

Welcome!

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

Give FASD a Seat at the Table

Affiliate Monthly Meeting
November, 2026

FASD United
Affiliate Network



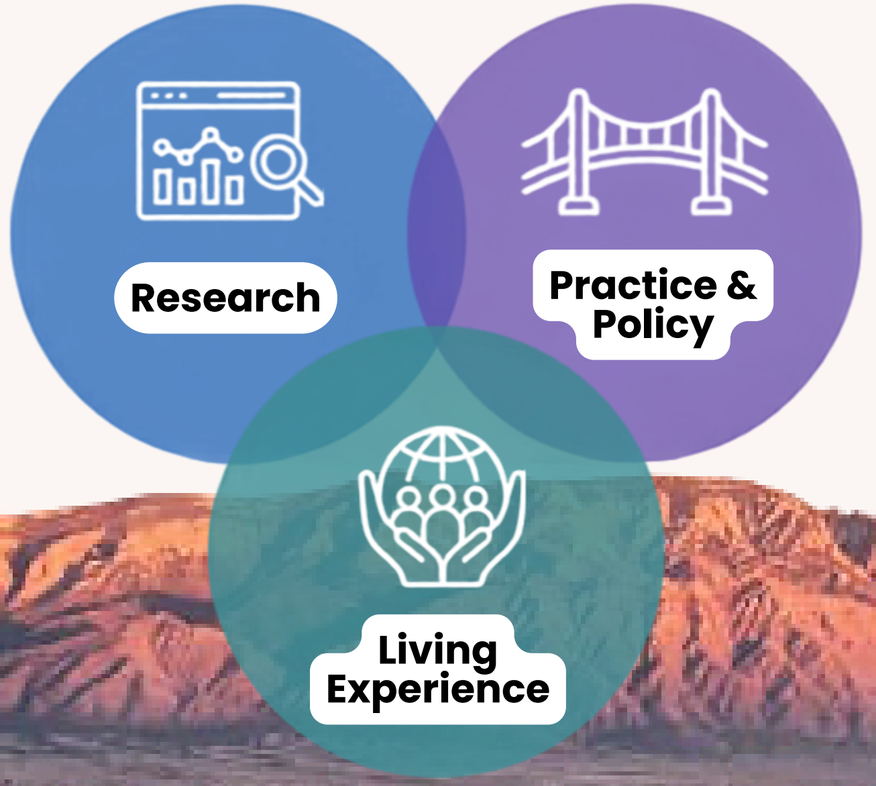
CDC National Partner Network (NPN) Intro & LOTS of Announcements

Updates from FASD United

FASD United
Affiliate Network

20th Annual International Conference on

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders



MARCH 12–15, 2027
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE AT OLD TOWN: $174
USD PER NIGHT (PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: NOW OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 24, 2026
https://fasdunited.org/fasd2027/



JOIN THE FASD UNITED POLICY FORUM

What Happens Now?

NEXT POLICY FORUM:

NOVEMBER 25TH
2 PM EST

Policy & Training Center

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Feeling stuck?

Mental Health Clinicians

The Community of Practice is a free, monthly peer consultation and reflection group for mental health clinicians.

Offered in partnership by FASD United and CanFASD, the group meets virtually on the last Thursday of every month starting in September 2026, and provides clinicians a space to learn alongside others doing the same work.

Join the conversation:
October 29th at 2:00 pm EST

FASD United

www.CanFASD.ca | www.FASDUnited.org
Questions: information@fasdunited.org

Was Your Child Exposed to Alcohol During Pregnancy?



If interested, please find out more about the study by contacting us by phone, email, online, or QR Code!

Protocol ID: IRB-24-0648
UCLA IRB Approved
Approval Date: 4/17/2026

Have you been told your child is “too active”?

- Have you thought your child may have **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?**
- Have friends, relatives, or your child’s teacher suggested your child may have ADHD?
- Has your child been diagnosed with ADHD?

If the answer is “**YES”** to any of these questions **and your child is 8 to 12 years of age,** we would like your child to participate in a **UCLA research study** of a non-medication treatment for children with prenatal alcohol exposure and symptoms of inattention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity. Both in-person and remote (via Zoom) participation are possible.

