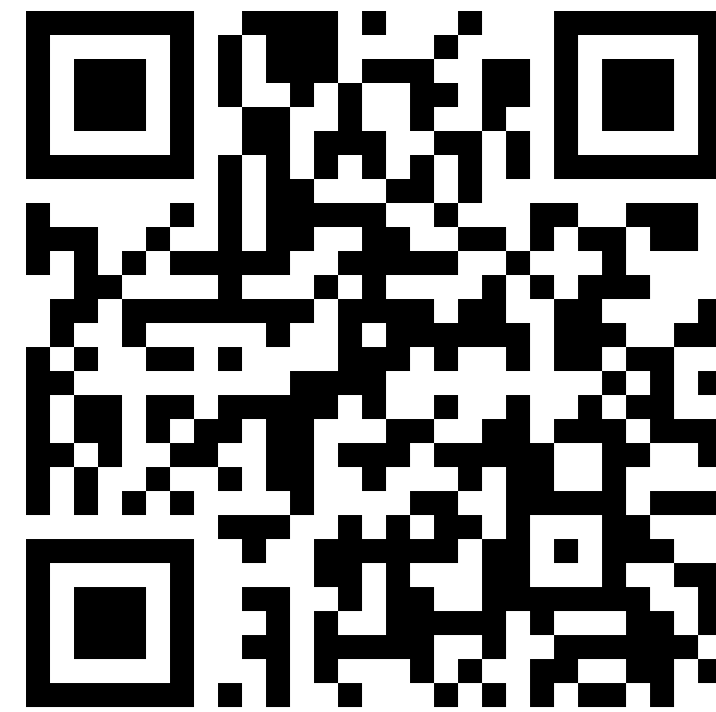
Affiliate Network Updates

FASD State Advocacy Toolkit

Six Practical Steps to Help
You **Start Where You Live**

&

The Tools to Help You
Advocate Where it Counts

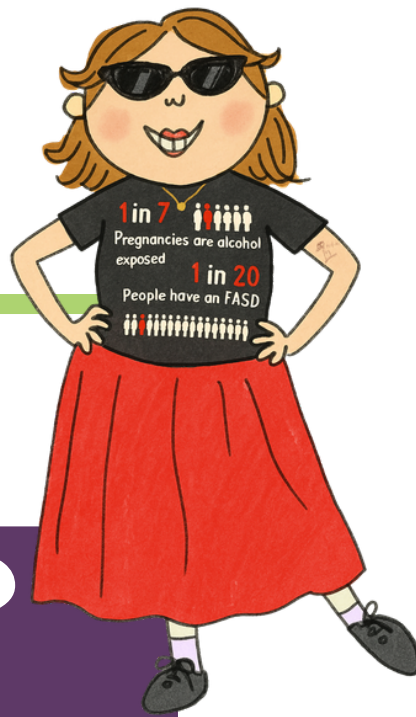


State Advocacy Hub



Full State Advocacy Toolkit

Metricool Grants Update



Current Participants

****Reminder to Respond to Sophie by April 1st**

- Dream Acres
- FASCETS
- FASD Communities
- FASD Network of Northern California
- Florida Center
- Formed Families Forward
- Louisiana FASD
- MassFASD
- NCFASD Informed
- Orchids
- Proof Alliance NC
- Texas FASD Network

Are You Interested?

We may have a few extra seats available, so keep an eye on your email for updates.

Metricool is a paid platform that brings all your social media into one place. You can post once across six platforms, track analytics, and gain insights to grow your reach. It is clean, simple, and easy to use.

A Message from Christie Petrenko



Thank you so much for all the great work you do!
We are trying to engage mental health providers in every state to participate in our **FMF Connect Pro project**.

This project aims to teach providers how to screen, diagnose FASD, and use FASD-informed care.

I am reaching out to see if you all would be willing to set up brief individual Zoom meetings with me to help me learn about the mental health landscape in your communities and brainstorm agencies and providers

I can reach out to. Thanks for considering!

You can email me at christie_petrenko@urmc.rochester.edu

SAVE THE DATE

Impact Week

September 27 - 30th, 2025

Washington, DC





ACTION ITEM!



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

Please fill interest form!

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!



**Nominations are now open
for the Emeriti Circle**

Send Nominations to:

Jenn Wisdahl

wisdahl@fasdunited.org by April 30th.

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.

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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



2024 Listening Report

Purpose: to identify key connection points for Affiliates and help the Network's Executive Council (ANEC) create a strategic plan.

How: The Work Group held 8 listening sessions with representatives from 24 affiliates.



