

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FASD STATE COORDINATORS

State Updates, August 2009

State Coordinators provided information on a variety of recent activities. These activities are summarized below. The last page of this document also includes comments related to the new State report template and the draft State report template (as used for the August 2009 report).

Alaska

Coordinator: L. Diane Casto, MPA

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Alaska does not have a statewide Task Force—we do have community-based task forces in Anchorage, Juneau, Kenai, and Fairbanks. These groups meet monthly.
 - Each group is currently working on activities for September 9, working in partnership with the State Office. We have ordered items to share with each community including beverages, napkins, stickers, stress balls, posters, rack cards, pens, and potholders with the message to not drink during pregnancy.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We continue to have our FASD Diagnostic Team Network—eight current teams, with five additional teams either reforming or developing anew.
 - We have requested a budget increment for FY11 that will increase funding for additional diagnoses, paid through our provider agreement. We have added an additional \$200 per diagnosis to cover the cost of 10 hours for our Parent Navigators. The increments are currently being reviewed by our Commissioner and will then go to OMB for approval/denial.

2. New Initiatives:

- Last year we revised and retrained individuals in our FASD 101 curriculum. This year we are revising and retraining individuals in FASD 201.
- We are continuing to move forward with our FASD/SED Medicaid Waiver Demonstration Project—it has been a challenge to find the right participants to become mentors for the youth in the waiver programs. The good news is that we are training lots of providers, especially those from the mental health world, in FASD.
- The Juneau FASD Coalition is planning a regional conference in February.
- The Univ. of Alaska was the recipient of a CDC FASD Regional Training Center (for the Arctic) and is developing training and strategies for better educating health care professionals.

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

Arizona

Coordinator: Teresa Kellerman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Phone conference meetings April 27, May 18, and June 22. New member: Dr. Chris Cunniff, Geneticist with University of Arizona, local clinic diagnosing FAS.
 - Shared graphic for poster from Dept. of Health, as well as script used on EPT warning.
 - Looking at proposal for virtual diagnostic center and/or having Dr. Chasnoff come to speak.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - SAMHSA subcontract for brief intervention through Dept. of Health
 - Pursuing plan for PSAs throughout Arizona via cable (NOFAS)
 - Ongoing Web site, support groups, trainings, and screening individuals for possible FASDs

2. New Initiatives:

- Sharing awareness materials with small groups around Arizona (Lisa's Baby, poster, brochure)
- Project Take Ten for Awareness Day

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

- Waiting for confirmation from Dee and/or Chris Cunniff re: use of UofA facility for FASDay event
- Waiting for word on approval of CDC surveillance grant

Colorado

Coordinator: Pamela Gillen, ND, RN, CACIII

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Colorado has passed bill 1139 that will establish a commission to study our State's needs around issues related to FASD prevention and treatment. The Division of Human Services will coordinate and have oversight of the commission. We are in the process of selecting members for this commission.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Met with our State NOFAS Coalition to develop several smaller work groups to address FASD issues in our State and to advise the commission.
 - Spoke as an Expert Witness on an FASD case.
 - Service to Science initiative for the program enhancement has passed IRB approval, CME approval and we are starting to sign up clinics. This will include rural and urban clinics.
 - Attended the Field Trainers Update in Florida.
 - Attended the RSA FASD Study Group in San Diego.
 - Provided Trainings in Burlington CO, the Perinatal care counsel.

- Have conference presentation in Colorado Springs, El Paso, and Teller Counties Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

2. New Initiatives:

- Developed a new Spanish language brochure on FASD prevention.
- Developed drink coasters for restaurants and bars with message on drinking and pregnancy with our information and games to play.
- Organizing booths across Colorado for FASD Day—will supply brochures, coaster, nail files (with our message), and other materials on FASD prevention, as well as providing a drawing for prizes.
- A parent has started a 501c3 and will work on getting licensed to sell raffle tickets and getting sponsors for the raffle. Raffle proceeds will go into a fund for FASD activities that we will jointly host.
- Working with the Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative to develop a pre-conception guideline that will include an FASD prevention guideline, i.e. linking contraception practices with risk drinking behaviors.
<http://www.coloradoguidelines.org/guidelines/default.asp>

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

- Participated in conference calls to develop the NAFSC State report template.
- Got information from United Airlines current language around drinking in their in-flight magazine.

