

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FASD STATE COORDINATORS

State Updates, May 2010

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

Arizona

Coordinator: Teresa Kellerman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Task Force meeting cancelled because chairs not able to attend. Not yet rescheduled.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Brief Intervention subcontract continues through Sara Rumann and the Arizona Department of Health
 - Family support group continues in Tucson, new group forming in Phoenix
 - Screening children and adults for of ARND continues through Fetal Alcohol Resource Center
 - Project "Take Ten"—Teresa is still collecting data from surveys
 - Web sites maintained and updated: www.fascrc.com www.fasarizona.com

2. New Initiatives:

- CDC Surveillance grant (Dr. Cunniff through Univ. of AZ) Teresa began trainings
- Teresa working with Community Prevention Coalition (town halls, parent education project)

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

- Alcohol-Free Recipe Booklets not ordered (too expensive), had info cards printed instead

California

Coordinator: Madeline Journey-Lynn, MEd

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force—*State Interagency Team FASD Work Group***
 - Deliverable 1—the map for current resources for pregnant women and families impacted by FASD and for sexually active women has been developed. Each State Interagency Team FASD Work Group (SIT FASD WG) member has completed it – specific to their department. It will be delivered to the State Interagency Team (SIT) for distribution to the impacted State departments. The form captures information which will improve collaboration at the State level, avoid duplicative efforts, assist the SIT in the assessment of gaps in services, and identify necessary policy changes that impact FASD.
 - Deliverable 2—a fact sheet template has been developed with a consistent message re: FASD facts. Each State Department SIT FASD WG representative is completing the template to customize it for their specific audience.

- Last meeting is 29 April—all deliverables will be collected and given to the SIT. The next project or future of the group TBD.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Attended CA FASD Task Force quarterly meeting hosted by The Arc of California in February 2010. Minutes have not been published.
 - Pre-planning for 9/9 FASD Day: possible mini-conference, with speaker, table displays

2. New Initiatives:

- RFP for Native American Women Awareness Campaign on Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment and Prevention is being developed. This will be a 3-year contract, and has an FASD component. UPDATE: combined two Native American contracts, RFP development still in progress and the contract has been moved to the Legislative Office.
- <http://www.adp.ca.gov/women/index.shtml>—ADP Women’s Page is up. New information is being added to it on a weekly basis.
- Now a member of the Interception Care Advisory Committee and with that on the sub-group of the Pre-conception Health Council—currently developing three separate handouts and algorithm for postpartum visits on tobacco, alcohol and drugs.
- AB 1694—Assemblyman Beall; Alcohol-Related Services Program; Last Hist. Action: 04/06/2010 In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of the author.
 - An act to add wording to the Health and Safety Code, relating to alcohol abuse programs, and making an appropriation therefore. Existing law requires ADP to perform various functions and duties with respect to the development and implementation of State and local substance abuse treatment programs. This bill would, in addition, establish the Alcohol-Related Services Program and the Alcohol-Related Services Program Fund and would authorize the State Board of Equalization to assess and collect specified fees from every person who is engaged in business in this State and sells alcoholic beverages for resale, as prescribed. The bill would require the fees to be deposited into the fund and would continuously appropriate those moneys exclusively for the alcohol-related services programs established pursuant to this bill. The bill would authorize ADP to establish, contract for, or provide grants for the establishment of component services under the program.

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

- Was unable to attend the NAFSC Primary Care Subcommittee Teleconference due to a last minute issue.

Kansas

Coordinator: Joseph Kotsch, RN, MS

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - No Task Force in place
- **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:

- MCH staff presented Midwest Regional FAS Training (CDC materials) at MCH Conference
- Timothy Scanlan, MD, MBA (Addiction Specialist) presenting on topic of alcohol and substance use during pregnancy at MCH Conference
- Initiative to prevent FASD being considered by Kansas Leadership To Keep Children Alcohol Free Coalition

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

Kentucky

Coordinator: Laura Nagle, CPP

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - First FASD Advisory Board meeting held: researchers, division-level directors, physicians
 - Statewide workgroup formed committee to conduct a prevalence study
 - Training and town hall meetings offered re: substance exposed infants, 300+ attendees
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Family Resiliency DVD currently in production, including interviews with parents and kids
 - FASD In Kentucky status report developed and disseminated/discussed with key informants
 - Jodee / Liz Kulp gave free 3-hour workshop in a rural KY county with 100+ attendees

2. New Initiatives:

- Currently securing IRB approval to conduct survey among pediatricians through KMA
- Working with developer to create KY Web site with forums for professionals and parents
- Working with KY Cosmetology Board to focus 09/09 activities on beauty shops statewide
- Working with KY Behavior Institute (annual conference) to add track on FASD
- We are finally applying to become a NOFAS affiliate!

