

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (FASD) CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FASD STATE COORDINATORS**

State Quarterly Updates, August 2011

Prior to the August 9, 2011, teleconference, State Coordinators reported on recent activities in their States. These activities are summarized below.

Arizona

Coordinators: Teresa Kellerman and Cindy Beckett, M.S., Ph.D.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The Task Force on Preventing Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol and Other Drugs has not met during the past quarter, but the “Pennies for Prevention” group continues to meet regarding the proposed alcohol tax initiative. The Task.Force is not funded, it is no longer under the office of the Governor. Cindy will follow-up.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Subcontract for Screening and Brief Intervention (Sara Rumann, Dept. of Health).
 - CDC FAS Surveillance Grant (Dr. Chris Cunniff, Teresa Kellerman).
 - FASDNA (Cindy Beckett) continues with community trainings and family support groups.
 - Teresa Kellerman continues with community trainings, screenings, and family support.
 - Web sites maintained and updated: www.fascrc.com and www.fasarizona.com.

2. New Initiatives:

- FASDNA held a 1-day conference in Flagstaff April 29 with Diane Malbin.
- In July, FASDNA helped sponsor a communitywide picnic for families and individuals with FASD--great turnout.
- Teresa Kellerman is meeting with Pima County public defenders regarding screening clients.
- Teresa Kellerman is collaborating with MADD to educate families at risk.
- Dee Quinn (U of A) announced a revamped Web site for the Arizona Pregnancy Riskline <http://www.pharmacy.arizona.edu/centers/pregnancy-riskline>.

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

- The 6-hour internet training by Teresa Kellerman for Dept. of Health is now accessible online by anyone; link will be posted upon completion of a competency quiz for accreditation.
- FASDNA continues to meet with Representative Tom Chavin regarding alcohol tax increase.
- Teresa Kellerman has scheduled a training for Pima County public defenders.

Colorado

Coordinator: Pamela Gillen, N.D., R.N., CAC III

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD Commission is currently working on goals set for prevention, intervention, and treatment issues.
 - Meetings ongoing for 2011 year.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Ongoing work with DBH to provide FASD prevention training, technical assistance, and information dissemination across Colorado. Completed a statewide needs assessment and have meet with all six regions of the State. We are scheduling SWOT analysis in each region.
 - Developing a TOT FASD curriculum.
 - Worked with CCGC to develop clinical guidelines to update the SBIRT guideline, in final stage. <http://www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/sbirt.html>.

2. New Initiatives:

- Planning for the Statewide SWOT analysis in each of the six regions of the State
- Completing TOT for State.

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

Florida

Coordinator: Kathryn Shea, LCSW

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The FL Interagency Action Group has not met this quarter. The new State IAG coordinator resigned 2 weeks ago. Discussion taking place on who can pick up this role. A conference call has been scheduled.
 - Advocacy by the Task Force and parents statewide to keep the FASD State clinic funded.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FL Fights FASD Campaign is very active and continuing Torchbearer enlistment statewide. Campaign is reaching close of contract and will be transferred to the Florida Center for Early Childhood in Sarasota.
 - Two FASD Diagnostic Centers continue to operate. Sarasota Clinic has a long wait list for assessments. Jacksonville FASD clinic continues as sub-contract provider with Northrop Grumman.

2. New Initiatives:

- FASD State Coordinator attended the NAFSC/BFSS meetings in Phoenix in May.
- FASD State Coordinator attended the Field Trainers Update Meeting in Anaheim in July.

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

Hawaii

Coordinator: Naomi S. Imai, M.Ed., CRC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD TF Meeting – 6/21/11, next meeting 8/16/11
 - Planning of FASD Awareness Proclamation Day
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Participating in the Title V Prevent Alcohol Use During Pregnancy and screening infant workgroup.
 - Distribution of FASD information and trainings via e-mail distribution list.

2. New Initiatives:

- SBI/Screening Survey Monkey on DOH contracted Perinatal & Family Planning Program.
- Sought universities to apply for a Western Regional FASD training grant. UCLA applying for grant.
- Plans to attend Zero-to-Three Court Leadership Training Conference on system change 8/11.

