

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FASD STATE COORDINATORS

State Quarterly Updates, August 2010

Prior to the August 3, 2010, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, State Coordinators reported on recent activities in their States. These activities are summarized below.

Arizona

Coordinator: Teresa Kellerman and Dr. Cindy Beckett

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Task Force reconvened on July 15th to discuss action plan for the next year. Initiatives include supporting local activities on September 9th for FASD Awareness Day; distributing new posters made by Dept. of Health; investigating possibility of initiative to increase alcohol tax.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Subcontract for Brief Intervention (Sara Rumann, Dept. of Health).
 - Project "Take Ten" continues to collect data from volunteer participants www.fasday.com.
 - CDC FAS Surveillance Grant (UofA Dr. Chris Cunniff, Teresa Kellerman)
 - Trainings in AZ communities (Cindy Beckett, Teresa Kellerman, Dee Quinn) for students, foster parents, court systems, disability providers, behavioral health, medical providers.
 - Screening project continues (Teresa Kellerman, State Dept. of Dev. Disabilities).
 - Web sites maintained and updated: www.fascrc.com www.fasarizona.com.
 - Sara Rumann and Teresa Kellerman attended the FASD Center Field Trainers Update Meeting.
 - Community Prevention Coalition parent education project—Teresa Kellerman.

2. New Initiatives:

- Dr. Cindy Beckett has formed a non-profit organization for FASD in Northern AZ for training, awareness, and family support in the Flagstaff, AZ

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- Alcohol-Free Recipe Booklets project on hold, may consider reprint original or design new through Dept. of Health. New awareness posters printed instead.

California

Coordinator: Madeline Journey-Lynn, MEd

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** Chair will report
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - **CA FASD TASKFORCE**— 5 May 2010 – items discussed: "Hello Kitty" advocacy; Nine Zero Update re: baby shower fundraiser; CA FASD 9/9 planning discussion – we have secured the west side of the Capitol grounds, event planning meeting will be held on 4 Aug; \$10 million allocated for home visits in CA – SBI

- **SIT FASD Work Group**—The WG has ended (results reported in APR 2010 report). The recommendations were presented to the State Interagency Team (SIT) on Fri., 23 July. The SIT will add the recommendations to their tracking system; Dept of Social Services will be sending an All County notice on FASD to all County Welfare Directors; FASD Fact Sheets slowly being developed and put on applicable Web sites.

2. New Initiatives:

- CA is virtually at a stand-still because we have no 2010-2011 budget – overdue since 1 July 2010.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- Participated in the 28 July 2010 NAFSC Primary Care Subcommittee teleconference.

Hawaii

Coordinator: Naomi Imai

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Survey asking TF members to identify priority goals completed. Top priorities: develop a statewide strategic plan, restructure the TF, 0-3 family court & early mental health.
 - Last TF meeting 6/1/10; Next TF meeting scheduled for 8/10/10.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Needs Assessment on Prevention of Prenatal Alcohol Use and identification of existing local prevention and treatment programs that provide services to women at risk/pregnant.
 - Hawaii Partnership for Prevention of Underage Drinking (HPPUD)--meetings and presentation to schools in May.
 - Outreach and dissemination of info to various agencies, DOE, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

2. New Initiatives:

- Coordinating training for January 2011 with Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center.
- ADAD Prevention, Data, and Information Services Manager invited to TF meeting to discuss collaboration between ADAD and DOH/Family Health Services Division.
- TF planning for FASD Awareness Day, September 9, 2010.
- Dissemination of FASD info/networking at the Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) conference..
- Contacted Psychological Association to have a FASD table at their conference October 2010.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- FASD screening and evaluation of DHS CWS foster children began (five children referred for evaluation/assessment out of 23 children screened to date)

