

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE  
BUILDING FASD STATE SYSTEMS MEETING (BFSS)**

Colorado Springs Marriott  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
May 6-8, 2008

*"Climbing Mountains: Bringing the Focus Back to FASD"*

**AGENDA**

**Premeeting Events: May 6, 2008**

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- 1:30 p.m. Pre-BFSS FASD Subcontractors' Networking Meeting**  
*Location: Salons F&G*
- 3:30 p.m. BFSS Registration**  
*Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer*
- 4:15 p.m. BFSS First Time Attendees' Session**  
*Location: Salons A&B*
- 5:00 p.m. BFSS Opening Poster and Display Session: FASD Programs, Curricula, Sources, and Accomplishments**  
*Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer*
- 5:30 p.m. FASD: The Basics Plus** (An optional session for individuals new to the field and those seeking a refresher)  
Dan Dubovsky, MSW, FASD Specialist, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Salons A&B*

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**Day 1: May 7, 2008**

- 8:00 a.m. Meeting Registration**  
*Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer*
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction**  
Patricia Getty, PhD, Task Order Officer, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Grand Ballroom*
- 8:45 a.m. SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence: Accomplishments since August 2007**  
Callie Gass, Project Director, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence



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**9:15 a.m. Climbing Mountains to Inspire Our Work: Sharing Personal Stories**  
**Introduction:** Diane Malbin, MSW, Director, FASCETS; Birth Mothers Network Member

**Speakers**

- Dianne O'Connor, Birth and Adoptive Parent of Nine Children; New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- Elizabeth Rose and Jasmine Suarez O'Connor, Siblings, New York

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. Peaking Awareness on Current Science and Research Trends in the Field**  
**Introduction:** Melinda Ohlemiller, MA, Prevention Director, St. Louis ARC; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Co-Chair; BFSS Planning Committee Member

**Speaker**

- Jennifer Thomas, PhD, President, FASD Study Group; Department of Psychology, San Diego State University

**12:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)**

**1:30 p.m. Day 1 Breakout Sessions**

***Establishing a State Coordinator Position – A Mile High Opportunity***

**Moderator:** Mary Johnson, Maryland State FASD Coordinator, DHMH-FHA-Center for Maternal and Child Health; National Association of FASD State Coordinators Member; BFSS Planning Committee Member

*Location: Eagles Nest I*

**Speakers**

- Trisha Hinson, MEd, CMHT, FASD Project Director/State FASD Coordinator, Mississippi Department of Mental Health; National Association of FASD State Coordinators Member; State Subcontractor
- Pamela Gillen, ND, RN, CACIII, Director, COFAS Prevention Program, University of Colorado Denver; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Co-Chair; BFSS Planning Committee Member; National Association of FASD State Coordinators Member
- Jerome Romero, BA, Principal Investigator, Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions, University of New Mexico; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Member; National Association of FASD State Coordinators Chairman; BFSS Planning Committee Member



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### *Climbing Mountains to Build Effective Educational Interventions for Children with an FASD*

**Moderator:** Lachelle Frederick, Administrative Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services; BFSS Planning Committee Member

*Location: Eagles Nest II*

#### **Speakers**

- Wendy Kalberg, MA, CED, Clinical Research Associate, Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions, University of New Mexico
- Kathleen Taylor, OTR-L, Senior Program Therapist, Department of Pediatrics, Center for Development and Disability, University of New Mexico

### *Strategies That Peak How States Include Tribes in Planning*

**Moderator:** Joey Younie, MA, NCC, Director of Family and Consumer Activities, Center for Disabilities, Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota; BFSS Planning Committee Member

*Location: Salon F*

#### **Speakers**

- Lorena Burris, PhD, Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center
- Suzie Kuerschner, MEd, FASD Consultant/Trainer, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board/National Indian Child Welfare Association; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Member
- Candace Shelton, MS, Senior Native American Specialist, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence

### *Moving Mountains to Build and Sustain the Birth Mothers*

#### *Network – There Is a Circle of Hope*

**Moderator:** Kathleen Mitchell, MHS, Vice President and International Spokesperson, National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Member; Birth Mothers Network Member

*Location: Salon G*

#### **Speakers**

- Julie Gelo, Parent/Consultant/Trainer; Executive Director, NOFAS Washington State; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Member; Birth Mothers Network Member
- Peggy Combs, Director, California Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Organization, Birth Mothers Network Member
- Penny Wilson, Maryland; Birth Mothers Network Member

**3:00 p.m.**

**Break**



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3:30 p.m.

