
“We’re Glad You’re Here”

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BFSS First-Time Attendees Session
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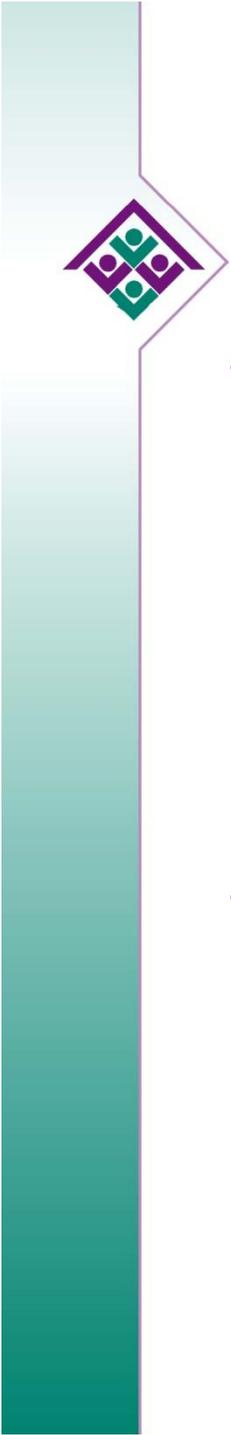
SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence

- SAMHSA—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - › An agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - › Established the FASD Center for Excellence in 2001
- Within SAMHSA, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) oversees and directs the work of the FASD Center for Excellence

SAMHSA FASD Center Mission Statement



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



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

- 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).



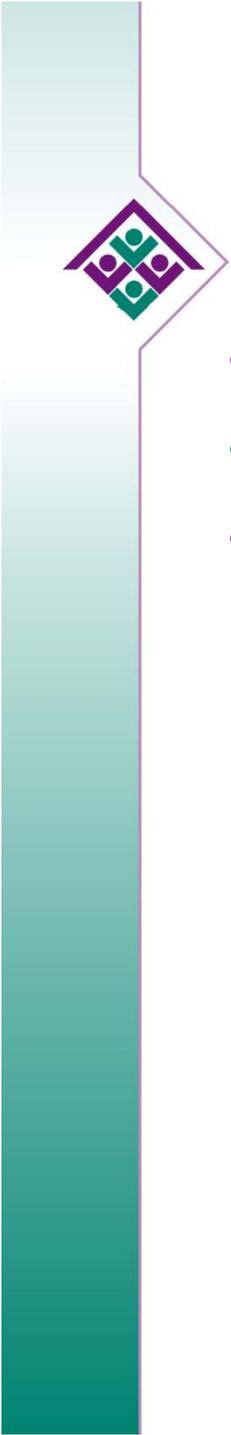
Children's Health Act of 2000: The Six Mandates

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.

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

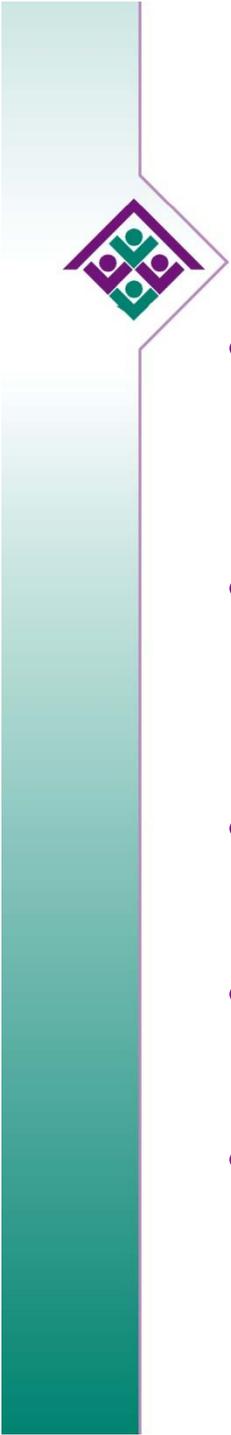


4. Provide training to community leaders and relevant service providers across systems on the implications of FASD and early identification of and referral for such conditions.
5. Develop innovative techniques for preventing alcohol use by women in childbearing years.
6. Perform other functions, to the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