Kansas

Coordinator: Joseph Kotsch, RN, MS

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Participation in activities associated with the Kansas Coalition to Keep Children Alcohol Free
 - Dissemination of FASD-related activities, events, and resources to local partners through ZIPS newsletters, educational conferences and professional contacts (technical assistance)
 - Ongoing partnership with Kansas SRS Agency's Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Treatment and Recovery area (policy and standards development on prevention)
 - Diagnostic and Treatment Centers in Emporia and Kansas City (KUMC)
 - Continued partnership with statewide child welfare advocacy organization in curriculum development activities by acting as a resource to locate standards, documents, etc

2. New Initiatives:

- Initiative to prevent FASD still under consideration by the Kansas Leadership To Keep Children Alcohol Free Coalition
- Ongoing process of identifying individuals to present to MCH grantees on alcohol and substance prevention, exposures, etc., during educational conferences and other events
- Participation as the lead State partnering agency for the text4baby initiative in Kansas

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

Maryland

Coordinator: Mary Diane Johnson

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD State Plan 2010
 - Regular Bimonthly meetings

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD Resources Guide and Promotional Materials and Web site
 - FASD Conference 2011
 - Judges' workshop on FASD, Girl Scout Health Fair – Fall 2010

2. New Initiatives:

- Proposed workshop for Women Legislators of Maryland – Winter 2010

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- Subcommittee on Airline Warning Labels

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, MDiv

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - *SBIRT in School-Based Health Centers* training and evaluation planning is being undertaken for fall implementation.
 - Presented workshop on CAPTA and Substance-Exposed Newborns at Substance-Exposed Newborns conference, sponsored by AIA in June and 4th Women, Substance Abuse and Recovery Conference in July.

2. New Initiatives:

- *SBIRT for Batterer's Intervention Educational Groups* is being planned for fall 2010. We are considering an innovative group SBI model.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- *SBIRT for Deaf/Hard of Hearing* preparation/implementation on hold due to project challenges. Rescinded accepted abstract for American Public Health Expo and Conference.
- FASD Prevention Toolkit is being reviewed by health providers prior to distribution.
- Alcohol Beverage Lobby has successfully gotten enough signatures to put a rescinding of the alcohol tax on the November ballot, in spite of the increase in alcohol sales since implementation of tax. MA Legislature voted to continue to support alcohol tax. Broad coalition is working to defeat this initiative.
- Continuing FASD training in health care settings.
- Attended BFSS in Nashville and FASD Field Trainer's Update in Orlando. Thank you!

Michigan

Coordinator: Debra Kimball MSN, RN

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD Task Force quarterly meeting was held May 26, 2010, in Lansing, MI.
 - State FASD consultants provided training for State substance abuse employees May 13, 2010.
 - State FASD consultant provided training for agency staff who work with Wedgewood Christian Services Foster Care, Residential Treatment Center, and Lighthouse Charter School for at-risk youth ages 8-17 yrs.
 - State Task Force members continue to submit quarterly progress updates related to objectives & activities identified in the State 5-year FASD strategic plan.
 - Workgroup developing FASD Resource Guide for *Early On* service coordinators, Dept. of Education completed their meetings in June 2010. Content recommendations for review & edit have been submitted. Final draft of the FASD Resource Guide is planned for August 2010.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - West Michigan continues to successfully enroll high-risk substance-abusing women of reproductive age in the Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP).

- Ten statewide FASD Community-Based prevention and intervention grants continue to implement projects for prevention, diagnosis, and referral for interventions via available resources in their local communities.