District of Columbia

Coordinator: Drena Reaves-Bey, MPA, GCPH

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Foster parents identified for education and training.
 - Erin Frey, MD, and I meet with the Dr. Beers, Deputy Director for Programs and Policy and discussed NOFAS initiatives, the BFSS meeting, and collaboration activities.
 - Contacted SE NPN representative, which resulted in me meeting with her staff. Erin and I met with the representative (Judith Donovan, Director Offices of Prevention Services, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration). She was also introduced to Kathy Mitchell.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Continue to conduct workshops for high-risk populations, pregnant women and women of childbearing age.

2. New Initiatives: N/A

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

- Participated in NAFSC subcommittee to develop a State report template. Sample form has been completed and is being piloted.

Florida

Coordinator: Felisha Dickey, MSW, MPA

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - June 1, 2009.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The FL Center for Family and Child Development: diagnostic & intervention and training
 - Northrop Grumman Project with Child Guidance Center, Inc.: diagnostic and intervention

2. New Initiatives:

- 2009 Governor's Office of Drug Control Strategy includes FASD-specific strategies (attachment)
- FASD Awareness Day Activities: proclamations, press release, training DVD dissemination
- Dissemination of Partnership to Prevent FASD Public Education Program Manual

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

Hawaii

Coordinator: Catherine A. Sorensen, DrPH, MPH

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - June meeting cancelled
 - Ongoing—Subcommittee 2009 FAS Awareness Day events
 - Ongoing—Clinical work group establishing FASD screening with CWS (foster kids)
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Completed successful statewide training (n-357) with Dan Dubovsky
 - Partnering with local foundation establish a parent resource center

2. New Initiatives:

- FASD office partnering with "Zero To Three Court" initiative
- Submitted March of Dimes grant through CHC
- Presentations done with Family Court Judges and mix of court officer and staff (adult/juvenile)

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

- Brief FAS Screening tools

Kansas

Coordinator: Joseph Kotsch, RN, MS

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Dissemination of FASD-related activities, events, and resources to local partners through ZIPS newsletters, educational conferences, and professional contacts (technical assistance).
 - Ongoing participation in the Kansas Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free (underage drinking prevention).
 - Ongoing partnership with Kansas SRS Agency's Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Treatment and Recovery area (policy and standards development on prevention).

2. New Initiatives:

- Involvement in partnering with statewide child welfare advocacy organization in curriculum development activities by acting as a resource to locate standards, documents, etc.
- More of a focus on dissemination of new materials to a select, relatively small contact list of persons who express any interest in FASD prevention, treatment, etc.

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

- Primary Care subcommittee has not met yet.

Kentucky

Coordinator: Laura Nagle, CPP

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Conducted survey of OB providers, 112 respondents so far
 - Preparing online survey for human service providers re: existing knowledge and attitudes
 - Monthly meetings (Substance-Exposed Infants Workgroup, 19 core statewide members)
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - 384 members in KY's Statewide FASD Training Network are very active
 - E-mail database of 2000 representatives from each KY school completed; monthly info sent
 - Strong collaboration with FASD Diagnostic Clinic at U of Louisville, follow-up with families

2. New Initiatives:

- Preparing for 1st statewide FASD Awareness Day, many exciting collaborative activities planned
- Collaborating with U of Louisville to create video for families re: resiliency

- Applied for Appalachian Regional Commission grant re: providing Web-based CEU courses
- FASD Prevention PSA being created for 09/09, will be distributed via e-mail lists and You-Tube
- Goal: Advisory Board for FASD Coordinator position to include KY Commissioners, high-ups!

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

- July 2009: "Sycamore Project" (Statewide FASD Project) awarded Outstanding Program of the Year in KY!
- So glad to be with everyone! Can't wait to learn from all of you...

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, MDiv

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Building a Task Force is on hold due to the State budget crisis.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Planning continues for an FASD Awareness Week in October; the Dept of Public Health is reaching out to other State agencies for input and buy-in. NPN is involved.
 - The State Coordinator's abstract, "FASD Identification in Early Intervention Settings," was accepted for an oral presentation at the American Public Health Assn Annual Meeting.
 - "SBIRT for Deaf/Hard of Hearing" accepted for poster at APHA.

2. New Initiatives:

- An FASD Prevention transit media campaign, sponsored by a local substance abuse awareness community group, will be occurring in Sept. The State Coordinator consulted on content.
- The Coordinator will present FASD Prevention, Identification, and Resources to five community health centers.
- Children's Hospital and the Institute for Health and Recovery are exploring funding options to pilot the Wisconsin Family Intervention curriculum.

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

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- Exemption on alcohol tax in stores was lifted by the State legislature.
- Increasing unmet need for family support groups, but no funding available.

