

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FASD STATE COORDINATORS

State Quarterly Updates, February 2011

Prior to the February 17, 2011, teleconference, State Coordinators reported on recent activities in their States. These activities are summarized below.

Arizona

Coordinators: Teresa Kellerman and Cindy Beckett, MS, PhD

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force:**
 - Task Force is continuing to meet regarding support for an initiative (*Pennies for Prevention*) to increase the State alcohol tax to fund programs that will reduce harm by alcohol use.
- **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 (U of A Dr. Chris Cunniff, Teresa Kellerman)
 - Trainings in AZ communities (Cindy Beckett, Teresa Kellerman) for students; foster parents; court systems; disability, behavioral health, and medical providers.
 - Screening project continues (Teresa Kellerman, State Dept. of Dev. Disabilities)
 - Web sites maintained and updated: www.fascrc.com and www.fasarizona.com
 - Community Prevention Coalition parent education project – Teresa Kellerman
 - FASDNA continues to provide monthly family support and raise awareness in Flagstaff

2. New Initiatives:

- FASDNA (Cindy Beckett) conducted a training in Winslow, AZ for eight foster parent couples concerning FASD and ways to cope and manage
- Teresa Kellerman continued her statewide Internet training over 6 weeks for Dept. of Health

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

- Posters and information continue to be displayed and distributed throughout the State

California

Coordinator: Madeline Journey-Lynn, MEd

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force:** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The CA FASD Task Force met on 2 Feb: Our main discussion centered on Dept. Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention who has \$ to do a statewide distribution of education materials for FASD prevention.
 - OCAP will work with the Task Force members to choose material, solidify a message, and distribution plan to college age women.

- Members will bring resources and ideas to next meeting and plan to participate in workgroup session for the first 2 hours of the meeting.
- Materials should include FASD educational materials, fact sheets, social media options, binge drinking information.

2. New Initiatives:

- Director Zito retired, currently no director has been appointed. Due to budget constraints ADP is currently on hold on all projects except for usual business and “drills.”

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

Colorado

Coordinator: Pamela Gillen, ND, RN, CACIII

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD Commission submitted second year report to our State legislator describing areas State needs to look at for prevention, intervention, and treatment. A bill was introduced this session based on these recommendations. RE: HB 11-1144 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2011A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/9C14427B0D41D9778725780800800C74?Open&file=1144_01.pdf
 - Meetings scheduled 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
 - Ongoing work on the Service to Science initiative to implement FASD Provider Education research project. (This work was completed and manuscript is being written.)
 - Working with NOFAS, Colorado Providers Association subcommittee.
 - Worked with CCGC to develop clinical guidelines and FASD supplement was finalized <http://www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/sbirt.html>
 - Sub-contract with Denver Health STD clinic to implement Project CHOICES into their clinic, now called CHOICES.

2. New Initiatives:

- Developed a statewide needs assessment that just went out across State.
- Working on training-of-trainer for State.

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

- Working on 501 status information from Eileen Bisgard for the Non-Profit subcommittee.

Florida

Coordinator: Kathryn Shea, LCSW

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The FI Interagency Action Group met by conference call on November 22, 2010.
 - The coordination of the Action Group is now under two individuals.
 - Advocate will coordinate the activities of the Action Group and Kathryn Shea will act as State liaison to NAFSC.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Florida Fights FASD Campaign is about to begin second year of work under the Developmental Disabilities Council. Florida Fights FASD Web site active. www.FASD-FL.org.
 - Two FASD Diagnostic Centers continue to operate. The Sarasota clinic has a long wait list for assessments.

2. New Initiatives:

- The FASD Warning Sign bill will again be filed this session.
- Funding for the Sarasota FASD Diagnostic Clinic is not in the Governor's recommended budget. Much advocacy will be needed this session.

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

Hawaii

Coordinator: Naomi Imai

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD Task Force Meeting – 12/07/10, next meeting scheduled for 02/08/11
 - Begin discussions to improve tracking children diagnosed with FAS via Birth Defect Registry.
 - Merged Core Task Force with FASD Task Force since members and goals were similar, and this would be cost-effective. Sharon Williams will be head of the awareness committee.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Awareness committee to work awareness campaign and collaborate statewide for next year's FASD proclamation.
 - Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Ctr. (GLFRTC) completed FASD training at three sites. One training was set up with video conference sites at Hilo, Kona, Maui, Molokai, and Kauai.
 - Screening and intervention thru GLFRTC training and follow up with their podcast on screening in all training. CWS, VR, contracted CWS agencies, Foster Care, etc. attended. Follow up on signage legislation.

