

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

State Quarterly Updates, November 2011

Prior to the November 10, 2011, teleconference, State Coordinators reported on recent activities in their States. These activities are summarized below.

California

Coordinator Stand-In: Tara Tarrant

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The next meeting of the CA FASD Task Force will be in November—nothing to report at this time.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**

2. New Initiatives:

- Working in collaboration with the Department of Public Health on their implementation of a new State grant program for early childhood and prenatal home visitation. ADP is contributing expertise in the area of substance use disorder treatment and counseling services, including assistance with processes for the incorporation of screening, intervention, and referral for substance use.

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

Florida

Coordinator: Kathryn Shea, LCSW

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The Florida Center is trying to take on the responsibility of organizing/reconstituting The FL Interagency Action Group. Large cuts in State jobs have drastically reduced ability of State workers to serve on taskforce.
 - Advocacy by parents statewide to keep the FASD State clinic funded.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FL Fights FASD Campaign is very active and continuing “Torchbearer enlistment” statewide. Campaign transferred to The Florida Center for Early Childhood in Sarasota on October 1.
 - Two FASD Diagnostic Centers continue to operate. Sarasota Clinic has a long wait list for assessments. Jacksonville FASD clinic continues as sub-contract provider with Northrop Grumman.

2. New Initiatives:

- FASD clinic at The Florida Center also focusing on best practice standards for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). Huge increase in newborns with NAS in Sarasota County and statewide.

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

Hawaii

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

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - FASD Task Force Meeting—8/16/11, 11/3/11 meeting cancelled.
 - Proclamation ceremony picture and info published in newsletter and distributed via e-mail network.
 - Discussions on CAPTA 2010 Amendments and screening tools.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Distribution of FASD information and trainings via e-mail distribution list.
 - Arrangement for FASD Training by Dan Dubovsky to train University of Hawaii Department of Psychiatry, OG-GYN grand rounds, and pediatric medical students.
 - Mr. Dubovsky also provided training to DOE school-based behavioral health staff, teachers, and aides at two school sites.

2. New Initiatives:

- Beginning discussion with CWS to address issues related to CAPTA 2010 Amendments.
- Discussions on training and system building on Maui.
- Continue with discussions with DOE SBBH for island-wide FASD training.

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

- Kathy Mitchell, NOFAS, came to Hawaii to work with a birth mother who spoke at the Native Leaders Conference. Incredible speaker.
- Zero-to-Three group who attended the Leadership Training in Atlanta, GA, August 2011, is following up on developing a plan.

Illinois

Coordinator: Ajeet Charate, M.A., LCPC, CADC

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Illinois does not have an FASD TF
 - Illinois NOFAS – Advisory Committee meeting, Aug. 23rd – hosted by the Director of the Illinois Dept of Public Health
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - September 9, 2011 – Governor issued a proclamation – 6th year
 - September 9 2011 – Academic Faculty Conference – co-sponsors – University of Illinois – Chicago, department of Pediatrics, Midwest Regional FAS Training Center and Illinois NOFAS – 120 clinicians attended this all-day conference
 - October 17, 2011 – Third Annual State FASD conference – co-sponsors: Illinois NOFAS, DuPage County State Attorney's Office.

2. New Initiatives:

- Illinois Center for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (ICFASD): three offices, services offered: screening and evaluation for FASD, Skills groups for individuals diagnosed with FASD.
- Center also offers QEEG guided Neurofeedback intervention for FASD.
- Beginning of a fourth FASD parent support group. Groups meet monthly and are run by parent coordinators.
- Received a mini-grant from NOFAS to develop a work-book to accompany our FASD documentary – The Invisible Disability.

- DuPage County FASD Task Force – 2nd largest County in the State – meeting, Nov 15th.
- Media Campaign – “Responsible Hosting” – during the holiday season.