Michigan

Coordinator: Cheryl Lauber, DPA, MSN, RN

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Quarterly meetings of 20-30 people.
 - More representatives of Dept of Human Services and Mental Health are attending to become more educated about service needs of children with FASD.
 - Taskforce developed a policy change action team that is working on an action plan.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - PCAP FAS Prevention in West Michigan—60 women enrolled to date.
 - Project CHOICES in Detroit—finishing evaluation of the project.
 - Awarded 10 new community grants for FAS prevention and intervention.

2. New Initiatives:

- Applied for statewide FAS Surveillance grant using active surveillance in five diagnostic centers.
- Videotaping Motivational Interviewing training for education of home visiting professionals in Medicaid support program for pregnant women.
- Participated in 2007 Fiscal Mapping Study of Michigan's Great Start System that includes FASD.
 - Three taskforce members are trainers with the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center and are using the curriculum to train health professionals in Michigan.
- Michigan Birth Defects registry is currently revising its policy to mandate reporting of FAS to age 10.

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

Mississippi

Coordinator: Trisha Hinson, MEd, CMHT

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - MS AC-FASD (task force) met monthly (May, June, and July).
 - MS AC-FASD completed the revised 3-year FASD State strategic plan in May 2009.
 - Task force has been active in developing the FASD project's second year implementation plan.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Mississippi's two contract projects (local prevention project and statewide screening/diagnosis/intervention project) with NGC are completing Option Year 1 and are working on implementation plans for Option Year 2.
 - Mississippi's A & D Prevention Division at MS Dept of Mental Health is actively involved in FASD prevention activities in the State, which include the Underage Drinking Initiative.
 - The Mississippi MAP Teams (local participants in the State's system of care for children with or at risk for mental illness) continue to help coordinate services for

children with FASD and participate in meetings at least quarterly to receive updates on FASD-specific information.

2. New Initiatives:

- Beginning in June 2009, the FASD State coordinator is conducting an FASD presentation to the men and women in a residential A & D treatment facility. It is the only facility in the State that allows mothers to have their children stay with them while they are in the facility. These presentations enable us to identify children who need to be screened for FASD and to provide contact information for FASD screening and services.
- MS Department of Mental Health worked with the MS Department of Health to submit an application to CDC for additional funding for FASD surveillance in Mississippi—waiting to hear if it was awarded

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**
 - The NJ FASD Web site has a new look. There is a new e-mail address, beintheknownj@gmail.com to send material for posting.
 - NJ FASD task force meets next week to discuss goals for next year.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Prenatal ATOD screening of all pregnant women continued using the 4P's Plus
 - Risk factor screening project of all Medicaid patients, which includes the 4P's Plus, has expanded to four counties throughout the State.

2. New Initiatives:

- Task force is reviewing various curriculums that are being used across the State.

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

New Mexico

Coordinator: Jerome Romero

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Working with Community Health Workers in rural communities.
 - Trip to Carlsbad for media and FAS workshops.
 - Working on a support group for parents raising children with an FASD.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - State contract for prevention and media.
 - March of Dimes/GRADS peer education.
 - New Mexico Human Services.

2. New Initiatives:

- Peer education
- Media

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

- Sent out NAFSC letterhead.
- Contact with NPN representative. Not there any more. Need to locate a new one.

New York

Coordinator: Margo Singer, MPA

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Our FASD Task Force for our Project CHOICES subcontract will hold its quarterly meeting on July 30th.
 - Our Interagency FASD Workgroup met on June 30th. Due to various agency staff reorganizations and retirements, we are in the process of soliciting more staff representatives.
 - Elimination of FASD by conducting universal screening of women was listed as a strategy in NY's Early Childhood Plan. This plan is part of NY's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Planning Initiative.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We selected three new providers for our Northrop Grumman Project CHOICES subcontract, including outpatient, but one dropped out due to loss of staff. Site visits were conducted in June. Now working on our Year Two Implementation Plan.
 - We are planning follow-up FASD training for mental health professionals in late September with Dan Dubovsky. It will be in three locations across the State for those who attended the initial round of trainings last Spring.
 - We are almost finished with the dissemination of 10,000 of our new FASD prevention posters and 2,000 brochures. These materials were purchased under a grant-funded activity that ended in May.

2. New Initiatives:

- We are working with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services to develop a TA proposal to submit to the FASD Center for training our Native American communities on FASD/motivational interviewing in Spring 2010.
- We are working on plans to commemorate FASD Awareness Day in September.
- We have submitted several FASD workshop proposals for statewide and regional provider conferences this Fall.
- Our Addiction Medicine Unit is sponsoring a workshop by Mary DeJoseph at a training for medical student/residents in November, and I am arranging for her to also present to other agency staff, including our Recovery Bureau.
- Looking to develop an online FASD training module that would be free to our providers (and other professionals), which would update one that was developed several years ago.

