

Give **FASD** a Seat at the Table

Affiliate Monthly Meeting
May, 2026



FASD United
Affiliate Network



2026 Impact Week



Welcome!

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





Updates from FASD United



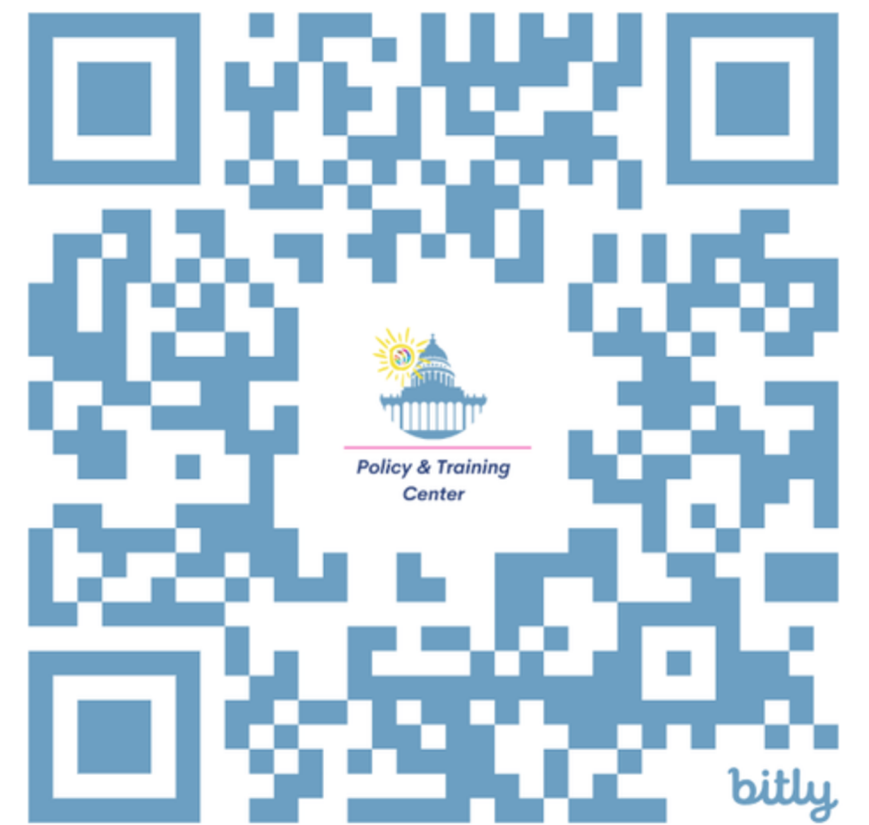
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***JOIN THE FASD UNITED
POLICY FORUM***

What Happens Now?
NEXT POLICY FORUM:

MAY 27, 2026



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Let's Fund FASD.



Building the Foundation
for Change **#FASDRESPECT**

**Submit US Senate
Testimony by May 22nd!**

SHARE YOUR NEWS

IN THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP



SHARE MAJOR UPDATES, WINS, AND
EVENTS TO BE SHARED ON THE FASD
UNITED WEEKLY ROUND-UP. GOES
OUT EVERY MONDAY.



