

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FASD STATE COORDINATORS

State Updates, November 2009

Prior to the teleconference, 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 phone conference September 14, 2009
 - Task Force members held FASD Awareness Day events in Phoenix, Tucson, and Flagstaff
 - Task Force procured Governor's Proclamation for FASD Awareness Day 09/09/09
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Continue sub-contract for Brief Intervention (eight sites through Arizona Department of Health)
 - Continue support groups, screenings, and trainings by Fetal Alcohol Resource Center
 - Continue online updates for FASD News Blog at www.come-over.to/FAS/news/

2. New Initiatives:

- University of Arizona Dr. Chris Cunniff awarded CDC grant for FASD Surveillance
- Initiated Project "Take Ten" (online at www.fasday.com) to raise awareness, collect data
- Alcohol-free recipe booklets to be ordered with support of The Arc of Tucson

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

- Completed: Confirmation of speakers and facility for FASD Awareness Day event
- Completed: Announcement of CDC surveillance grant approval for University of Arizona
- New action item: Get quote for recipe booklets from New Beginnings

California

Coordinator: Madeline Journey-Lynn

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Discussion on the three deliverables, including clarification of each of the deliverables. Everybody involved with the Task Force volunteered to be involved in a group. We went into those groups to begin our work. The purpose was to further define the deliverables by answering the following:
 - Objective
 - Define parameters
 - How to do it
 - The product / outcome
 - Coordinator

Deliverable 1—Develop a map of current resources for pregnant women and families affected by FASD and for sexually active women.

Deliverable 2—Include information on this topic (FASD) at all of our agencies' conferences, (i.e., Governor's Conference on Prevention and Treatment), list serves and internet sites. i.e. –messaging, FASD International Day, information dissemination

Deliverable 3—Work with the California Department of Insurance to request that Ob-Gyns who use a validated screening tool for pregnant women for AOD use during pregnancy receive a discount on their malpractice insurance rates

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State** N/A

2. New Initiatives:

- The deadline for the Governor to take action on 2009 bills was Sunday, October 11. He vetoed the following enrolled bills:
 - AB 217 (Beall) AOD screening and brief intervention services
 - AB 244 (Beall) Mental health and AOD treatment parity

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**
 - Bimonthly meeting held – October 29. A key discussion topic—identifying dedicated funding source(s) for FASD office.
 - On-going Clinical Workgroup: Process details being finalized to establish FAS screening pilot with children entering foster care system.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Training provided to early childhood community college classes.
 - Partnership with local foundation to establish Parent Resource Center for foster families.
 - Mentoring second MPH graduate student, topic "FASD Prevention in Military Families."

2. New Initiatives:

- Community event with private and public college systems to increase awareness about FASD.
- Pilot with Department of Education to train students interested in social science careers on FASD 101 to serve as "peer educators."
- Department of Human Services, Child Welfare—adds FAS (D) screening as part of MH screening package.

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**
 - 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)
 - 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: N/A

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

- Primary Care subcommittee still has not met.
- Non-profit subcommittee was to meet week of Oct. 19-23 (I did not attend call due to illness.)

Kentucky

Coordinator: Laura Nagle, CPP

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Almost finished conducting online survey with many disciplines re: current needs, attitudes (approximately 1,500 respondents)
 - Organizing Strategic Planning retreat in December with an outside facilitator
 - The group will present in general sessions at two statewide conferences re: needs assessment findings

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - 35 more professionals attended 3-day Training of Trainers and are now part of Statewide FASD Training Network (419 members total)
 - FASD Day: 800+ OBs received hand-delivered info; 8,000+ people received information e-mail; statewide proclamation, as well as many local proclamations.
 - Monthly informational e-mail/resources sent to approximately 2,500 people

2. New Initiatives:

- Finalized "All About Me" advocacy workbook/guidebook for families to fill out and give to teachers/therapists/etc. with specific info about their child's learning and behavioral needs.
- Developed "FASD: Connecting With the Issues" report to be used in inviting participants for FASD Advisory Board.
- Developing "webinar" capabilities to offer live web seminars to teachers on "BabyLove" middle/high school FASD prevention program materials.

- Applied for SAMHSA CMHS Conference grant to host conference for members of Kentucky's Statewide FASD Training Network. (Did not receive ARC grant applied for last quarter.)
- FASD Coordinator and FASD Clinic Medical Director presented at U of Louisville Grand Rounds, which was teleconferenced around the State.

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

Louisiana

Coordinator: Michael Kudla, MD, FACOG

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - State meeting regional coordinators Healthy Babies Initiative/SBIRT, 10/13/09, Alexandria, LA
 - Plans to increase prenatal screenings by WIC clinics and private providers; plans to initiate community support for screening and treatment for children with FASD
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Continue efforts for funding from State government and national agencies
 - Continue efforts to increase numbers of pregnant women screened in WIC clinics, public and private providers
 - Continue efforts to fund public awareness campaign(s)

2. New Initiatives:

- Consider mandate for prenatal screening by providers
- Reimburse private providers for prenatal screening

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

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, MDiv

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Initial meeting of a small group of State agency leadership to introduce FASD
 - No move to create Task Force in this time of extreme budgetary shortfalls
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD prevention through numerous SBIRTs, including Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

2. New Initiatives:

- Presented "FASD: How to Improve Patient Outcomes" to 80 staff members of an adult psychiatric hospital where some patients have a diagnosed FASD. At end of session, clinicians reported that they had specific new strategies to utilize and want more training.
- Alcohol Lobby is preparing an initiative to put the new exemption on alcohol tax on the State ballot.
- Increased interest in FASD training for adolescent services agencies.