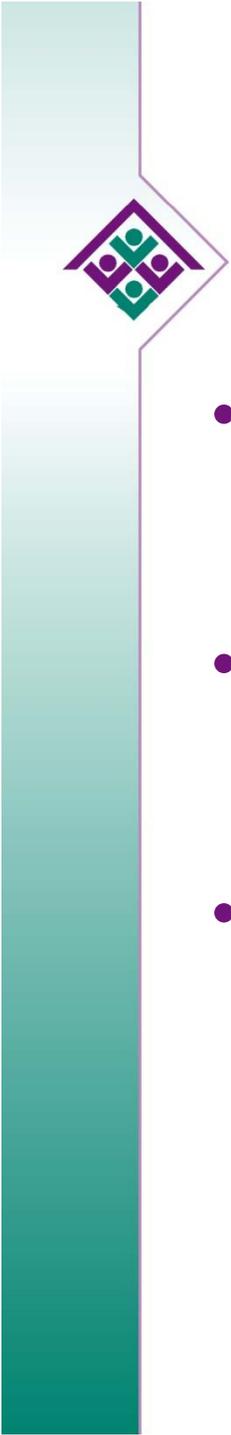
History — Building FASD State Systems (BFSS) Conference

- The first BFSS conference was held in 2003
- This is the 8th conference overall
- The BFSS conference supports 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)
 - › Helping gain recognition and validation for successful approaches *from* the field (Service-to-Science)



Leadership — SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence

- Jon Dunbar-Cooper, MA, CPP is a Public Health Analyst for CSAP's Division of Systems Development.
- Patricia B. Getty, Ph.D., is Director of CSAP's Division of State and Community Systems Development (DSCSD).
- They are the Contracting Officer Technical Representatives (COTR) for the FASD Center.
- I'm Callie Gass, Project Director for the SAMHSA FASD Center.
- I work for Northrop Grumman, the firm contracted to execute the FASD Center's Statement of Work.



2011 BFFS Conference 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 —

***“Hope, Faith, and Care:
Rising to the Challenge of FASD”***

Conference Participants



- Members of the FASD Center Expert Panel and FASD Center American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Panel (aka Native Expert 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 FASD Center for Excellence and representatives from SAMHSA
- State and U.S. territory government employees involved in policymaking who work on FASD issues

Conference Participants (cont'd)



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

Tonight's Preliminary Sessions



- This evening's preliminary sessions include:
 - › FASD Mini-Training with Dan Dubovsky, the Center's FASD expert, immediately after this meeting from 4:45pm to 5:30pm right here, in Salon 8.
 - › Self Advocates with FASD in Action (SAFA) Network Orientation Session. This session is at the same time—4:45pm to 5:30pm. It is for SAFA Network members and support persons only and will be in Salon 1.

Tonight's Preliminary Sessions



- › The **Opening Poster Session** is from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the South Ballroom. During this event, our 23 subcontractors will show and discuss their work.
- › During the Poster Session, you will have your first opportunity to hear **Morgan Fawcett**, a **Native American flute player**. Morgan is back by the popular demand from conference participants who heard him play last year in Nashville. Morgan is also a SAFA Network member.

Conference Agenda Highlights



- **Thursday, May 12**

- › **Plenary:** At 8:40am, a panel of dads of children with FASD. CSAP Director Virginia Mackay-Smith will deliver the opening keynote address on SAMHSA's future vision for FASD services at 10:30.
- › **Plenary:** From 11:15pm to 12:30pm, Susan M. Smith, Ph.D., President of FASD Study Group and professor at the University of Washington will speak on current science and research trends in the FASD field.
- › **Lunch:** On your own, starts at 12:30pm
- › **Breakout Sessions–Round 1:** 1:45pm to 3:15pm
- › **Breakout Sessions–Round 2:** 3:30-5:00pm
- › **Dinner & Networking on your own:** 5:00pm–until

Conference Highlights (cont'd)



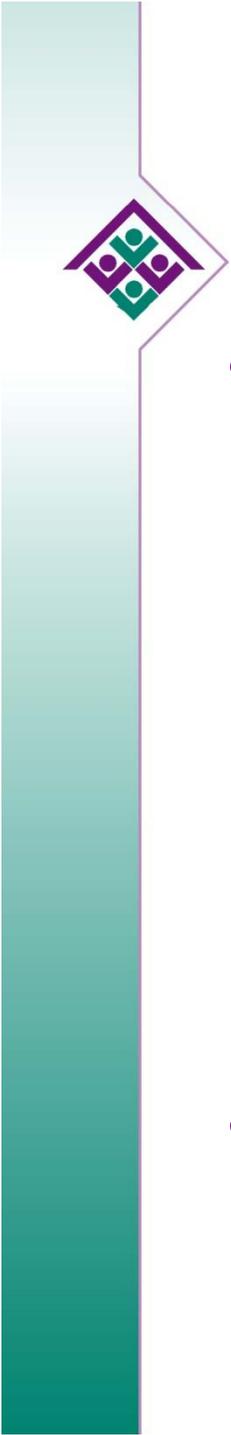
- **Friday, May 13**

- › **Plenary:** At 8:05am, a panel of project directors will discuss their collaborative efforts to bring evidence-based guidelines and research into practice in their State. Diane Castro, Director of Alaska's Behavioral Health, Prevention, and Early Intervention Services will moderate.
- › **Breakouts:** From 9:45am to 11:15am
- **Plenary:** At 11:30am, we will return to the North Ballroom to for the closing plenary where Trisha Hinson will share her State's success with *Creative Solutions for Sustainability*.
- **Wrap-Up & Closing:** Concluding remarks for the conference will be at 12:15pm, with adjournment at 12:30.