2. New Initiatives:

- Future FASD training via webcast and, hopefully, training of an FASD evaluation team for Hawaii.
- Increase contacts with CWS and CWS contract agencies to do orientation to new staff and on-going training.
- Increase working relationship with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). Liaison between VR and foster care workers to increase referrals to VR to do evaluation/transition for undiagnosed foster children.
- Get clarification and increase understanding of interpretation of CAPTA 2010 amendments and how it can improve services to children exposed to alcohol and Zero-to-Three Court.

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

- Follow up in getting more information about neurobehavioral screening tool that Zero-to-Three, Iowa uses.
- Following the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center training, the goal is to increase the number of screening and referrals for FASD evaluations.

- DOH PRAMS data and factsheets were disseminated to key stakeholders. Data provided to one training site to highlight the risk factors of the population group they are working with.
- Update and disseminate information on referral for FASD evaluation and information to document during parent interview that is helpful for FASD diagnoses.

Indiana

Coordinator: Malorie Hensley, MS

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - No activity from the task force; we are looking at starting it up again soon.
 - Created a display in the lobby of the Indiana State Dept. of Health for FASD Awareness Day.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State** N/A

2. New Initiatives:

- Begin to meet with the Task Force on a regular basis.
- There will be a booth at a statewide conference for science teachers about incorporating FASD awareness and prevention as part of their curriculum.

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

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).
 - 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:

- Plan to adapt content on agency Web site to link to FASD resources in the next year
- Working on a communication plan that will highlight FASD Awareness Day in 2011
- Hays, Kansas local coalition bringing FASD training opportunity to their locale in 2011
- Feasibility discussion of forming a task force and/or applying for membership as NOFAS chapter to address FASD in planning stage
- MRFASTC Trainings at Red Ribbon (Middle School) and SADD (High School) events in 2011 scheduled

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

- Joined FASDAY e-mail listserv

Kentucky

Coordinator: Laura Nagle, CPP

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - “Somebody’s Mama, Somebody’s Baby” presentation developed to facilitate supportive community conversations
 - District Judge appointed to sit on FASD Advisory Board
 - Collaboration with National Advocates for Pregnant Women re: KY HB131
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Presented FASD workshop at statewide Judicial Education Conference
 - “Living It” DVD/self-study packet used for CEUs by over 100 professionals in first month
 - Continued collaboration with U of L for Parent Coaching Research Project

2. New Initiatives:

- Received Service to Science Award for federal evaluation assistance
- In production for new 30 minute FASD prevention video for PBS
- Collaboration with Administrative Office of the Courts for series of FASD articles for judges
- Teacher trained to conduct TOT for middle/high school teachers re: BabyLove px program

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
 - Participate National Respite Caregivers Conference held in Baltimore
- **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 2011

2. New Initiatives:

- New proposed legislation to increase tax on alcoholic beverages. The funding would increase funding for substance abuse and alcohol abuse treatment services and programs
- Requested funding from the Center for Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant funding for a 2011 Conference
- Center for Maternal and Child Health, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene published a research study on prevalence of prenatal alcohol consumption; the degree of health provider screening

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

- NAFSC teleconference meeting
- MD FASD Coalition Meeting

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, MDiv

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Continuing SBIRT in school-based health centers and development of curriculum for Batterer's Intervention groups
 - Ongoing trainings and technical assistance

2. New Initiatives:

- Watson, E., Finkelstein, N., Gurewich, D. & Morse, B.. (2011) The feasibility of screening for FASD risk in early intervention settings: A pilot study of systems change. Infants and Young Children. In press. April/June (24:2).(Based on 1st round of FASD Center contracts).
- Planning a Health Policy Forum for State legislators and health insurance executives on substance use and women of childbearing age. This will include data from our recently completed 5 yr- CAPTA project, and FASD.

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

- FASD Prevention Toolkit still under review by State Dept of Public Health. Contact information for the MA FASD State Coordinator was included. After the new Maryland study on ongoing challenges of prenatal screening for white, college-educated, married women, there is renewed enthusiasm for approaching (again!) private OB/GYNs.