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

Maryland

Coordinator: Mary Johnson

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Regular quarterly meeting
 - New State plan
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - New State plan (in approval status)

2. New Initiatives:

- Social Workers FASD Workshop held on April 9, 2010, at the UM-School of Social Work
- FASD State Conference 2011
- Girl Scouts Health Fair—September 2010
- FASD Webinars: June/August/November

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

- NAFSC Airlines Subcommittee Teleconference

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, MDiv

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD Awareness in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Publication of *FASD Highlights and Training Opportunities* in the January 2010 “Kindergarten Updates” for early childhood staff.
 - Ongoing FASD training for addiction and healthcare professionals.
 - FASD prevention through the Deaf/Hard of Hearing SBIRT project.
 - Ongoing efforts to maintain exemption on alcohol tax in face of organized industry lobbying.
 - IHR Executive Director attended FASD Center Expert Panel, and was also the Chair of a new SAMHSA TIP on gender-specific treatment.

2. New Initiatives:

- SBIRT for School-Based Health Centers: CRAFFT Refresher Training.
- Compilation of the Dept of Public Health *FASD Prevention Toolkit* for community health centers.
- Participation on telephone subcommittee about BFSS regional breakout format.

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

- Participation in the NAFSC Primary Care Subcommittee.

Mississippi

Coordinator: Trisha Hinson, MEd, CMHT

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**

- MS AC-FASD (task force) met in January and March 2010.
- At each meeting, the MS AC-FASD Prevention Subcommittee reports on the number and type of FASD public awareness/public education trainings or events that have taken place since the last meeting. The Prevention Subcommittee is also spearheading the effort to develop and implement a statewide 5-year FASD Public Awareness Campaign entitled "Nine and None...for baby's sake." The Intervention and Treatment Subcommittee reported on technical assistance efforts with local community mental health centers; revisions to the MDMH minimum standards and the accompanying record guide to include standards and forms specific to FASD screening, diagnosis, and treatment (implementation date is January 2011); progress to include family members and parents of children with an FASD in the MDMH Division of Consumer and Family Affairs activities; and plans to access training through the Innovations Institute of the University of Maryland for additional mental health staff across the State in the nationally recognized Wraparound System of Care model in order to include children and youth with an FASD in this process.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**

- Mississippi's FASD Screening, Diagnosis, and Implementation contract project has screened over 900 children ages birth to 7 so far during OY2. The FASD Prevention Project serving two counties in the State continues to use Project CHOICES with women in that area of the State.
- The MS Department of Mental Health's Strategic Plan calls for an FASD-specific public awareness campaign to take place in 2010; progress is being made on preparing for this effort. Included in this effort will be a more systematic approach to providing FASD information on high school and college campuses in Mississippi.
- MS Department of Mental Health/Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse provided 16 FASD training sessions or presentations between June 2009 and December 2009 at A&D treatment programs in Mississippi.

2. New Initiatives:

- Mississippi DMH is in the planning year of a new System of Care grant that targets youth ages 16 to 24 who are transitioning from children's services to adult services. This newly-funded effort will include youth with an FASD to ensure that they will not "fall through the cracks" during these critical transition years.
- Mississippi DMH recently received notification of a new grant award that will enable MDMH to provide or enhance mental health services to those youth in juvenile detention facilities who have a mental health diagnosis.

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 Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) subcommittee has 13 members and is considered to be a task force. It last met in January 2010. Newest member is a pediatric geneticist, PSAP amended its bylaws to have more diverse membership.
 - Discussed opening new avenues to seek funding for FAS clinics.
 - Successful nomination of Nevada teenager to represent the State at the NAFSC meeting in May. She will tell her story.
 - Exploring possible logo for PSAP.
 - PSAP coordinator out-of-State travel to the annual meeting NAFSC not grant-mandated and travel was denied. SAMSHA did write a letter explaining the importance of attending. Thank you.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - 4Ps+ Pregnancy Project continues in northern Nevada with more than 4,400 women screened. Implementation is schedule to begin in Las Vegas in June 2010 with one of the largest provider network. The PSAP coordinator will be attend the training with provider staff and be the point person in southern Nevada. Analysis of year-end data indicates target populations to develop future prevention strategies. Dr. Chasnoff is applying for the next round of HRSA grant to continue prevention efforts.
 - As of December 2009, all funding for the FAS diagnostic clinics statewide ended and have not started up again as of April 2010. There is no hope for a legislative appropriation when they convene in February 2011.
 - Since November 2009, the Nevada State Health Division, PSAP program and the University of Arizona have been collaborating to implement the CDC FAS Surveillance grant. It is hoped that data abstraction will begin June/July 2010.

2. New Initiatives:

- As part of the MCH section, the PSAP program will have a State performance measure included in the next block grant cycle.

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

- I regret to say I haven't contributed much to any process this past year. The budget crisis has stretched all of us and our responsibilities. I would hope I can be more active going forward.
- I will miss not being at BFSS this year.

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

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**
 - FASD conference
 - FAS peer education trainings
 - FASD workshops around the State

2. New Initiatives:

- Received new March of Dimes money for Peer Trainings
- Applying for more money from private grants

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

- FASD media campaign is going great.
- FASD Conference was fantastic. Part of the Head to Toe Conference.
- FASD presentations in the schools.
- FASD workshops around the State are very popular.