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

- E-mail distribution regarding NOFAS birth mother support group how to become a member.
- Received training on focus group, logic models, and surveys through University of Hawaii Public Health.
- Awareness logic model for the prevention of FASD reviewed for FASD Awareness campaign.
- E-mail to NOFAS regarding birth mother's support group potential members from Hawaii and speakers.

Indiana

Coordinator: Malorie Hensley, M.S.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - No recent activity from the task force; we are looking at starting it up again soon.
 - There was a booth at a statewide conference for science teachers about incorporating FASD awareness and prevention as part of their curriculum.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State** N/A

2. New Initiatives:

- I was trained by the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center and will become a certified FASD trainer after I complete two training sessions for health professions (will be completed on September 12, 2011).
- I recently joined a committee that works with National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) to work on getting more services/support for individuals with alcohol abuse and children with FASD.

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

Kansas

Coordinator: Joseph Kotsch, R.N., M.S.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Media plan developed to promote FASD Awareness Day activities in September.
 - State-level AAP board looking at NOFAS chapter application.

2. New Initiatives:

- Promote any local initiatives (Hays, KS) that have active FASD prevention activities.

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**
 - Breastfeeding Month Activities Child Health Month Activities/Back to School Jam.
 - Regular Bimonthly Meetings.
 - Participated in National Respite Caregivers Conference held in Baltimore/ SHIP Conference.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD Month Activities—Statewide.
 - FASD Conference 2012.

2. New Initiatives:

- Working closely with Department of Human Resources on understanding the importance of not drinking during pregnancy. We plan to form a workshop for over 600 Child and Welfare Workers. Fall/Spring.
- Requested funding from the Center for Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant funding for a 2012 Conference.
- State Plan Completed.

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

- Maryland's FASD Abstract display in Virginia at the Annual Office of Women's Health Meeting.
- MD FASD Coalition Meeting.

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, M.Div.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Unfunded, preliminary steps are being taken to develop a Massachusetts FASD Task Force in the fall, 2011, which would emerge out of interest generated by a Substance Exposed Newborn Health Policy Forum to be held in Sept, 2011, as well as current interest.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - SBIRT Curriculum for Batterer's Intervention Groups is under review by providers.
 - Provided *FASD Training* to Family Residential Treatment Providers; *FASD and Early Intervention: What's the Connection?* Webinar for New York State, Sponsored by the New York Department of Health: Congenital Malformations Registry and Bureau of Early Intervention; and *Testing the Feasibility of Screening for FASD Risk in Early Intervention: SAMHSA FASD For Excellence Building FASD State Systems Conference*, Phoenix, AZ.
 - Provided *School-Based Health Center CRAFFT Refresher Training* at *BSAS Innovations* Conference, Westborough, MA and for Gloucester School Nurses.
 - *SBIRT: Reaching Beyond Primary Care*, 2011 NIATx Annual Summit/SAAS National Conference, Boston.

2. New Initiatives:

- Massachusetts has been awarded a SAMHSA Access to Recovery Grant (ATR), and Institute for Health and Recovery's ATR Care Coordinators receive FASD training. The MA FASD State Coordinator is providing supervision to these coordinators.
- MA State Coordinator is collaborating with other NAFSC members to ensure that FASD prevention is adequately addressed in Text4Baby.

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

- Price, A., Bergin, C., Luby, C., Watson, E., Squires, J., Funk, K., Wells, K., Betts, W., & Little, C. (In press). Implementing CAPTA requirements to serve substance-exposed newborns: Lessons from a collective case study of four program models. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
- Shared new CAPTA Regulations Booklet with NAFSC.

Nevada

Coordinator: Muriel Kronowitz, M.A., LPC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) Subcommittee met on May 25. The need to increase/diversify membership continues to be an issue.
 - Governor's Task Force reviewing viability of all boards and subcommittees a concern.
 - There is a need to revise and update the 5-year strategic plan.
 - Co-chair provided latest data about the 4Ps+ pregnancy screening project that is now statewide with more than 10,000 women screened.
 - Next meeting set for August 24th
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The contract between the State of Nevada Health and Dr. Chasnoff to expand implementation of the 4Ps+ project ended on June 30, 2011. The good news is that the pregnancy screening was brought to several northern Nevada rural communities

and additional sites in Las Vegas. Continued funding to sustain these screening efforts is being pursued. The ongoing participation of the PSAP Coordinator is tenuous.