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

North Carolina

Coordinators: Leslie McCrory, MAEd, LPC, LCAS and Janice White, MEd

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Met with leaders to reorganize/re-form TASK Force.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Trainings with Public Health Dept., physician offices
 - Trainings/presentations at conferences
 - Exhibits at conferences

2. New Initiatives:

- Training all State ADATCs (Area Drug & Alcohol Treatment Center)
- Training the CPRs (NC Centers for Prevention Resources)
- Training with Citizen Soldier—Women in the Military, UNC-Chapel Hill

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

- Collaborate with March of Dimes and State Division of MH/DD/SAS for funding
- Diagnostic clinic continues with interdisciplinary team
- Flyer for foster/adoptive referral process to FASD clinic—450 received
- Ongoing connection with Great Lakes RTC—trainings continue in NC

Ohio

Coordinator: Melinda Norman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - June 5th, 2009, Taskforce meeting; ongoing system integration activities continuing. We will meet in August.
- **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 used and distributed.

2. New Initiatives: N/A

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

Pennsylvania

Coordinator: Kathy Jo Stence, CAC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Task Force Subcommittees planning for Awareness Week (9/8-14/09) have been meeting regularly to plan events that will occur across the Commonwealth.
 - The Executive Committee of the Task Force is exploring/discussing issues related to diagnostic capacity (or lack thereof) in the State.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The Philadelphia FASD-SDT Initiative continues.

2. New Initiatives:

- WIC offices will be involved in FASD Awareness initiatives this year and will distribute educational materials to their consumers.
- NOFAS PSAs have been reproduced in quantity for use in Ob-Gyn offices, WIC offices, local cable announcements, and other venues.
- ACOG/CDC Prevention Toolkit being distributed to various physicians offices to increase FASD awareness among PA healthcare providers.

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

- The NAFSC Report Template Subcommittee met and developed a suggested version of a template for trial use.

South Dakota

Coordinator: Robin Erz, CCDC III

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - June 3—held Task Force meeting.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Ongoing SBIRT in existing five WIC sites across the State.
 - Got all the information in the data system, cleaned and verified all data.

2. New Initiatives:

- Expansion to five additional WIC sites across the State—training of those additional sites.
- Staff will be forthcoming.

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

Texas

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith, MSSW

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Met in person June 2009 to report on first year implementation of CHOICES.
 - Prospective new members were identified and names submitted for appointments.
 - Special guest presented information re: state media campaign plan for AEP.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The CHOICES project screened 459 females and 47% were eligible for services with 150 completing intervention to date.
 - Launched *Understanding FASD & Intervention Strategies for Children* in May 2009 and some 500 people have logged on and completed some or all of the training to date.
 - Continue to delivery FASD 101 Awareness education to patients receiving substance abuse treatment.

2. New Initiatives:

- Invited the NPN representative to the task force meeting in June.
- August appointment set with NPN representative to discuss collaboration on FASD prevention.
- Kickoff meeting for three new CHOICES sites set July 28, 2009.

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**
 - Continue to meet 2xs per year via conference call.
 - Limited agenda at this time.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FAS Diagnostic and Prevention Network (DPN) at the University of Washington (Dr. Astley)
 - 4 FAS DPN satellite sites in 4 counties (Snohomish, Yakima, Spokane, Whitman)
 - Parent Child Assistance Program (11 sites) and Safe Babies Safe Moms (3 sites)

2. New Initiatives: None

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

- Budget continues to be an issue—the FASD programs that were eliminated previously continue to be eliminated.

Attachments

Comments Related to the State Report Template

- (Would like) a section...to report on policy and legislative issues...Carolyn Smith
 - I would think that policy and legislative issues could fall under "etc" in the parenthetical explanation of either old or new business. If it would be helpful to spell that out within the suggested elements for inclusion, I think we could spell it out before "etc". Kathy Jo Stence

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State _____ Date _____

Coordinator
Name(s) _____

Notes for completing the form: Please include all details in bulleted format, concentrate on activities that have taken place since your last update, and limit the report length to one page.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives: (Provide an update on items indicated in prior reports.)

✦ **Activities of the Task Force** (Include meetings held, objectives/action plans/initiatives of, continued efforts to establish a task force, etc.)

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✦ **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State** (Include specific projects, sub-contracts, etc.)

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2. New Initiatives: (Include new activities of the coordinator, new initiatives/strategies/programs, new grant applications, etc.)

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3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: (Include items from the last teleconference or meeting for which you were responsible. Leave blank if not applicable.)

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