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

- FASD Prevention and Awareness Week, October 19-23. Dan Dubovsky did a phenomenal job, as did Dianne and Jasmine O'Connor, who represented families

affected by FASD. Sessions included FASD and Early Childhood, Secondary School, Adolescent & Adult Addictions Treatment; and FASD and Publicly Served Individuals, with an emphasis on skills building. Sponsored by the Mass Dept of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.

Michigan

Coordinator: Debra Kimball, MSN, RN

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Update the State 5-year FASD strategic plan.
 - Taskforce meets quarterly and developed 'new member' orientation packets; Taskforce 'Action' Teams also meet quarterly to promote work on strategic plan goals.
 - Cross-collaboration workgroup identified with reps from State departments of community health, mental health & human services to educate staff regarding FASD, screening policy.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - PCAP FASD Prevention in West Michigan—60 women enrolled to date.
 - Project CHOICES in Detroit project evaluation completed 9/30/09.
 - Ten new statewide FAS prevention and intervention grants begin implementation phase of projects for FY '09-10.

2. New Initiatives:

- Submitted proposal for statewide FAS Surveillance grant using active surveillance in five diagnostic centers (however funding not awarded).
- Videotaped FASD motivational interviewing training for online webcast education of home visiting professionals in Medicaid support program for pregnant women.
- Participated in 2009 Fiscal Mapping Study of Michigan's Great Start System that included FASD.
- Michigan Birth Defect registry proposal for policy revision that would mandate reporting FAS to age 10 years.
- Three taskforce members are trainers with the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center and are using curriculum to train health professionals in Michigan.

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 with 13 members and is considered to be a task force. It met in June and October 2009.
 - PSAP coordinator created and disseminated FASD DAY tool kits to coalitions, consortiums, and miscellaneous community agencies statewide.
 - Planned and implemented events for FASD Awareness Day that included gubernatorial and Mayoral proclamations and FASD Day t-shirts for high school students and staff to wear when they walked on 9/09/09. About 700 walked from the schools, church bells rang, information distributed, and two articles in local papers. PSAP subcommittee member initiated events with two Native American tribes who

made knots, a minute of reflection, and talking circles. FASD picnic held in Las Vegas with families and children seen at the diagnostic clinic over the years.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Contract with Dr. Chasnoff to implement 4Ps Plus in Las Vegas.
 - Nevada will partner with University of Arizona to do 5-year FAS Surveillance.
 - FASD clinics being transitioned to community via a vie Early Intervention Services (EIS).

2. New Initiatives:

- Collaborating with MOD to get coasters funded
- Assisting Elko coalition with possible proposal for FASD Summit to March of Dimes
- Drafting revisions to 5-year strategic plan for PSAP subcommittee

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

- BRFSS questions submitted
- Sent comments and some suggestions to Orientation work group

New Jersey

Coordinator: Elizabeth Dahms, MS, RNC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Quarterly meeting held 8/5/09.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Media Campaign—cable TV education ads continue.
 - Beintheknownj.org Web site—Site has a new design. Averages about 2,000 visits a month

2. New Initiatives:

- Perinatal Risk Assessment rolled out statewide. Pregnant women receiving Medicare are screened for ATOD.

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** N/A
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Peer Education trainings were conducted at Deming High School, Caesar Chavez Charter School, GRADS Teacher Training, and Rio Rancho High School.
 - We have presented at School Health Education Institute, New Mexico Community Health Workers Conference, Families First, and March of Dimes.

2. New Initiatives:

- During the month of September we ran our half-hour FAS show on NBC-, CBS-, FOX-, ABC-, and WB-affiliates.
- We are working on FASD events in Carlsbad and Las Cruces, NM.

- We are collaborating with a Masters Public Health Class at New Mexico State University. The students are doing a great job increasing on campus awareness, media blitz, and community outreach. They will also conduct a Pregnant Pause Party during a community event.

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

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 Nov. 17, 2009.
 - NY's FASD Interagency Workgroup met on Oct. 20, 2009. We heard a presentation on a new Governor's Initiative called ACTION, which is coordinated by our agency (see below).
 - ACTION stands for "Addictions Collaborative To Improve Outcomes for New York" and it will include several FASD initiatives under Public Health, one of the four focus Committee areas.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The Northrop Grumman-funded Project CHOICES continues its work.
 - Our follow-up FASD training for mental health professionals, scheduled for two locations in September with Dan Dubovsky, was cancelled when Dan came down with the flu. We will reschedule for 2010.
 - The FASD State Coordinator will co-present FASD workshops at a statewide Child Welfare Summit, a regional addiction providers' annual conference, and a videoconference training for OMRDD staff.
 - Dr. Mary DeJoseph will be conducting a FASD presentation at the annual Addiction Medicine Weekend at the Albany Medical Center hospital next month for medical students and practitioners.