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Affiliate Network Updates

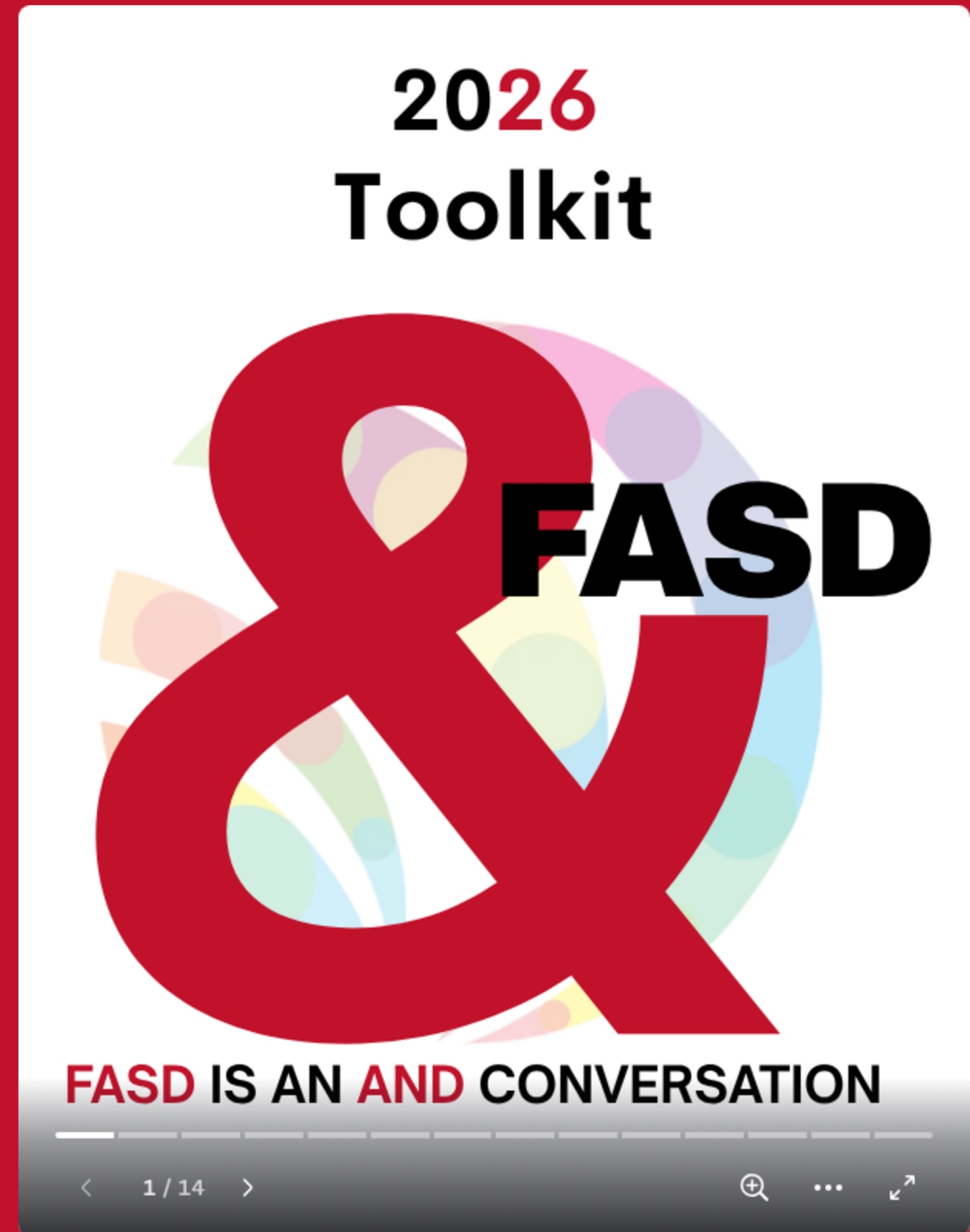


FASD Awareness Month Media Templates



Links will be in follow-up email
and on Affiliate Website

For questions, email Sophie Sissi
at Sissi@FASDunited.org





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FASD AWARENESS MONTH MEDIA

Step-by-Step Guidance:

- Accessing Awareness Month Media
- Saving and Modifying Media
- Personalizing Media from Templates
- Understanding Hashtags and Tagging
- Using Metricool Perks for Media Sharing
- Q&A at The End

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83942268046?pwd=gwRUdajoSKHhqvUWpNAnhHPn58unM4.1>

May 28th, 3-4 PM EST

MEETING YOU

**Where
You're At**

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

FASD
NATIONAL
IMPACT
WEEK

2026

SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2026

Join us
&
Make an
Impact



ACTION ITEM!



Impact Week Mini Grants - \$700

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be an Affiliate in good standing.
- Attend all events during Impact Week (unless discussed with Affiliate Director)
- Apply for mini-grant before September 9th (before Impact Week)

Mini-grants are disbursed after Impact Week.

Venue & Lodging

Numerous hotels at various price points are available throughout the area; however, we are able to keep Impact Week free by having guests stay at the Hyatt at our negotiated rate of \$265/night plus tax. Please consider this prior to booking an alternative hotel.

National FASD Impact Week events other than Hill Visits will be held at:
Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Regan National Airport 2799 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

This location is BIGGER, more accessible to popular locations in DC, and close to DCA airport.