- Data from this project will be included in a report that the Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) submits to SAMSHA.
- Member of the March of Dimes Program Services Committee who is bringing Dr. Chasnoff to their annual Women's Health Symposium as keynote speaker. Additionally, chair the grant subcommittee.
- Member of State Epidemiology and Multi-Disciplinary Planning work group- inclusion of perinatal substance abuse as part of Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment Agency (SAPTA) strategic plan.
- Active member of Nevada Tobacco Free Coalition.

2. New Initiatives:

- Member of northern Nevada coalition newly formed work group to assist in development of needs assessment that will identify priority areas to focus prevention efforts.
- Coordinating with multiple coalitions, allied health providers, clubs, and community members to acknowledge FASD Awareness Day with a motorcycle ride. Will also be requesting mayoral and gubernatorial proclamations.
- Dr. Susan Doctor is pursuing how the Subcommittee can support/assist in the establishment of a NOFAS chapter in Nevada and the initiation of a Birth Mother's group.

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

- Legislation has been signed that mandates signage at retail point-of-sale establishments that warns of the dangers of smoking during pregnancy. The enforcement is a police matter and carries an initial fine of \$100.00.
- The Pregnancy Kit Labeling subcommittee drafted a letter to manufacturers of Pregnancy Kits for NAFSC members to use. The letter will be distributed for discussion and final approval at the teleconference meeting on August 9th.

New Jersey

Coordinator: Elizabeth Dahms, M.S., RNC and Margaret Gray

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Meeting held 8/3/11. Chairman recently retired and new Chairman appointed.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Cable TV will be running over 3,000 FASD awareness ads over the next several months.

2. New Initiatives:

- Five-year plan is ready to be up dated. Discussion about goal setting began and will continue at the next meeting.
- Point of sale signage needs to be up dated. This will be included in the 5-year plan.

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

- FASD Task Force to remain a subcommittee of the Governors Council on Developmental Disabilities.

New York

Coordinator: Margo B. Singer, M.P.A.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Our FASD Task Force for the Project CHOICES has started meeting in smaller workgroups to discuss sustainability issues. The next full Task Force meeting will be in September.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We continue our work on our Northrop Grumman Project CHOICES subcontract, which has now entered its final year. Staff turnover challenges continue at many of our project sites.
 - Our FASD activities under our Interagency Workgroup continue. We have just published an English/Spanish “basic brochure” that is downloadable & has helpful contact information.
 - The FASD State Coordinator continues to conduct FASD trainings for provider agencies coalitions, etc. Requests have increased as the weather is more conducive for traveling.

2. New Initiatives:

- The FASD State Coordinator has been trained as a SBIRT trainer and has been able to ensure that FASD prevention is a strong component of the new 4-hour SBIRT training that will be required of professionals who will be doing SBIRT.
- State Legislation has passed to require our agency to provide education on alcohol screening for women and we are examining how this will be rolled out (no additional funding provided).
- Our NY chapter of AAP received grant funding to do FASD training and related educational activities for NY pediatricians. A statewide webinar in the Fall will kick off these efforts.
- Morgan Fawcett came to NY as part of a Native American conference in Buffalo and was not only part of the conference but did a program for the Western NY FASD Family Support group.

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

- An Amtrak representative contacted me by phone to apologize for not responding earlier via mail. He explained reasons why it would not be possible to make the changes we requested.

North Carolina

Coordinators: Janice White, M.Ed. and Amy Hendricks

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Planning by the Project Director, State contractor, and representatives from the Division of MH/DD/SAS are continuing in the development of a NC State plan. The Project Director has incorporated the following points of focus; including the creation of a statewide task force in the 2012 Scope of Work. Points of focus include:
 - Specialized training for perinatal workers and online courses for continuing education units.
 - Integration of FASD into public school curricula, such as questions on science or health exams.
 - Support for adoptive families through education about FASD and resources.