Michigan

Coordinator: Debra Kimball MSN, RN

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Quarterly FASD Taskforce meeting held November 17, 2010 and continues to advocate and implement FASD-related activities identified in the State strategic plan.
 - January 2011: FASD field consultant provided in-service training at St. Johns Home for staff involved with foster care, adoption, and residential care.
 - The State Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) screens all mothers enrolled in the program for prenatal alcohol use with TACE. This represents approx. 60,000 women per year who are screened for prenatal alcohol use.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The Early On Service Coordinator's Guidelines is ready for distribution statewide during 2011. This collaborative initiative involved a year-long process of development that included: FASD Taskforce workgroup, FASD and Public Health consultants with final review and editing by the FASD State Program Coordinator and Managers at the Michigan Department of Community Health and Department of Education.
 - Parent-Child Assistance Program continues to enroll women who are in substance abuse treatment in three West Michigan counties.
 - FASD ACHIEVE is operating successfully in Macomb County, in Southeastern Michigan to provide case management, training, support, and advocacy for the families of the individual receiving diagnosis and treatment for FASD.
 - Ten community-based State-funded projects continue to enroll participants and provide prevention, screening, intervention, and linkage to services for at-risk populations as well as individuals and families affected by FASD.

2. New Initiatives:

- January 26, 2011: Michigan Collaborative Early Childhood Preconference (MCECC) FASD Prenatal Alcohol Exposure All-day Conference, Dearborn, MI. Presenters included: Medical Director of U of M FASD Diagnostic Clinic and Nurse Practitioner, Parent Advocates, FASD Community-Based Project Director from Jackson County, FASD State Program Coordinator, Michigan Dept. of Education Early On Manager and FASD Consultant for Lower Michigan, University of Michigan FASD Diagnostic Clinic: Dr. Prachi Shaw, MD, Behavioral Pediatrics and Marie Heys, CRNP; Vern and Betsy Soden, Parent Volunteers; Shelly Bania, Community Action Agency; Sarah Bobo, FASD Consultant, Lower Peninsula; Debra Kimball, FASD State Coordinator.
- FASD Diagnostic Clinic State contracts were re-issued for FY'10-11 with continued emphasis on multidisciplinary evaluations. Three of the five State supported clinics have new leadership. Several clinics report they are receiving consultation referrals from hospital NICU for prenatal alcohol exposure and developmental delays so that infants can be monitored and early diagnostic and appropriate intervention provided for FASD..
- February 2011: FASD Seminar for Juvenile Division of Probation Officers was provided in Lansing, MI.
- Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center is scheduled to provide 5-day CDC Curriculum training for medical and allied health and students in Lansing, MI, March 28,2011-April 1, 2011. Personnel from all State supported FASD diagnostic clinics, State FASD contractual consultants, and community-based projects will be attending.

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 in October and November 2010 and in January 2011
 - MS AC-FASD has initiated conversation with the MS Dept of Health to improve our ability to gather FASD diagnostic information in Mississippi
 - MS AC-FASD assisted and was supportive of expanding FASD screening, diagnosis and intervention activities that are currently in effect for children and youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) into the area of children and youth with intellectual/developmental disabilities (ID/DD)
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Mississippi's FASD Screening, Diagnosis and Implementation contract project has screened over 1,400 children ages birth to 7 during OY2 and have already screened almost 600 children in OY3. The FASD Prevention Project serving 2 counties in the State continues to use Project CHOICES with women in that area of the State.
 - We have already distributed over 4,000 copies of our new Mississippi FASD brochure and bookmark that feature our new MS FASD logo (copies available upon request) that was introduced in September 2010.
 - MS Department of Mental Health/Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse provided multiple FASD training sessions during July, August and September 2010 at A & D treatment programs in Mississippi.

2. New Initiatives:

- Effective January 1, 2011, our statewide Mental Health operational standards now require all children ages birth to 18 who are served by a community mental health services provider must screen all children for FASD at intake and must refer those with a

positive screen for an FASD diagnostic evaluation. Children who are then diagnosed with an FASD must receive the recommended treatments and interventions.

- The new operational standards also call for an expansion of the system of care MAP Teams to additional counties in the State which will help ensure the provision of services to children who are being diagnosed with an FASD using a multi-disciplinary, community partners approach.