Your child will receive…

- A cognitive and behavioral assessment
- An assessment for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)
- 4 weeks of treatment with Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation (TNS) involving 2 small electrodes placed on the child’s forehead and worn during sleep
- 2 MRI brain scans. MRI is safe and does not use radiation.
- A $100 gift certificate to Target

Principal Investigator: Joseph O’Neill, PhD
Email: ChildBrainStudy@mednet.ucla.edu
Phone: (310) 267-2710 Online Screener: https://bit.ly/TNS-PAE

Trainings and an Easy-to-Use Tool for Working with Complex Children

RSRB Approval Date: 5/9/2024

Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) often go undetected, but are likely to be seen in mental health settings. It is likely that many children with FASD have been served by you or your group, with varying levels of difficulty and success with traditional interventions alone.



6 to 17%

of youth in child welfare or mental health settings have FASD

Opportunity to Learn and Try a New Tool

We are providing an opportunity to try a new program that will teach you how to better observe children with developmental complexity and adverse life experiences and determine if FASD may be an important part of their presentation.

Research Study Details

3 groups

Live ECHO Sessions



2 meetings a month for 6 months(13 CEUhours)

Mondays from 12-1 pm EST

Self-Directed



Self-paced (3-4 CEU hours)

Waitlist



Access to Self-Directed content after 6 months

Families Moving Forward CONNECT PRO

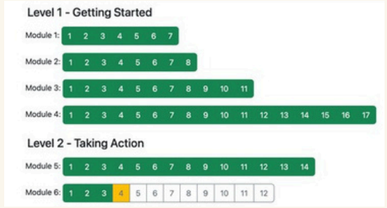
Use in a typical therapy session and bill using typical therapy codes

How can I use it?

FMF Connect Pro is a flexible tool that can be used in many ways



Guidance on routine screening for prenatal alcohol exposure



Use the dashboard to track client progress and assign homework



Provide resources and tools for families



Guidepost for sessions

Use the app with the family to go through new skills and worksheets during session



Structure your caregiver check-in

Have activities the child's caregiver can work on during sessions that you can easily check in on at the end of your session with their child



Understand your clients

Use the app and the training to understand your client and their family's needs



Celebrate progress

Use the dashboard to show the caregiver how far they have come in their work

Find information about signing up for the study at: **https://providers.fmfconnect.com**



Affiliate Network Updates



An invitation to connect about FASD & personal finances.

Katie Holman, *Florida*

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(301) 789 7884 (my cell)

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FASD NATIONAL PARTNER NETWORK

CDC's FASD National Partner Network: Collaborating with Partners to Support Pregnant Women and Families





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Prenatal Substance Exposure Surveillance and Research Team
Division of Birth Defects and Infant Disorders
National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
November 19, 2026



Mission: NCBDDD's Division of Birth Defects and Infant Disorders

To protect America's babies from birth defects, stillbirths, and infant disorders by providing real world data to understand who is affected, opportunities for prevention, and how to help affected people live their healthiest lives.



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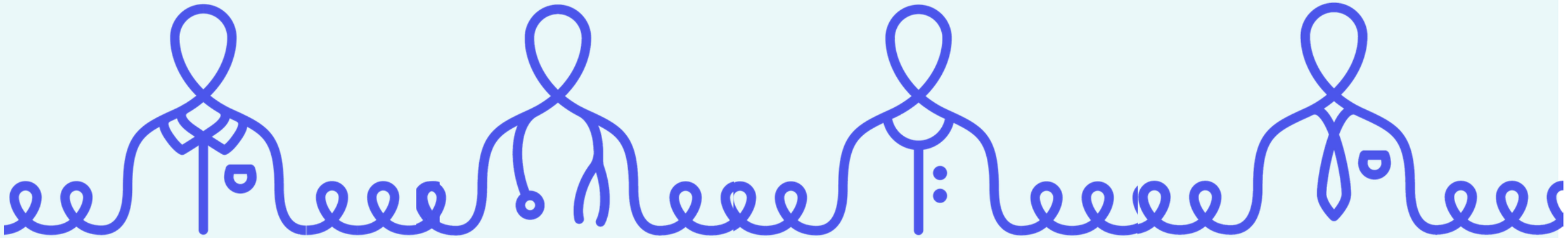
Healthcare and allied health professionals play a crucial role in the prevention, identification, and management of FASDs.



Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Address FASDs Across the Lifespan

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Component A (health professionals)

- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) [through Sept 2025]
- Univ of Alaska Anchorage with Assoc. of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) + National Assoc. of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)
- Univ of Nevada, Reno with American Assoc. of Medical Assistants (AAMA)
- Univ of Texas at Austin with National Assoc. of Social Workers (NASW)

Component B (non-clinical, maternal child health professionals)

- Montana State Univ with National Assoc. of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Component C (individuals, families, and communities impacted by prenatal alcohol and other substance use and FASDs)

- FASD United
- Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)

Primary Focus Areas

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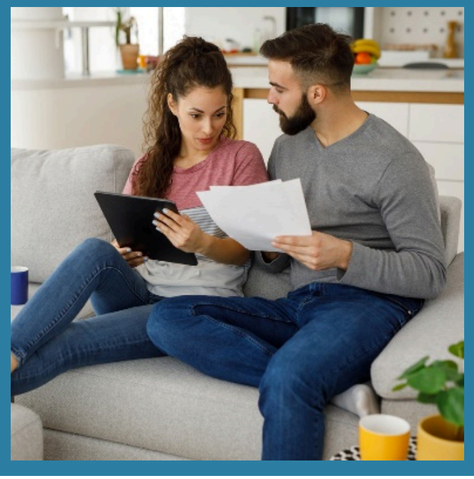
Expand & Integrate Champions Network



Coordinate messaging and dissemination



Improve and innovate training and education



Build capacity to link clinical & public health



Integrate lived experiences

Examples: NPN Resources for Healthcare Professionals





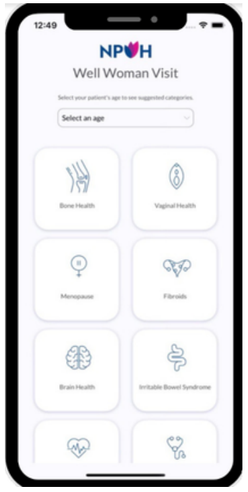




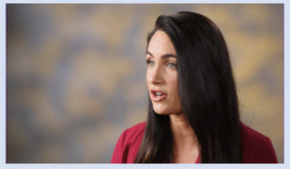








Access the NPN Toolkit



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NACCHO

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Center for Health & Safety Culture

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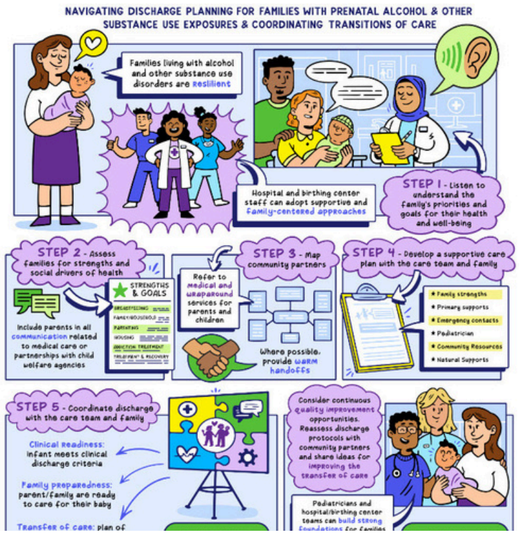