2. New Initiatives:

- Letter of Support was sent May 2010 for grant application Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders HRSA # 10-034 from Director of Family, Maternal & Child Health Bureau, Dept. of Community Health to continue the Children's Research Triangle (CRT), Chicago, IL demonstration project with sub-grantees at NOFAS, FQHC's and maternal & child health sites to improve prevention, identification and support of individuals with FAS. The FQHC site located in Muskegon, MI has been involved with the initial FAS training demonstration project.
- BFSS Nashville Conference attended by FASD State coordinator & taskforce representatives.
- Poster session regarding Michigan FASD Community-Based Programs displayed at BFSS by State coordinator.
- Letter of acceptance received for FASD poster session at Premier Conference of Michigan Assoc. of Local Public Health (MALPH), October 2010.
- Conference call held June 2010 with Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center, University of WI to discuss content and proposed dates for FASD CDC curriculum for providers & allied health in MI fiscal year 2010 -2011.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

Nevada

Coordinator: Muriel Kronowitz, MA, LPC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The PSAP subcommittee has met quarterly since the last report.
 - Revision of their by-laws to include membership representative from frontier/rural communities and parent(s) of children with an FASD.
 - The adoption of a logo and promotional items for health clinics, ob/gyns, and drug and alcohol coalitions.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Approval of a contract with Dr. Chasnoff to train staff in Las Vegas in the implementation of the 4Ps+ pregnancy screening. Continue screening in northern Nevada, 5,000 screened.
 - Contract approval with the University of Arizona, Pediatrics to implement the abstraction of FAS cases in conjunction with the CDC grant they received.
 - Coordination with coalitions to outline activities that acknowledge FASD Awareness Day in September.

2. New Initiatives:

- None at this point. *It is to be noted that the FAS Surveillance contract will not be renewed after the contract end on September 29, 2010. The PSAP coordinator was notified by the University of Arizona that CDC has cut their grant in the amount that was to be used by Nevada.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

New Jersey

Coordinator: Elizabeth Dahms, MS, RNC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Web site committee continues to actively post information on the NJ site
 - FASD statewide task force meets quarterly

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Pregnant women screened using Perinatal Risk Assessment with the 4P's Plus
 - Perinatal Risk Assessment includes 4P's Plus screening questions and is being implemented with all Medicaid patients

2. New Initiatives:

- Resources are being gathered to compile a list of resources for women who have children affected by FASD

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

New Mexico

Coordinator: Jerome A. Romero

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - GRADS Peer Education Program
 - Women's Outreach Media Campaign
 - FASD Education

2. New Initiatives:

- STD Focus Groups
- HPV Vaccine Focus Groups
- Grants with GRADS Program
- UNM Foundation Grants
- Statewide FASD Prevention Foundation Fundraising Kick Off in August

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

New York

Coordinator: Margo B. Singer, MPA

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The FASD Task Force for our Northrop Grumman Project CHOICES subcontract will meet again in September. We will be focused on developing a sustainability plan for after the funding ends.
 - NY's FASD Interagency Workgroup will meet again in September. We have just published a new resource manual for early childhood professionals. I will let people know when it is online.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The Northrop Grumman Project CHOICES continues its work. Providers just attended the annual training. We have added new sites in Upstate & Western NY so our Project is now truly statewide in scope.
 - The FASD State Coordinator continues to conduct FASD workshops/trainings for State agencies & community-based providers every month. I am now doing more 'webinars'.
 - The Governor's ACTION Plan includes several FASD items which we continue to make progress on.

2. New Initiatives:

- Working with our NYS DDPC to review grant proposals from our Perinatal Networks across the State to implement "Pregnant Pause" prevention efforts. Approximately \$10,000 is available.
- Our agency submitted comments concerning FASD in the new USDA Dietary Guidelines.
- Assisted NYC in applying for new CDC grant to implement Project CHOICES in family planning clinics.
- Working with our Health Dept. & other State agencies on the new federal Home Visiting RFP to include FASD prevention components such as MI and alcohol screening & brief intervention.
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- Working with our agency SBIRT Workgroup to ensure that we include FASD prevention in our efforts.
- As a result of recent news stories regarding adoptions from Russia, we are working with our DDPC to examine what resources are provided to adoptive & foster parents on adopting children with developmental disabilities, including FASD.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- Sent out letters to 12 Airline companies requesting Alcohol & Pregnancy Messages and received a positive response & action from Southwest. We will be thanking them and sending a second request back to the others. The Letter (will report at next NAFSC Meeting) to the other companies. The NAFSC letter was also shared with other national organizations such as NOFAS, BMN-COH, NASADAD, NPN, WSN, and CSPI.