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

Kansas

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

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force** 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)
 - 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
- Hays, Kansas local Z49 coalition held FASD training opportunity in August 2011
- Conducted MRFASSTC Trainings at middle school and high school events in 2011
- Kansas AAP in application approval process for NOFAS chapter

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

Kentucky

Coordinator: Laura Nagle

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Bi-annual meeting, October 2011
 - Judge coordinated ongoing FASD prevention activity with every drug court in KY
 - Developmental Pediatrician working with AAP on ARND guidelines/algorithm
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - FASD Day: 500 local volunteers hosted Premiere Showings of “These Nine Months” DVD
 - Continue to provide 3.0 free CEUs for FASD self-study course
 - Completed Service to Science survey of OB providers: 45% response rate

2. New Initiatives:

- Annual Speak Up: campaign engaging women to bring info packet to their annual exam
- Received NOFAS microgrant for OB./GYN project
- Piloted “babylove” FASD prevention presentation with 500 middle/high school students
- Applying for Service to Science Enhancement grant to continue OB/GYN project evaluation
- Facebook page: 113 comments in first week!

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—Spring 2011

2. New Initiatives:

- State Coordinator has been Governor-appointed to the "Maryland Caregivers Resource Coordinating Council"
- 2011 co-sponsored Coordinator for the "Back to School Jam"
- Requested funding from the Center for Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant for a 2011 Conference

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

- Participated in the Women's Health Week
- STD Statewide Conference
- Church Community Fair and Cookout and "Back to School Jam"
- Breastfeeding Month and Child Health Month
- National Respite Caregivers Conference hosted by Maryland

Massachusetts

Coordinator: Enid Watson, M.Div.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - First planning meeting scheduled in November.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - Presented Early Identification of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Screening in Early Supports and Services, New Hampshire Association for Infant Mental Health 17th Annual conference, "Climbing the Ladder Toward Competency in Early Childhood Mental Health." North Conway, NH (Sept 23)
 - The Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Early Intervention is creating an introduction to Screening for FASD Risk on their Early Intervention Professional Development Web site.
 - SBIRT Trainings for international INEBRIA conference, as well as American Academy of Pediatricians on School-Based Health Center project. Additionally, staff provided IHR 5 P'S training for Commonwealth of Virginia, School of Medicine; State staff have received permission from Medicaid for screening reimbursement for this adapted behavioral health risk screening tool
 - FASD Prevention: Clergy SBIRT and Batterer's Intervention SBIRT projects continue
 - Presented CRAFFT Refresher Training in School-Based Health Center poster at American Academy of Pediatricians, Oct 15

2. New Initiatives:

- Presented *Pregnancy, Substance Use, and FASD* (a 4-week distance learning series) for the Brown University Center for Alcohol & Addiction Studies (Oct 3, 12, 17 & 31)
- IHR Exec Director participated in Expert Panel preparatory meeting concerning the development of the SAMHSA FASD TIP
- Initial meeting of new MA FASD Task Force is currently being scheduled, through the auspices of MA Dept of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and Maternal/Child department

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

- MA State Coordinator collaborated with other NAFSC members to ensure that FASD prevention is adequately addressed in text4baby. New texts were solicited and sent to Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies and SAMHSA FASD Project Officer.
- The FASD State Coordinator continues to participate in a SAMHSA Access to Recovery grant for individuals re-entering society from incarceration. FASD prevention is included in presentations.

Michigan

Coordinator: Debra Kimball, M.S.N., R.N.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

• Activities of the Task Force

- July 18, 2011, Interagency FASD Strategic Planning Workshop #1 was held in Lansing, MI, and was facilitated with technical assistance provided by Sharon Dorfman. Outcomes included: Development of a Preliminary 3-Year Draft Interagency FASD Strategic Plan, 2012-2014, with goals and strategies (see attached). The Interagency planning involved collaboration with stakeholders representing public programs, private agencies, universities, diagnostic clinics, affected individuals and their families. Three interagency goals were identified: Prevention of prenatal alcohol exposure among women of reproductive age; Intervention for children, birth to 18 years of age; and Resource development for FASD. (See page 11 for copy of Preliminary 3-Year Draft Interagency FASD Strategic Plan, 2012-2014).
- November 2, 2011, Interagency Strategic Planning Workshop #2 to develop Action Plans and activities for implementation during the first year of the plan (2012). The workshop will also be held in Lansing, MI, with live video conference capabilities for the Upper Peninsula. Participants will continue to include stakeholders representing public programs, private agencies, universities, diagnostic clinics, affected individuals and their families.
- The FASD Taskforce continues to meet on a quarterly basis.

• Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State

- The State Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) continues to screen all enrolled Medicaid participants for prenatal alcohol use with TACE and provide referral and treatment to assist women to discontinue alcohol use during pregnancy. Approximately 52% (60,000) of all pregnant women qualify for Medicaid services each year and are screened for prenatal alcohol use. Parent Child Assistance Program continues to operate successfully and enroll women who are in substance abuse treatment in three West Michigan counties.
- FASD ACHIEVE continues to operate successfully in Southeastern Michigan and provides case management, training, and support for the individuals and their families referred for FASD diagnostic evaluation, intervention, and treatment.
- 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:

- The FASD *Early On Service Coordinator's Guide* for the State of Michigan has now been published and disseminated by the Michigan Department of Education.
- Application for a City Match grant was submitted by Detroit Health and Wellness Department.

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

New York

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

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Our Project CHOICES Task Force continues to meet in smaller workgroups to discuss sustainability with our sites/stakeholders. Our Project Evaluator has accepted another position so we are in the process hiring. Our next Task Force meeting is in January.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - We continue our work on our Northrop Grumman Project CHOICES subcontract. Staff turnover challenges continue at many of the sites. We have begun a MI Coaching component.
 - Our activities with our Interagency FASD Workgroup continue. A new brochure on "FASD: The Basics" has been developed and is available in Spanish, with other languages planned.
 - The FASD State Coordinator continues to conduct FASD trainings. During this past quarter new FASD trainings to adoption workers and criminal justice professionals were conducted.

2. New Initiatives:

- The FASD State Coordinator was able to incorporate FASD information into the new SBIRT training presented for the first time in September to hospital staff in central NY.
- The FASD Coordinator attended the first New York Alcohol Policy Summit and conducted a workshop on Alcohol Policy & FASD. Hopefully support for FASD Policy may result.
- Our Interagency Workgroup is looking to pilot a FAS screening tool for youth entering foster care. This would be conducted in Westchester County which has a Project LAUNCH grant.
- Our NY chapter of AAP received grant funding to do FASD training and related educational activities for NY pediatricians. A statewide webinar for the Fall is being planned.

3. Update on Action Items from the Last Quarterly Report: Nothing new to report

North Carolina

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

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - Planning for a statewide coalition is ongoing by the Project Director, State contractor and representatives from the Division of MH/DD/SAS. In support of the identification of key partners for the coalition, the following meetings occurred during this quarter. 1) The PD met with members of the Mecklenburg FASD Coalition to discuss the opportunity for growing the existing coalition in to a statewide effort. The coalition was receptive to the idea and a planning meeting will be held in December to move forward with this effort. 2) Coordinator Janice White and PD Amy Hendricks met with representatives from the Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch to discuss their partnership in a statewide coalition and ways in which we could work together in FASD prevention, identification, and treatment. Representatives from the Division of Public Health are interested in partnering, and opportunities for education outreach were discussed.

- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - As a result of our partnership with the NC ABCC Training Division, they have included an FASD information page and a link to our Web site, www.ncpregnancy.org on their new Web site <http://www2.ACtnc.org>.
 - The PD partnered with the Centers for Prevention Resources (CPRs) in a statewide delivery of FASD information in the promotion of FASD Awareness Day for 2011. Efforts included a proclamation signed by the Governor, daily tweets, and Facebook updates on FASD Facts, which began on 8/9/11, FASD Article in CPR (Centers for Prevention Resources) and APNC (Addiction Professionals of NC) Newsletters and articles and proclamation on Prevention is the Answer Web site.
 - The PD is partnering with the Zero to Three Court Team of the Qualla Boundary/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to implement a comprehensive FASD plan of care which identifies community assets and needs related to FASD, provides FASD training to service providers, develops protocols for screening at-risk children for FASD, and provides services to infants, children, and adults affected by FASD.

2. New Initiatives:

- PD has established a relationship with Eastern Area Health Education Centers to provide an FASD education session to the participants of their NC State of the Art Conference to be held in November; as well as a full day FASD conference for allied health professionals to be held in March of 2012.
- PD has established a relationship with Wake Area Health Education Centers to provide an FASD education session to participants of their Gravidas at Risk Perinatal conference to be held in Nov.
- PD has established a relationship with the WNC Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), and will be providing a 3-hour FASD and Ethics training in December.
- PD is working with a representative from the Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch in delivering an FASD webinar to public health departments across the State in the fall of 2012.

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

- Continued participation with the Pregnancy Kit Labeling Subcommittee. PD agreed to reach out to the FASD Mecklenburg Coalition and two parent support groups in her State for assistance in promotion and distribution of the letter and will also do the group's report back at the upcoming NAFSC meeting.

Ohio

Coordinator: Melinda Norman

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - We are still in the preliminary stages of our pilot project of developing a Birth Moms' Network here in Ohio. We have 5 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 progressing very slowly at this point
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - All of our currently integrated activities around media, training, and education are continuing.

2. New Initiatives:

- We are in the preliminary stages of developing a legislative team to look at warning signage. Legislative liaisons from the leadership agencies are meeting to discuss options, roles, and responsibilities for the signage.

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

South Dakota

Coordinator: Gib Sudbeck

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - The next task force meeting will be held this coming quarter.
 - The program coordinator through the University of South Dakota resigned his position.
 - The new program coordinator is affiliated with Mountain Plains, LLC.
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The WIC sites continue to do screenings and brief interventions
 - SBI training of WIC site personnel is planned for October 5th.
 - The Implementation plan for Year 4 was submitted as was the required project data.

2. New Initiatives:

- No new initiatives this quarter.

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

Washington

Coordinator: Lauri Turkowsky, Ed.D.

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - NOFAS WA conference 11/11/11
 - FAS track at statewide Co-Occurring Disorders conference
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - NO FAS Washington continues to provide support groups and programs without State funding. They also contract with the Children's Administration to provide training for foster/adoptive/relative caregivers on FASD.
 - The FAS Diagnostic and Prevention Network at the University of Washington continues to provide FASD evaluations and training for professionals. Training services continue to be funded by the State as well as three FASD Diagnostic and Prevention Network satellite sites.
 - Ten Parent Child Assistance Programs statewide and three Safe Babies Safe Moms programs statewide. Both are State-funded 3-year case management programs for substance abusing women and their children.

2. New Initiatives:

- Applied for a grant to fund a day-long conference for birth moms.

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

- Established a speakers bureau that will begin planning to do presentations on FAS to chemical dependency treatment facilities.
- The recession continues to deepen and more and more chemical dependency services are being cut.

Wisconsin

Coordinator: Bernestine Jeffers

1. Update on Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Activities of the Task Force**
 - NW Task force held a 11/2 day trainings with Dan Dubovsky
 - The WTOP (WI FASD treatment outreach program) project is currently developing an FASD task force
- **Ongoing FASD Initiatives in Your State**
 - The WTOP sponsored an FASD clinic in Milwaukee county—20 children, families, and adults received screening and diagnostic exams

2. New Initiatives:

- Partnership with the DEC (Drug endangered children) programs
- Incorporated into women's treatment RFP process "that a certified FASD educator must be maintained by the program"
- In the process of working with faith-based and grassroots agencies to develop FASD awareness

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