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**
 - October meeting bylaws amended to include person(s) diagnosed with an FASD, representatives from mental health providers and minorities.
 - Pursuing using Social Marketing strategies/activities to get prevention message out.
 - Beginning discussion of new 5 year strategic plan that merges with SAMSHA plan and PSAP program. Combining all three.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Ongoing participation in the 4Ps+ leadership team that guides the project. Continued implementation of the 4Ps+ in north and south. More than 7,000 women screened with data that points to where prevention efforts need to be targeted.
 - Contract with NTI Upstream and Nevada State Health Division to implement 4Ps+ in rural Nevada and expand Las Vegas by June 30, 2011.
 - Seeking out and building relationships with alcohol and drug coalitions, tobacco cessation, chronic disease and non-traditional partners, i.e. Boys n' Girls Club.
 - September 29, 2010 contract ended with University of Arizona to do CDC FAS Surveillance project. Nevada unable to fiscally sustain without Arizona support.

2. New Initiatives:

- Legislative brief for upcoming session.
- Member of March of Dimes conference planning committee.
- Member of State Epidemiology and Multi-Disciplinary Planning work group- inclusion of perinatal substance abuse.
- MCH coalition board member.
- Establishing list serve for PSAP program.
- Dr. Susan Doctor, PSAP subcommittee member, is working with several providers to restart the FASD clinics privately.
- Member of Nevada Tobacco Free Coalition.
- Proclamation from Governor for Birth Defects Month.

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

- This is an update from September through December. I have requested a letter from support from SAMSHA again this year to attend annual meeting.

New Jersey

Coordinator: Elizabeth Dahms, MS, RNC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Task force was unable to meet this quarter due to weather problems.
 - Perinatal Risk Reduction Coordinators had quarterly meeting.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Universal statewide screening of all pregnant women for ATOD use/abuse.
 - NJ Web site has been active recently. It continues to operate with primarily volunteers.

2. New Initiatives: None

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**
 - Peer Education in New Mexico high schools.
 - FASD education in New Mexico universities.
 - FASD media messages in New Mexico.

2. New Initiatives:

- Working with legislators on funding issues.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield grant.

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

- Found UNM's RFP for New Mexico RFP for State Coordinator and FASD Prevention Program. Will try to scan and put on computer.

New York

Coordinator: Margo B. Singer, MPA

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. Retirements at our State agency have affected State agency representation on our Task Force, as well as our Interagency Workgroup.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We continue our work on our Northrop Grumman subcontract. This has been a busy time dealing with staff turnover, which continues to be an issue.
 - We continue with our FASD activities under our Interagency Workgroup and ACTION, although the future status of these efforts is unclear given our new Administration.
 - The FASD State Coordinator continues to conduct FASD trainings for provider agencies coalitions, etc. Because of the winter season and difficulty traveling, some of this has slowed down and will "pick up" in the Spring.

2. New Initiatives:

- We now have a new State Administration and a new Agency Commissioner. Since the focus is currently on the State budget (crisis) and redesigning the Medicaid program, most new projects are “on hold” due to the inability to make commitments in the future. We are facing the prospect of being merged/consolidated with other State agencies. Also, the reduced size of the agency has meant that the FASD State Coordinator is spending significantly more time on non-FASD work activities.
- The State Coordinator circulated the BFSS Call for Proposals and we are anticipating several workshop submissions from New York presenters.

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

- A letter was sent to Amtrak requesting placement of our pregnancy and no alcohol message. No response has been received to-date.

North Carolina

Coordinators: Janice White, MEd and Amy Hendricks

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

• **Activities of the Task Force**

Project Director met with State contractor and representatives from the Division of MH/DD/SAS in January to discuss NC State plan. The focus of the meeting was discussing how to couple prevention and treatment in the development of the Fetal Alcohol Prevention Program for our State; including the creation of a statewide task force. 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.

• **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**

- Maintaining relationship with the Centers for Prevention Resources (CPRs) in the delivery of FASD prevention efforts statewide.
- Secured funding from the March of Dimes and developed a statewide FASD Web site. Site is in the final review stage and www.ncpregnancy.org will go live on March 1, 2011.
- Provided trainings and exhibits to allied health professionals, students, and the general public across the State. Provided 10 presentations/educational sessions, reaching a total of 167 participants; and exhibited at a total of 4 conferences and 6 community events, reaching 825 individuals.

2. New Initiatives:

- Established a relationship with Western Carolina University to provide an FASD education session to social work students in February.
- Established a relationship with the Division of Public Health and will be presenting at the Western Regional Children’s Developmental Services meeting in February.
- Project Director will be attending 5-day FASD training session for certification with the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center in March.