North Carolina

Coordinator: Janice White, MEd and Amy Hendricks

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Discussion about planning a Task Force
 - Staff with contract agency have written a proposal to initiate State wide task force.
 - Research into task force activities & prospective members will begin in 10-11 contract year.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Completed first of two FASD training sessions for the statewide Centers for Prevention Resources (CPRs). Continuing the development of resources and preparation for second training is under way. Reached 18 staff from four offices.
 - Training and exhibits to allied health professionals across the State in various settings—ongoing. Exhibited at eight conferences, and provided three trainings in this quarter.

- Planning media campaigns and outreach activities with Centers for Prevention Resources (CPRs) for FASD Awareness Day, September 9, 2010.

2. New Initiatives:

- Collaboration with other agencies (Public Health & local University) for presentations in a variety of settings.
- Collaboration with the Qualla Boundry/Eastern Band Cherokee Indians Healthy Beginnings/Health Futures Program to provide training to the Zero to Three Family Court Team and to train allied health professionals on FASD diagnostics.
- Working with Western Carolina University's nursing program to incorporate FASD information into the curriculum for first year BSN students. In addition, exploring incorporation of this topic in the MSN training curriculum.
- Working with the Western NC trainer for NC Alcohol Beverage Control in piloting the FASD message within existing Responsible Alcohol Seller Program trainings delivered in western North Carolina.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- Coordinators have attended the following meeting/trainings:
 - 4/30/10—FASD Southeast Regional Training Center 2010 Train the Trainer Program, Nashville, TN (Amy)
 - 5/4/10—FASD State coordinators/BFSS Conference, Nashville, TN (Jan & Amy)
 - 5/4/10—National Association of FASD State Coordinators (NAFSC), Nashville, TN (Jan & Amy)
 - 5/5/10 - GLFRTC (Great Lakes FASD Resource Training Center) Member Meeting, Nashville, TN (Jan & Amy)
 - 6/24–6/24/10—FASD: Into Action/FASCETS, Portland, Oregon (Amy)

Ohio

Coordinator: Melinda Norman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - We have begun the initial planning for September 9th 2010 activities.
 - Our yearly plan review is currently ongoing and a draft report has been created and is undergoing review and edits at this time.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - All of our currently integrated activities around media, training, and education are continuing.
 - Our topic-specific toolkits are still being utilized and distributed.

2. New Initiatives:

- A resource directory of speakers, trainers, and other service providers is being compiled based on the feedback for the last workforce development training of trainers.
- We are still pursuing signage legislation here in Ohio. Our State Agency Legislative Liaisons are awaiting internal review at this time.
- We are in the preliminary stages of developing an annual recognition of Advocates in Ohio. More information will be coming as this develops.
- We are in the preliminary stages of our pilot project of developing a Birth Mom's Network here in Ohio. We have five centers engaged and beginning to design the protocols. More information to come.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report:

- We are partnering with Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence to develop and share resources that would be beneficial for all children and specifically for those affected by FASD. We are pleased to announce that several of these items have been released and are available on the Web site: http://www.ocali.org/view.php?nav_id=152
- We worked with our Help Me Grow Advisory Board to include alcohol-related information in the Home Visitation program. This was successfully added to the program and implementation was effective July 1, 2010.
- We held three Regional Trainings across the State in April and over 250 people were educated regarding FASD.