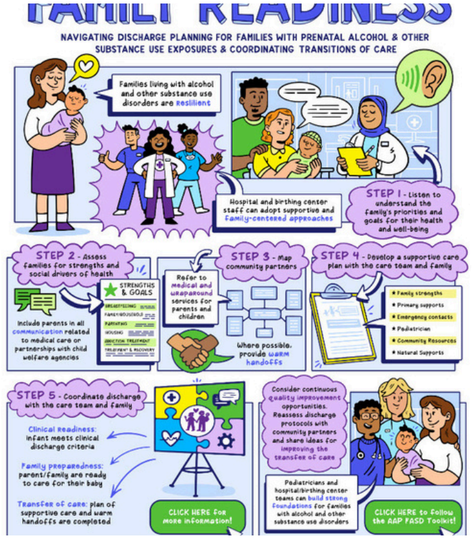



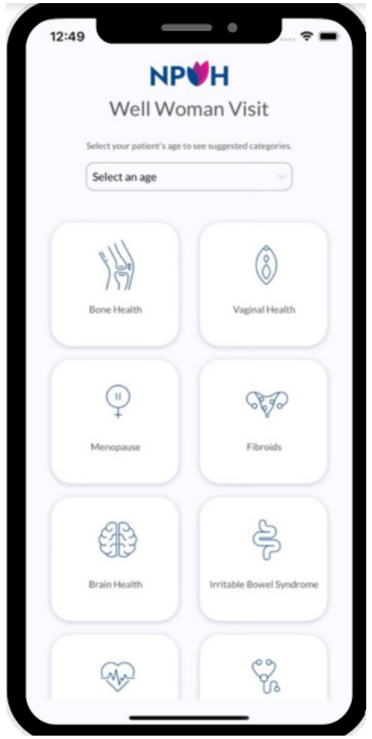

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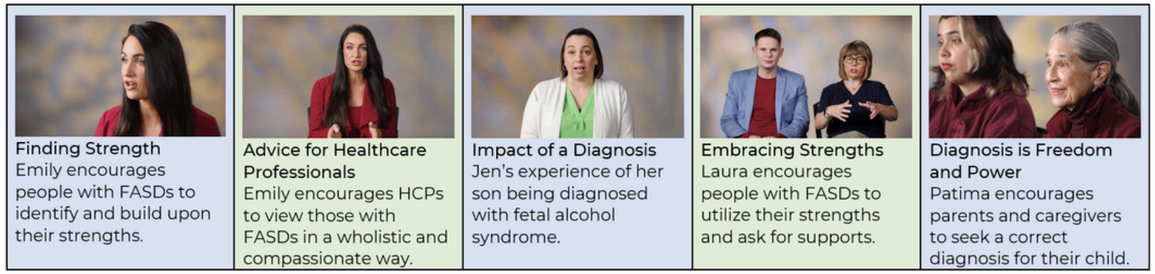
- FASD United's Family Navigator Program

Video Series: Lived Experiences with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders





- Individual and Family Experiences
- FASD Topics: Stories and Recommendations



www.cdc.gov/fasd/stories/video-series.html

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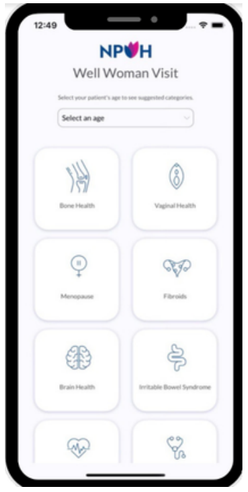

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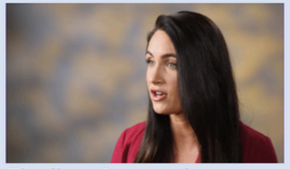

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Let's Talk: Resources for Healthcare Professionals and Patients

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Thank you.

For more information, contact CDC
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2022 - 2027

The CDC National Partner Network is a collaborative of national partner organizations that contributes to:

1. reducing prenatal alcohol and other substance use
2. improving support services and access to care, and
3. improving identification and health of children and families with FASDs.

Recipients

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Nevada, Reno
- University of Texas at Austin
- Montana State University
- FASD United
- Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Inc.

Examples of Resources

- Everything found on the NPN toolkit
- MetriCool
- Glimpses of FASD videos
- FASD Awareness Month toolkit
- Lived Experiences with FASDs video series
- FASD United Weekly Roundup e-newsletter
- FASD United social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, Bluesky, LinkedIn)
- NACCHO's "Let's Talk" resources
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)'s FASD resources
  - Managing excessive alcohol use in family medicine
  - AAFP guidance for screening, diagnosing and treating excessive alcohol use in primary care settings.

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FASD Affiliate Network Turns 25

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1. **Interviews:** Who needs to be included in historical interviews about the beginning and growth of the Affiliate Network?
2. **Press opporuntities:** How can we highlight the Affiliate Network in media?

Important Task | Voting | Event | General

Key Affiliate Activities

Q1	
Jan	Annual Renewal Forms
Feb	Emeriti Circle Nominations
Mar	Vote for Emeriti Circle
	FASD Research Conference

Q2	
Apr	Emeriti Circle Announced
	Awareness Month Toolkit shared with Affiliates
May	FASD Impact Week Mini-Grant Opens
Jun	*New Affiliate Onboarding*

Q3	
Jul	Work Group Recruitment
Aug	ANEC Self-Nominations Open
Sept	*Impact Week*
Oct	ANEC Closes

Q4	
Nov	ANEC Closes
	Affiliate Evaluation Survey
Dec	*New ANEC Member Orientation*
	NO AFFILIATE MEETING
	Annual Renewal Forms

VOTE!