- Coordinated efforts with the Center for Prevention Resources to provide an FASD webinar to addiction professionals in March.
- Coordinating efforts with the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center, UNC, State contractor and representatives from the division to provide an FASD training to the medical and allied health community in the central part of the State in April.
- Established a relationship with the NC Foster and Adoptive Parent's Association, and will be presenting at their annual conference in April.
- Established a relationship with Addiction Professionals of NC. Will exhibit at NC Foundation for Alcohol & Drug Studies Winter School in February.
- Established a relationship with Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) and will be exhibiting at the 12th Annual NC Parent-Professional Conference in February.

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

- Volunteered to work NAFSC Pregnancy Kit Labeling Subcommittee; will be participating on call in February.

Ohio

Coordinator: Melinda Norman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - We are in a Transitional status at the time. We have a new Governor and several new Department Directors. This is a time of maintenance, we keep what we have and move forward once we have all the departments settled in their new roles.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - All of our currently integrated activities around media, training, and education are continuing.
 - Our *www.notasingledrop.org* site is being updated.

2. New Initiatives:

- We have decided to put this project on hold till the end of April. We will add the newest trainers to the directory at that time. 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.

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 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. We have had our first meeting and set a schedule thru the remainder of the year. Work is still very preliminary at this time.
- We have begun the initial planning for a training of trainers. They are scheduled for the last 2 weeks of April and registration is full at this time

Pennsylvania

Coordinator: Kathy Jo Stence, CAC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Task Force Meeting held 1/14/2011 to review the implementation of the State Plan. Initiatives are ongoing.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Additional workgroups will be formed to more specifically address areas of the FASD Plan that require additional system cross-representation

2. New Initiatives: N/A

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 next Task Force meeting is anticipated to be in April. Winter weather has made travel difficult in order to hold a meeting.
 - Task Force members have been kept apprised of activities by the Program Coordinator and Project Director.
 - Task Force membership continues to be evaluated and updated as needed.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Nursing staff at WIC project sites receive guidance and training from program employees on appropriate project activities.
 - Statewide FASD Prevention Project—WIC screening and intervention activities are operating at ten sites in South Dakota.
 - The Chiesman Foundation's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Center hosted the *FASD: Bridging the Systems of Care in South Dakota* conference on January 24-25. The keynote speaker was David Michael Boulding a criminal/family lawyer from British Columbia, Canada who has authored and co-authored numerous papers and articles on FASD, such as *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Law: Some Practical Steps for Parents and Legal System Professionals*. The two day conference was attended by over 300 participants from five States (ND,SD, MT, WY, and NE)

2. New Initiatives:

- The project continues to have discussions on expanding sites; this will be finalized at the next Task Force meeting.
- The project is in discussion with developing new training opportunities.
- No other new initiatives have been developed at this time.

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 during this quarter.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - NOFAS Washington continues to provide support groups and programs without State funding. Contracting with Children's Administration to provide training to foster/adoptive/relative caregivers on FASD.
 - 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: N/A

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

Washington, DC

Coordinator: Sharon Brandon

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - We are still in the process of establishing a task force. By the next report we should have something more to report.
 - Locating FASD resource centers in the District and support groups where families can go that are living with a child with an FASD.
 - Perinatal and Infant Health Bureau continues to teach both prenatal and women of child bearing age the dangers with drinking while pregnant and the dangers if they are planning on getting pregnant with drinking.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State** N/A

2. New Initiatives:

- We have incorporated the risks of drinking while pregnant into our SIDS workshops which are held once a week for 2 hours. The mothers are given information on FASD and resources if needed.

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**
 - Continue working collaboratively with Wisconsin FASD Treatment Outreach Project (WTOP) to identify funding opportunities to fill the services gap to assure quality services for women and children at risk.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Expansion of FASD prevention programs throughout Wisconsin.
 - Continue collaboration with WTOP and Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center.
 - Development of a statewide task force.
 - Member of the State home visiting implementation team.
 - Member of WI Alliance for Drug Endangered Children's State steering and planning conference committee.
 - Continue developing resources in Milwaukee County to provide ongoing FASD screening and assessments.
 - Attended the My Baby & Me annual meeting (alcohol prevention program).

2. New Initiatives:

- WTOP hosts a bimonthly FASD Journal Club that reviews and discuss various articles regarding FASD.
- Starting a workgroup in Milwaukee County with PNCC and My Baby & Me providers.

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