### Regional Breakout Sessions & State/Territory Goals Update

- **Region A: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont**  
Facilitator: Debra Lewis-Muhammad, MPA, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Grand Ballroom*
- **Region B: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania**  
Facilitator: Catherine Hargrove, JD, MSW, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Salon A*
- **Region C: Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia**  
Facilitator: Shayna Amerasinghe, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Salon B*
- **Region D: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina**  
Facilitator: Kabi Buffington, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Eagles Nest I*
- **Region E: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin**  
Facilitator: Candace Shelton, MS, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Salon F*
- **Region F: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas**  
Facilitator: Sharon Pollack, MPH, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Salon C*
- **Region G: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming**  
Facilitator: Ted Buxton, MPH, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Eagles Nest II*
- **Region H: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah**  
Facilitator: Paula Shultz, BS, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Salon G*
- **Region I: Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands**  
Facilitator: Dan Dubovsky, MSW, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence  
*Location: Grand Ballroom*

5:00 p.m.

### Day 1 - Adjournment



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### Day 2: May 8, 2008

**8:00 a.m. Meeting Registration**

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

**8:30 a.m. Day 1 Recap**

Callie Gass

**8:35 a.m. General Plenary Session: Climbing Mountains to Increase Diagnostic Capacity in State Systems**

**Moderator:** L. Diane Casto, MPA, Manager, Prevention and Early Intervention Services, Division of Behavioral Health, State of Alaska; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Member

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

**Speakers**

- Larry Burd, PhD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Kathryn Shea, LCSW, Chief Operating Officer, The Florida Center for Child and Family Development
- Susan Astley, PhD, Professor of Epidemiology and Director, Washington State FAS Diagnostic & Prevention Network, University of Washington

**10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. Day 2 Breakout Sessions**

***“Peaking” Into SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidenced-based Programs (NREPP) Process***

**Introduction:** Amber Kesterson, President, California Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Organization; BFSS Planning Committee Member

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**Speaker**

- Carol McHale, PhD, Senior Social Science Analyst, Performance and Technical Assistance Branch, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, SAMHSA



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### ***Mountains of Success: Using Effective State Task Forces to Increase System-wide Impact***

**Moderator:** Dan Dubovsky, MSW, FASD Specialist, SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence

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#### **Speakers**

- Kathy Stence, Program Analyst, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs
- Cheryl Lauber, MSN, DPA, State Coordinator, Michigan Department of Community Health; National Association of FASD State Coordinators Member

### ***Increasing FASD Diagnostic Accuracy: New information from MRI, MRS, and fMRI in Children with FASD***

**Introduction:** Georgiana Wilton, PhD, Scientist, Department of Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin

*Location: Eagles Nest II*

#### **Speaker**

- Susan Astley, PhD, Professor of Epidemiology and Director, Washington State FAS Diagnostic & Prevention Network, University of Washington

**12:00 p.m.**

### **Closing Lunch and Presentation: Climbing to New Vistas - Research Projects and Findings in the Populations of South Africa and Italy**

**Introduction:** Pamela Gillen, ND, RN, CACIII, Director, COFAS Prevention Program, University of Colorado Denver; SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel Co-Chair; BFSS Planning Committee Member; National Association of FASD State Coordinators Member

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

#### **Speaker**

- Philip May, PhD, Professor and Senior Research Scientist, Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions, University of New Mexico

**1:45 p.m.**

### **Wrap-Up, Acknowledgments and Closing Remarks**

Callie Gass, Dr. Patricia Getty

**2:00 p.m.**

### **Adjournment**