Conference Highlights (cont'd)



- Some breakout topics planned for this year include:
 - › Developing Diagnostic Capacity in Your State
 - › Preventing FASD by Creating a Circle of Hope
 - › The Big Picture on Grassroots Advocacy in Alcohol Policy
 - › Changing Social Norms by Engaging Prenatal Care Providers in Your State
 - › Strengthening Recovery to Reduce Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies
 - › Integrating FASD Prevention and Intervention Services for Successful Sustainability
 - › Testing the Feasibility of Screening Children for FASD Risk in Early Intervention Settings



Other Group Meetings This Week

- The work of the comprehensive national system is 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 Tuesday or Wednesday.

FASD Center 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
 - › FASD Diagnosis and Intervention.
- We hope you'll attend the Poster Session this evening to learn about their groundbreaking work!



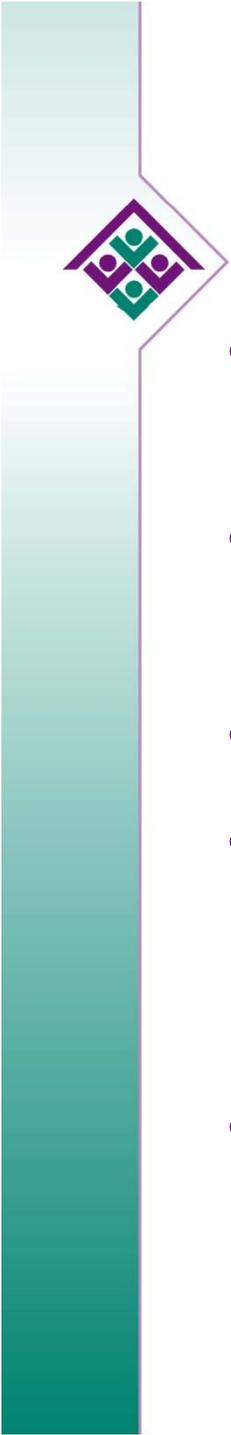
National Association of FASD State Coordinators (NAFSC)

- Established in 2003 with seven members
- Goals are to:
 - › Share evidence-based practices
 - › Exchange information among States
 - › Provide peer-to-peer technical assistance
- Currently, 30 members from 24 states, the District of Columbia, and the Navajo Nation
- Continues to work to increase membership by mentoring States that lack 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 has developed a Speakers Bureau and trained 14 speakers who carry the message of hope to families, organizations, and agencies throughout the country



Self Advocates with FASD in Action (SAFA)

- Kicked-off in March 2011, this is their first meeting during a BFSS Conference
- Established to be a self-advocacy network for young adults with an FASD (ages 18 and over)
- Thirteen charter members
- SAFA coordinators and liaison are members of the FASD Center Expert Panel, where SAFA was conceived
- The overall goal of the SAFA project is to build and support a strong network of self advocates

The Native Initiative



- Formally known as the American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Initiative
- Represents an extensive effort to address FASD among American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian populations
- The Native Expert Panel overseeing the Initiative consists of Native providers and families affected by FASD
- The Native Panel guides FASD Center outreach 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 in this room
 - › 5:30pm: Opening poster and Display Session (South Ballroom)
- Your BFSS Conference folder includes:
 - › Hotel Map
 - › Photo Release Form
 - › Evaluation Form
- Please leave completed forms at the Conference Registration Desk

General Logistics and Questions



- A CD containing all presentations will be mailed to you after the conference.
- Numerous restaurants and other amenities are within walking distance of the hotel. To venture further, taxis are available at your own expense.
- Ground transportation between the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and Wyndham Hotel is provided by SuperShuttle. To make a reservation link to:
 - › <https://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=Z2QKT> on the Web or
 - › Call 1-800-BLUEVAN and mention code Z2QKT to receive the discount.

General Logistics and Questions



- If you have questions or need assistance, please see someone at the Conference Registration Desk or ask any FASD Center staff member.

Conclusion



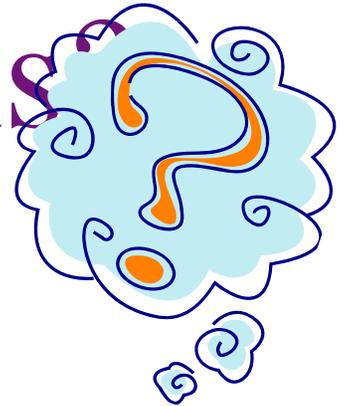
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