09.27-30.2026



Save the Date

Sunday 9.27 - Day starts at 4:00

- FASD Poster Exposition (Evening)

Monday 9.28

- The FASD Symposium Part 1
- The Red Shoes Gala (Evening)

Tuesday 9.29

- Hill Day
- NPN Grantees Meeting
- Affiliate Social (Evening)

Wednesday 9.30 - Done by 4:30 pm

- USUHS CHSR Workshop
- Emerging Research
- The FASD Symposium Part 2

Poster Exhibition

The Impact Week Poster Session is an interactive event where researchers, community organizations, government agencies, and service providers share innovative work and practical solutions related to FASD.

Posters present research, program models, and community-based approaches and must be clear, engaging, and invite discussion and feedback.

There will be TWO sessions, so you will still get to see other posters if you present.

- Get to know the FASD Impact Week attendees, including National Foster Parent Association members, CDC National Partner Network members, and other FASD advocates.
- Share your work around FASD and families.
- Connect directly with presenters.
- Find opportunities to collab!



FASD SYMPOSIUM

An Invitation to the Table



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The FASD Symposium is a 1.5-day event community discussion where the participants are viewed as experts, contributors, and co-creators of solutions to problems we face in national FASD advocacy.



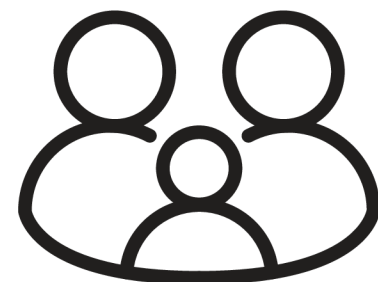
The Symposium involves several sessions. In each session, a facilitator will ask one question and collect perspectives from the contributors (participants). The perspectives and insights shared at the Symposium will be compiled and published as a White Paper.



All participants will have the option to be named as a Contributor on the final paper.

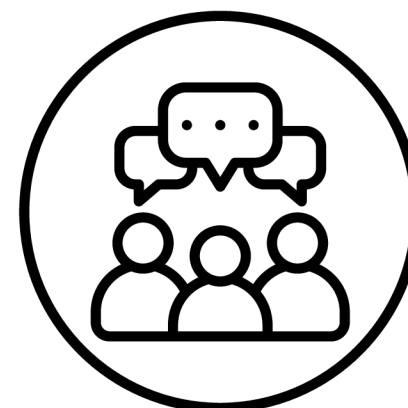
SESSION THEMES

2026



SESSION 1: SUPPORTING FAMILIES

*Task Force recommendation #4:
Promote a comprehensive and accessible continuum of care for families raising infants, children, and adolescents with FASDs.*



SESSION 3: NATIONAL FORUM

*Task Force recommendation #10:
Maintain a national forum in which parents, advocates, professional organizations, and experts in the field of FASDs can work to advance essential services and research for individuals with FASDs and their families.*



SESSION 2: IMPROVING RESEARCH

*Task Force recommendation #3:
Intensify research initiatives and interagency coordination.*



SESSION 4: FEDERAL PROGRAMS

*Task Force recommendation #1:
Modify eligibility and diagnostic classification systems to include FASDs so as to recognize FASDs as approved conditions under all federal disability-related benefit programs.*

FASD

& Disability Justice Education Healthcare Addiction

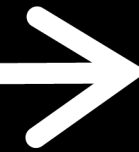
FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM
DISORDERS ARE AN "AND"
CONVERSATION

Hill Day

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

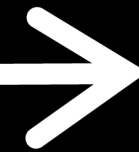


“According to national studies, FASD affects 1 in 20 school-aged children in the US, but receives less support and funding than similar issues with less prevalence, like autism.”



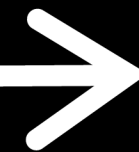
Policy Education

“Individuals living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders deserve access to early intervention, educational accommodations, and lifelong community support services.”



Policy Advocacy

“Please support Senate Bill 118, which would expand funding for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders screening, prevention, and family support programs.”



Lobbying

Planning YOUR impact week



Join us & Market Your Affiliate

Talk to others at your organization (leadership, board, staff, volunteers) to determine what programs or initiatives you want to promote.

- a. Are you seeking to collaborate with other organizations (partnerships)?
- b. Are you seeking participants in a program or initiative (service users)?

Bring business cards! Or make a virtual one! I recommend WaveConnect.

Sign up for a poster session to share your work.

WE CARE, & WE'LL BE THERE



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CloseOut

More Questions?