2027 Affiliate Network Executive Council Elections



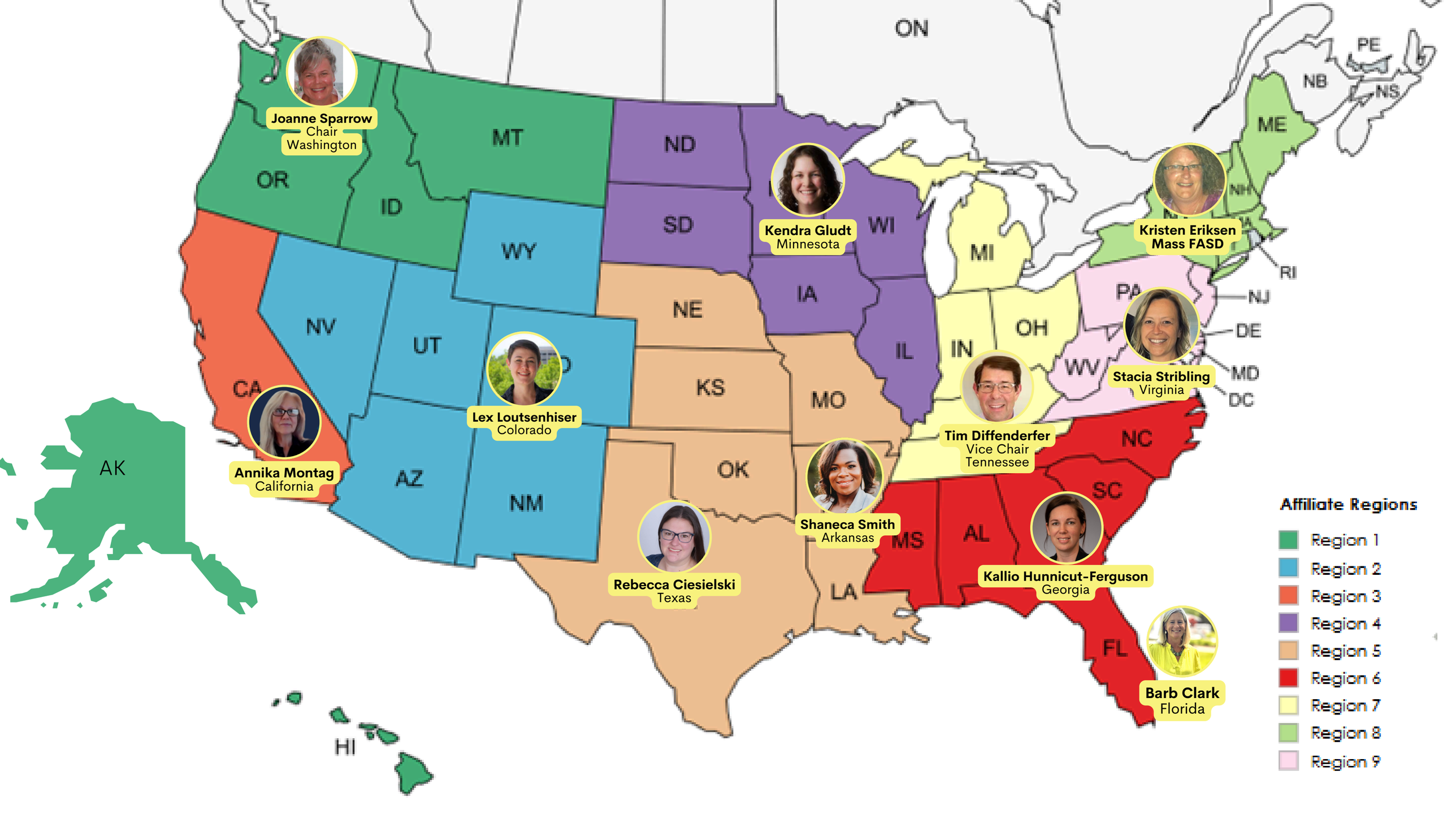
ANNOUNCEMENT!

Commitment Forms will open for 2027 soon!

1. You will receive an email from me (Emma at Baldwin@FASDunited.org) with instructions for filling the commitment forms and paying dues.
2. It is VERY IMPORTANT that only one person at your organization fills this form and is thorough with adding contact information for other relevant staff members.



Questions & Close Out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