

# Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network FASD Research Series

## Session 3

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010

1:30pm-4:30pm

Catholic Social Services – East Office (8212 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Edmonton)  
Room 035

Cost: free

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### 1) Building Collaborative Partnerships: Addressing the Need for Research-Informed Programs for Individuals with FASD

#### Speakers:

**Cheryl Poth:** PhD, Assistant Professor, Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation, Centre for Research in Applied Measurement and Evaluation, Department of Educational Psychology, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

**Dorothy Henneveld:** FASD Programs Manager, Catholic Social Services, Edmonton, AB.

**Session Overview:** The McDaniel Youth Program is an intervention program developed specifically for adolescents with FASD. This presentation will entail an overview of this program, and discuss the process of early development and research collaboration. Additionally, early results evaluating whether the program improves adaptive behavior, social skills, mental health and personal strengths among youth with FASD will be presented.

### 2) The Experience of Caregivers of Individuals with FASD: Burdens and Stigma

**Speaker: Roxanne Pereira:** MSW, RSW. Centerpoint Program, Alberta Health Services.

**Session Overview:** Caregivers of individuals with FASD experience multiple layers of burden and stigma. This presentation will give an overview of the relevant literature on caregiver burden and describe a recent study conducted at the Centerpoint Program, a mental health outpatient program for youth in conflict with the law. The study included nine caregivers of youth with FASD and identified numerous significant correlations to burden including specific demographic characteristics of caregivers, demographics of the youth, and symptomatic behaviors of the youth. Recommendations for prevention of FASD and interventions for caregivers and youth with FASD will be made.

**For more information or to register for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Session, Please Contact:**

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