Recommendations

1. Improve communication among affiliates to share resources and expertise.

Completed through:

- ✓ a. Changes and additions to the Affiliate Website
- ✓ b. Facebook Group for Affiliates
- ✓ c. New Work Groups for Affiliates

2. Regional working groups or special interest groups (SIG). Completed through:

- ✓ a. Regional Meetings
- ✓ b. New Work groups
 - i. Task Forces and Coalitions
 - ii. Microlearning Modules

3. Connecting affiliates with similar interests:

- ✓ a. Program Area
- b. Funding Source(s)
- c. Region/Geographic proximity
- d. Service population
- e. Etc?



Zoom Poll

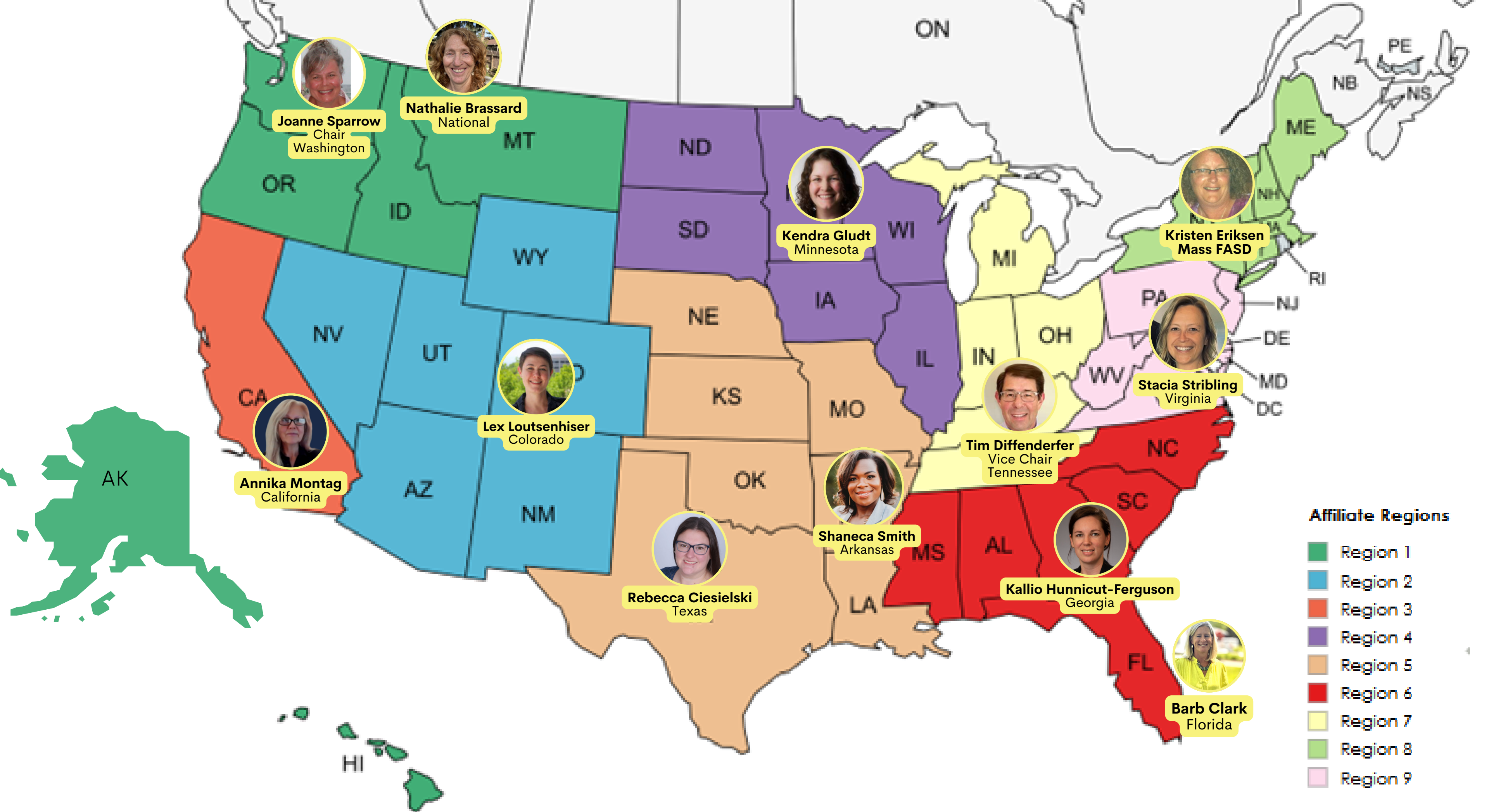
- Rank how you'd most like to connect with other Affiliates
 - Program Area
 - Funding Source(s)
 - Region/Geographic proximity
 - Service population
 - Other

Breakout Discussion

Affiliate Regions

-  Region 1
-  Region 2
-  Region 3
-  Region 4
-  Region 5
-  Region 6
-  Region 7
-  Region 8
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CloseOut

More Questions?