Pennsylvania

Coordinator: Kathy Jo Stence, CAC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The FASD Awareness Subcommittee of the Task Force met on May 11, 2010 to begin planning for Awareness Week 2010, to be held 9/7 – 9/12/10. Partners across the State are conducting awareness/prevention activities. Awareness Week Activities include:
 - Distribution of 4000+ baby bottles stuffed with FASD information at OB-GYN offices
 - Distribution of 23,000 awareness ribbons across the State
 - Partnerships with WIC and Municipal Health Offices for the distribution of materials
 - Presentations and initiatives conducted by many community partners across the State, including presentations at schools, colleges, recovery centers, health fairs
 - Awareness week kickoff event held at a recovery center, featuring Dr. Mary DeJoseph and Steven DeJoseph as keynote speakers. Local State representatives will read the Governor's proclamation and give opening remarks and the PA Deputy Secretary of Health
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD training opportunities are being offered upon request across the State
 - Technical assistance and resources are being provided by the State Coordinator and other Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs staff to county offices who are now being required to provide at least two FASD prevention activities, as per the newly executed grant agreements.

2. New Initiatives:

- Continued efforts are being made to strengthen appropriate networks/partnerships with other State agencies and private organizations to forward FASD initiatives/State Plan.
- The PA Dept of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs has entered to an MOU with ARC of Riverside California's NineZero project for licensing rights and use of NineZero resources. This will allow a unified, statewide PR campaign re: zero use during pregnancy.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

South Dakota

Coordinator: Robin Erz, CCDC III

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The project has replaced leaving members with new members in order to keep the Task Force updated.
 - A Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 2010 in Chamberlain, SD.
 - The project continues to look to add new members to the Task Force that represent a wide representation of FASD professionals.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Statewide FASD Prevention Project—WIC contract with SD Department of Health has expanded to 10 WIC sites across the State.
 - WIC staff new to the project were trained on data collection and FASD education via distance training technology.
 - WIC staff will continue to be trained on project activities throughout the cycle of the project.

2. New Initiatives:

- Packets of information on FASD education were developed to distribute to physicians. This is an attempt to educate the physicians that work directly with women at risk.
- The project is making an effort to promote incentives with participants to encourage project participation.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

Texas

Coordinator: Janet Sharkis

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Quarterly FASD task force meeting held this July, it was an “in person” meeting with a training by Dan Dubovsky.
 - Three subcommittees were formed.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Project CHOICES.

2. New Initiatives:

- Applied for a grant to provide online training to lawyers and judges in partnership with Texas Lawyers for Children,
- Three special training opportunities-ON line WIC, Early Childhood Providers and Behavioral Health Conference.
- Hired new director for Project CHOICES.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

Washington

Coordinator: Sue Green, MPA

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - No meetings held this quarter.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - NOFAS Washington continues to provide support groups and programs without State funding.
 - FAS Diagnostic and Prevention Network continues to provide FASD evaluations; as well as training to professionals—training continues to be funded by the State and four FASD Diagnostic and Prevention Network Satellite sites (Everett, Yakima, Spokane, Pullman) funded by the State. Each site sees 24-26 patients per year for evaluation.
 - Ten Parent Child Assistance Programs statewide; three Safe Babies Safe Moms programs statewide. Both are 3-year case management programs for substance abusing women and their children, funded by the State.

2. New Initiatives:

- No new initiatives.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A

Wisconsin

Coordinator: Bernestine Jeffers

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Meeting with the Northwestern county's substance abuse providers, Maternal child nurses, tribal health clinic allied health staff, FASD trainers re: establishment of a NW task force
 - Dane County Quarterly Meeting

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Wisconsin FASD Treatment Outreach Project (WTOP) – training in Superior, Eau Claire Promotional Materials and Web site
 - WTOP and partnership with Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center

2. New Initiatives:

- Meeting with WTOP and physicians from Gerald L. Ignance Indian Health Center, Clinica Latina, and Omni Family Medical Clinic to discuss staff in-service and FAS/FASD screening in their practices.
- Meeting with FAS/FASD trainer at Meta House to discuss re-establishment of biannual FAS/FASD clinic day.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: N/A