
Building FASD State Systems (BFSS) 2010 Conference: Orientation for First Time Attendees

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Mission Statement



- The mission of SAMHSA's FASD Center for Excellence is:

To facilitate the development and improvement of prevention, treatment, and care systems in the U.S. and its territories by providing national leadership and facilitating collaboration in the field.

SAMHSA's FASD Center for Excellence



- SAMHSA = Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- SAMHSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS.
- SAMHSA established the FASD Center for Excellence in 2001.
- Within SAMHSA, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) oversees and directs the work of the Center for Excellence.



Origin of the Center: The Children's Health Act of 2000

- The Children's Health Act of 2000 reauthorized programs administered by SAMHSA to improve mental health and substance abuse services for children and adolescents.
- The legislation provided six mandates defining the work to be done by various centers for excellence (of which we are one).

The Children's Health Act of 2000: The Six Mandates



1. Study adaptations of innovative clinical interventions and service delivery improvement strategies for children and adults with an FASD and their families.
2. Identify communities with exemplary comprehensive systems of care for such individuals so that they can provide technical assistance (TA) to other communities.
3. Provide TA to communities that do not have a comprehensive system of care for such individuals and their families.

The Children's Health Act of 2000: The Six Mandates (cont'd)



4. Provide training to community leaders and relevant service providers across systems on the implications of FASD and early identification of and referral for such conditions.
5. Develop innovative techniques for preventing alcohol use by women in childbearing years.
6. Perform other functions, to the extent authorized by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations made by the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

History of the Building FASD State Systems (BFSS) Conference



- The first BFSS conference was held in 2003.
- This is the 7th conference overall.
- The BFSS conference support the Center's goals of:
 - ✓ Advancing the field of FASD;
 - ✓ Facilitating the development of comprehensive systems of care for FASD prevention and treatment (particularly at the State level, as stressed by the legislation);
 - ✓ Making current science and resources available *to* the field (science to service); and
 - ✓ Helping gain recognition and validation for successful approaches *from* the field (service to science).

Leadership of the Center for Excellence



- Patricia B. Getty, Ph.D., is Director of CSAP's Division of State and Community Systems Development, or DSCSD.
- She is also the Task Order Officer (TOO) for the Center.
- Alternate TOO's for the Center are Jon Dunbar-Cooper and Valna Montgomery.
- I'm Callie Gass, Project Director for the Center.
- I work for Northrop Grumman, the firm contracted to execute the Center's Statement of Work.

Conference Participants



- ✓ Members of the Center's Expert Panel and its recently formed American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Panel (aka Native Panel).
- ✓ Members of the Birth Mothers Network (BMN) and the National Association of FASD State Coordinators (NAFSC).
- ✓ Local, State, and juvenile court subcontractors working on FASD prevention and diagnosis and intervention programs.
- ✓ Staff from the Center for Excellence, and representatives from SAMHSA.
- ✓ State and U.S. territory government employees involved in policymaking who are working on FASD.

Conference Participants (cont'd)



- ✓ Representatives from national and regional organizations and Federal agencies that are involved in prevention and treatment efforts, including:
 - › The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - › The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
 - › The Department of Education
 - › The Office of Juvenile Justice
 - › The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
 - › The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
 - › The regional Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs)
 - › The National Prevention Network (NPN)
 - › The National Organization on FAS (NOFAS) and the Minnesota Organization on FAS (MOFAS)

Invitees and Theme



- The combination of invitees was chosen to increase opportunities to build partnerships and affect change.
- A Planning Committee from diverse backgrounds and locations helped to develop our annual theme and create the conference agenda.
- This year's theme is -

*Harmony and Collaboration:
Working Together to Keep FASD a Priority*

Tonight's Preliminary Sessions



- This evening's preliminary sessions include:
 - › The FASD Mini-Training with Dan Dubovsky, the Center's FASD Expert, immediately after this meeting from 4:45pm to 5:30pm (in the Carmichael/McTyeire room); and
 - › The Poster Session from 5:30pm to 6:30pm this evening, during which our 23 subcontractors will show and discuss their work (in Symphony Ballroom III).

The Conference Agenda



Each year, the BFSS conference includes general plenary and breakout sessions:

- **Wednesday**

- › **Plenary:** From 9:15am to 11:15am, Fran Harding, Director of CSAP, will deliver the opening keynote address.
- › **Plenary:** From 11:30pm to 12:30pm, Rob Wybrecht, lifelong FASD expert and a member of the Center's Expert Panel, will moderate a session in which individuals living with an FASD will share their stories and talents with us.
- › **Lunch:** From 12:30pm to 2:00pm.
- › **Breakouts:** From 2:00pm to 3:30pm.
- › **State Roundtable Working Groups:** From 3:45pm to 5:00pm.