2. New Initiatives:

- The NYS Health Department is a recipient of a new CDC surveillance award for Western NYS. In addition to surveillance, training, and service referral activities will be included under the grant.
- The FASD State Coordinator was appointed to the 2010 BFSS Planning Committee.
- Still in the works: We are working with our Office of Children & Family Services to develop a Training proposal to submit to the FASD Center to assist our Native American communities on FASD and motivational interviewing.
- Still in the works: Looking to develop an online FASD training module that would be free to our providers (and other professionals) to update one that was developed several years ago.

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

- The FASD State Coordinator attended the NAFSC Airlines Subcommittee Meeting on 10/16/09.

North Carolina

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

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Discussion about planning a Task Force.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Training our State-funded inpatient chemical dependency treatment staff in the three sites.
 - Developing the manual to train the Community Prevention Resources (CPR) Centers.
 - Training across the State in various settings—ongoing.

2. New Initiatives:

- New efforts which were successful for FASD Day in September—Mayor's proclamation, Conference with National speaker (70 in attendance), bulletin boards in two hospitals, articles in hospital newsletter, newspaper, and Addiction Professionals of NC newsletter.

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

Ohio

Coordinator: Melinda Norman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - August 2009 Taskforce meeting; ongoing system integration activities continuing. Planning awareness activities for September. We will meet in October.
 - September has been designated as FASD Prevention and Awareness month in Ohio
 - We created and distributed a FASD fast facts one pager across the State systems.
 - Several of our community coalitions held FASD Prevention and Awareness activities on 9/9

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - All of our currently integrated activities around media, training, and education are continuing.
 - Our topic-specific toolkits are still being utilized and distributed

2. New Initiatives:

- We are planning a round table for the State Agency Legislative Liaisons to discuss next steps regarding signage legislation here in Ohio

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**
 - The Executive Committee continues to meet to determine the most effective ways of implementing the State FASD Plan.
 - The Awareness Subcommittee made extensive efforts for FASD Awareness Week, 9/8 – 9/14/09

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We continue a positive relationship with the FASD subcontractor in Philadelphia and serve on their larger Task Force.

2. New Initiatives:

- Highlights from Awareness Week:
 - Had a kickoff event at a Women with Children Treatment Facility.
 - Had good press coverage as well as involvement from a local senator, etc.
- Baby Bottle Distribution Project (~3,000 bottles w/ info. flyers at 31 Ob-Gyn offices in 26 counties)
- 22,000 Awareness Ribbons distributed in all 67 counties
- WIC offices in every county participated in Awareness Activities
- Distributed 50 "Drinking and Reproductive Health: A Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention Tool Kit"
- 100 PSAs, courtesy NOFAS, were used in medical and WIC offices as well as on local cable TV
- Hosted two professional trainings with a total of ~94 trainees
- Conducted awareness activities at Indiana University of PA and Bloomsburg University, reaching at least 500 students total via classroom and lecture presentations.

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**
 - Working on revisions to the Implementation Plan
 - Working on bringing additional project sites on board/training personnel, etc.
 - Next Task Force meeting set for November 16, 2009
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - State Affiliation with NOFAS—The SD affiliate representative participates in annual meeting and ongoing conference calls
 - FASD Diagnostic and Consultative Services through NOFAS-SD
 - Information Dissemination through NOFAS-SD listserv, Web site, newsletter

2. New Initiatives:

- NOFAS-SD worked with Senator Tim Johnson in preparing the Advancing FASD Research, Prevention, and Services Act to be introduced to Congress.
- Education Focus with Policymakers—dissemination of newsletters and bimonthly e-mails to SD Delegates and their staff
- FASD Education Strategies Handbook developed and disseminated free-of-charge to all SD public schools
- Chiesman Foundation through Federal Earmark—received FASD funding
- The Division of Alcohol/Drug Abuse received the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant.

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**

- The FASIAWG had a meeting September 10, 2009. Very limited participation—mainly due to workgroup members being unavailable because they were training.
- September 11, 2009 in Vancouver, WA, “If the Eyes Have No Tears, The Soul Has No Rainbow—A Training on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders” by Julie Gelo

- **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.
- 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:

- The Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse and the Mental Health Division were combined into one new division as of June 1, 2009—“Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery” —David Dickinson is the Director
- Linda LaFever donated over 700 copies of her book “Cheers! Here’s to the Baby.” We distributed them to 600 attendees at our annual Co-Occurring Disorders Conference (everyone got a book in their conference bag). Conference attendees included individuals from not only chemical dependency and mental health, but also developmental disabilities, children’s/CPS, corrections and other areas of expertise. A supply was also given to the Women’s Coalition of Washington for their conference attendees; the remainder of the books are at our Alcohol/Drug Clearinghouse and can be obtained free of charge.

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