- Identification of individuals with an FASD and best practices for care of persons with an FASD.
- Promotion of healthy transitions into the community for adults with an FASD.
- The Project Director and State coordinator attended the Building FASD State Systems (BFSS) conference, held in Phoenix in May 2011. This meeting provided an opportunity for continued discussion and planning regarding the NC State plan. The PD received a microgrant from NOFAS to assist in the development of a statewide coalition/expert panel.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Delivered FASD training to the ABCC Training Division and have successfully incorporated an FASD slide in to all Responsible Alcohol Server Training (RASP) trainings being delivered across the State by the ABCC trainers.
 - Involved in the approval process of signage to be used in all ABC stores in North Carolina.
 - Provided Pregnancy Exposure Riskline bookmarks to the ABCC with the recommendation that they be distributed with alcohol purchases at ABC stores in NC.
 - Maintaining relationship with the Centers for Prevention Resources (CPRs) in the delivery of FASD prevention efforts statewide and the promotion of FASD Awareness Day for 2011.
 - Attended the NOFAS Affiliate Summit in Washington, DC June 2011 and met with staff of three congressional members.
 - An FASD presentation by Dr. Larry Burd was successfully delivered to **67** participants on July 29, 2011 on the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. This training has laid the foundation for future trainings for this population and discussions have begun regarding alcohol screening for all women; as well as working with pediatricians in this community to identify children with an FASD.
 - Provided trainings and exhibits to allied health professionals, students and the general public across the state. Provided **14** presentations/educational sessions, reaching a total of **736** participants; and exhibited at a total of **4** conferences, reaching **365** individuals.

2. New Initiatives:

- Continue relationship with Mission Hospitals to provide an FASD education session to nurses at their OB Clinical Updates to be delivered in September and November.
- Grow the relationship with the Qualla Boundary/EBCI to deliver trainings for care providers in this population.
- Established a relationship with Eastern AHEC to provide an FASD education session to participants of their state-of-the-art conference to be held in November.

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

- Participated in feedback/edits for the letter addressing the Pregnancy Kit Manufacturers.
- Shared the FASD-related slide that is being added into North Carolina's Responsible Server Training (RASP) with Ms. Kathryn Shea.
- Shared the plans on signage to be displayed by NC Alcoholic Beverage Commission Stores with Naomi Imai.

Pennsylvania

Coordinator: Kathy Jo Stence, CAC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - By Proclamation of Governor Corbett, observance of FASD Awareness Month – September.
 - FASD Awareness Month Kickoff, City Hall, Philadelphia.
 - Annual Baby Bottle Distribution Campaign.
 - Statewide Awareness Campaign during September.

2. New Initiatives: N/A

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

South Dakota

Coordinator: Gib Sudbeck

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The next Task Force Meeting is being developed and a meeting date will be selected.
 - The Program Coordinator has provided updates to the Task Force on Program activities.
 - Task Force membership has remained unchanged.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The Center for Disabilities will be beginning a new initiative in distributing FASD educational materials to communities and service providers.
 - An FASD conference, held by the Chiesman Foundation, occurred in Sioux Falls in July 2011. The conference was held in collaboration with SD State services and the Center for Disabilities.
 - FASD educational packets are distributed to WIC clinics in order to educate communities and those providing services to women at risk for an alcohol exposed pregnancy.
 - Statewide FASD Prevention Project--WIC screening and intervention activities are operating at 10 sites in South Dakota.

2. New Initiatives:

- Center for Disabilities of USD has applied for funding for an FASD Regional Training Center offered through CDC.

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**
 - Task force met once this quarter and discussed plans for 9/9 event.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We are doing a series of trainings for lawyers and judges, which have been very well received. Recently, Dr. Ira Chasnoff did a training for protective services judges.

- An online education program for providers of women's substance abuse services was conducted (Dr Chasnoff).
- We are deeply engaged in a statewide planning process on FASD.

2. New Initiatives:

- We are organizing a large event for 9/9, including a conference.

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

Washington

Coordinator: Lauri Turkowsky, Ed.D.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The next statewide taskforce meeting is scheduled for September 8th.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Ten PCAP programs funded by the State legislature.
 - Three case management programs similar to PCAP continue to be funded with State monies.
 - Five diagnostic sites statewide continue to be funded.

2. New Initiatives:

- State coordinator planning FASD presentations to staff at residential chemical dependency facilities.

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

- NOFAS WA hosted a conference in June with no funding from the State.