New York

Coordinator: Margo Singer, MPA

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The FASD Task Force for our Northrop Grumman Project CHOICES subcontract will be convened next on May 27, 2010.
 - NY's FASD Interagency Workgroup will meet again on June 16th. By the end of May we will be sending an informational packet out to mid-level clinicians about prenatal screening of women.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The Northrop Grumman-funded Project CHOICES subcontract continues its work. We are finalizing our selection of new sites for the next project period which starts in July. We will be expanding to Upstate/Western NY.
 - The FASD State Coordinator continues to conduct FASD workshops/trainings for State agencies and community-based providers every month. In March I presented to a delegation from Russia.
 - The Governor's ACTION Plan includes several FASD items which we continue to make progress on.

2. New Initiatives:

- In May the NYS DDPC is releasing \$10,000 to fund a statewide “Pregnant Pause” prevention effort. Approximately 14-16 regional perinatal networks will be eligible to request funding.
- Our agency submitted comments concerning inclusion of FASD in the new DSM V.
- I have been nominated to attend the new TTT sponsored by the Frontier Regional FASD Training Center for their training: “What Every Treatment Provider Needs to Know About FASD”.
- Participation in the TTT will require me to design and conduct at least 2 trainings in NYS in the Fall.

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

- Sent out letters to Airlines on Alcohol & Pregnancy Messages (will report at next NAFSC Meeting)
- The FASD State Coordinator has been meeting with the 2010 BFSS Planning Committee.

North Carolina

Coordinator: Janice White, MEd

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 a statewide task force.
 - Research into task force activities and prospective members will begin in next contract year.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Training our State-funded inpatient chemical dependency treatment staff in the three sites. Three of three sites trained.
 - Developing the resources to train the Community Prevention Resources (CPR) Centers.
 - Training across the State in various settings—ongoing

2. New Initiatives:

- New coordinator has been hired through contractor and training and education is ongoing.
- Collaboration with other agencies (Public Health & local University) for presentations in a variety of settings.
- Collaboration with the Qualla Boundry (of the Cherokee Nation) Healthy Beginnings/Healthy 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 incorporating of this topic in the MSN training curriculum.

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

- Coordinator position was vacant for the months of January and February and for half of March. The position has been filled and the new Coordinator will be attending the BFSS meeting in Nashville.

Pennsylvania

Coordinator: Kathy Jo Stence, CAC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The Executive Committee of the Task Force met on 4/8/10 and reviewed the State Plan, providing updates and implementation status on the goals and objectives.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD Training opportunities are being offered at least 24 times/year in various regions of the State.
 - The proposed language in the new block grant agreements with counties requiring the provision of at least two FASD Prevention activities/year and that each county have an FASD liaison who has received training on the topic of FASD is now in effect.

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 Dept of Public Welfare has formed a work group to begin to explore service provision re: FASD.

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**
 - SD Task Force meeting held on 02/18/10 in Chamberlain, SD.
 - Updated Task Force membership due to job changes and relocations.
 - Explored the addition of new members to the Task Force; the project identified individuals that play a critical part in improving the health of women and their pregnancies.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Statewide FASD Prevention Project—WIC contract with SD Department of Health to expand project efforts to an additional five sites.
 - Training on assessment and intervention was completed on 04/13/10 for the new five project sites.

2. New Initiatives:

- The project is creating FASD information packets to distribute to physicians working with women referred by the WIC clinics.

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**
 - Meeting conducted
 - Provided guidance on Request for Proposals
 - Passed resolution to request Northrop Grumman support the development of online data management. (Our evaluation demonstrated that tremendous amount of data is being lost due to our current set up.)
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - CHOICES project

2. New Initiatives:

- Provided a workshop at a statewide conference for WIC staff.
- Provided on line training for WIC staff
- Organizing online training for Dan Dubovsky so that all areas of State can participate

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**
 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Interagency Workgroup met on March 11, 2010. There are activities happening in pockets of Washington State by the FASIAWG members.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - NO FAS 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: None

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

Washington, DC

Coordinator: Drena Reaves-Bey, MPA, GCPH

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD proclamation approved and signed by the Mayor, A. Fenty, and sent to all departmental staff
 - Kathy Mitchell (NOFAS) discussed FASD on local radio station WPFW, 4/19/10 sponsored by DC DOH
 - FASD Symposium on 5/26/10; Kathy Mitchell and Dan Dubovsky are presenters
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Community-based health education and promotion
 - Collaboration with Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration

2. New Initiatives:

- Children With Special Health Care needs: FASD Advisor
- Plan to target male partners/significant others of DC Healthy Start case-managed clients

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** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Wisconsin FASD Treatment Outreach Project (WTOP) and partnership with Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center.

2. New Initiatives:

- WTOP awarded additional funding, in April 2010 to provide training to northern Wisconsin and clinical outreach to Superior, WI.

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