

PROVINCIAL FASD FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

An invitation to families and individuals with FASD: An opportunity to share your story of hope

What's your story?

The Alberta FASD Family Advisory Council invites you to share your experience as parents, family members or individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The Council has received funding from Alberta Human Services to create a collection of powerful personal stories that will serve to inform and inspire other families and people with FASD. The book will create a positive awareness and hopeful message about the possibilities that exist for full and inclusive lives for children, youth and adults with FASD. The collection will offer advice and counsel for other families who find themselves facing similar issues.

Your journey can help others

It is often the stories of individuals and families that offer encouragement and hope to those who experience similar challenges. We are looking for parents (biological, adoptive, foster) and other family members (grandparents, siblings, extended family) from across different cultures and communities who would like to share their stories about raising or supporting someone with FASD.

We are also looking for the personal stories of people with FASD who are willing to share their journey.

You may want to write your own story with help from our writer, or you can be interviewed by our writer and then you can review your story once it is written. If you know of another family/individual whose story would be inspiring to others, please encourage them to get in touch with us.

Tell us about you

As the first step, we would like to hear about you. Give us an idea of your situation, your experience, and perhaps a particular issue you've dealt with that you feel is important to share. This might include how you've come to a positive and hopeful outcome with respect to education, peers, friendship, forgiveness, single parenting, justice, addictions, sexuality, employment, fostering, isolation, adoption, family dynamics, finding resources and support, or other topics.

The Council will select 15 to 20 stories that reflect a wide range of topics and experiences for inclusion in the book, and with the possibility for use in other forums. You will be notified if your story is selected. All submissions will be treated as strictly confidential and nothing will be shared without your permission.

Include your name, address and contact information, and a brief (about 350 words) description about you and your experience. Highlight the issue(s) you'd like to focus on. You can do this in writing, by making a video or audio recording or if you prefer, contact us at the number below and our writer will contact you to get the needed information.

Please submit the brief description of your story to the Provincial FASD Family Advisory Council as per the contact information below by January 30, 2014.

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Sincerely



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