Conference Agenda (cont'd)



- **Thursday**
 - › **Plenary:** Dr. Cynthia Kane, Professor at the University of Arkansas and also President of the FASD Study Group, will discuss current science and research trends in the field of FASD, beginning at 9:15am.
 - › **Breakouts:** From 11:00am to 12:45pm.
 - › **Working Lunch:** From 12:45pm to 3:00pm, Dr. Deborah Cohen, a member of our Expert Panel, will moderate a working lunch on policies to address drinking among women of child-bearing age. Dr. Raul Caetano from the University of Texas will also speak on the topic during the lunch.
 - › **Wrap-Up:** Concluding remarks for Day 2 will be at 3:00pm.

Conference Agenda (cont'd)



- Some breakout topics planned for this year include:
 - › Strategies for Developing and Sustaining Effective Partnerships
 - › Identification and Diagnosis of FASD Among Adolescents and Adults
 - › Applying Innovative Communication Strategies for Supporting Families and Creating Change
 - › Binge Drinking Among Pregnant Women
 - › Success Stories From FASD Coordinating Center Subcontractors Implementing Evidence-Based Programs
 - › Connecting with Tribes and Native American Populations to Strengthen State Systems
 - › Reaching Out to and Working With Primary Care Providers
 - › FASD and the Juvenile Justice System



Other Group Meetings This Week

- Feeding into the comprehensive national system is the work accomplished by:
 - › Our 23 subcontractors
 - › NAFSC
 - › The Birth Mothers Network
 - › The general Expert Panel for the Center
 - › The Expert Panel for the Native Initiative
- These groups all met separately on Monday or Tuesday.

FASD Subcontractors



- Twenty three (23) local, State, and juvenile court subcontractors.
- This is the second round of subcontracts - the first round consisted of 32 subcontractors.
- The current subcontractors are integrating one of two components into their programs:
 - › FASD Prevention; or
 - › FASD Diagnosis and Intervention.
- We hope you'll attend the Poster Session this evening and learn more about their groundbreaking work!

National Association of FASD State Coordinators (NAFSC)



- Established in 2003, starting with seven members.
- Goals are to:
 - ✓ Share evidence-based practices
 - ✓ Exchange information among States
 - ✓ Provide peer-to-peer technical assistance
- Currently 26 Coordinators, including 24 states, the District of Columbia, and the Navajo Nation.
- Working on ways to increase membership by mentoring States without coordinators.

Birth Mothers Network (BMN)



- Established to support and serve families with alcohol-exposed children or those at risk for alcohol-exposed pregnancies.
- Linked to the Web site of the National Organization on FAS (NOFAS) at <http://www.nofas.org/coh/> (Circle of Hope).
- Nearly 100 current members in the database.
- Group is developing and training a Speakers Bureau that can carry the message of hope to families, organizations, and agencies throughout the country.

The Native Initiative



- Technically known as the American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Native Initiative.
- Represents an extensive effort to address FASD among American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian populations.
- The Expert Panel overseeing the Initiative consists of Native providers and families affected by FASD.
- This Panel will guide the Center's efforts to reach out to tribal and community leaders on this issue.

General Logistics and Questions



- Pre-Conference event reminders for tonight:
 - › 4:45pm: FASD Mini-Training, with Dan Dubovsky (Carmichael/McTyeire room)
 - › 5:30pm: Opening Poster and Display Session (Symphony Ballroom III)
- Your BFSS conference folder includes:
 - › Hotel Map
 - › Photo Release Form
 - › Evaluation Form (Submit completed forms at the Meeting Registration Desk)
 - CD containing all presentations will be mailed after the conference

General Logistics and Questions (cont'd)



- The hotel shuttle is Gray Line Airport Express.
 - › Service is available from 5:00am to 11:00pm.
 - › Shuttles depart from the hotel every 30 minutes.
 - › You can make reservations at the Front Desk.
 - › You can also call Gray Line at (615) 275-1180 or e-mail them at reservations@graylinenashville.com.
- If you have any questions or need assistance, please see someone at the Meeting Registration Desk, or any staff member from the Center should be able to help you.

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