



Tuesday, June 2, 2020

**Edmonton and area Fetal Alcohol Network Society Meeting**  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Call to order and roll call</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approval of last meeting minutes</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Reporting</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Quarter 1 (April 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020)</li><li>- ORS must be submitted no later than 9:00 am, July 3rd, 2020.</li><li>- Narrative reports are due 9:00 am Friday, July 10th, 2020.</li><li>- Audited Schedule Bs are due June 30, 2020 (extensions have been made for those who operate on a different fiscal year).</li><li>- You will now find 'Tip Sheets' and 'How To' videos on the ORS site. Login and click the 'Help' in the top right of the screen. These resources are for caseworkers, agency managers, and Network Coordinators.</li><li>- All staff with an ORS login must complete an ORS security information training (reading of doc). This must be completed by October 31, 2020. On the last page of the document is a form to sign and email to Lisa, who will then store them for the GoA.</li><li>- The 'Information Security Management' and Tip sheet can be found at the bottom of the webpage: <a href="https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/through-the-years/2020-2021/fasd-reporting/">https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/through-the-years/2020-2021/fasd-reporting/</a></li><li>-</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Finances</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Documents have been submitted to Bergeron &amp; Co for the EFAN audit.</li><li>- Requested that our EFAN Audited Schedule B be completed by June 15, 2020 so that there is no delay in sending the Network yearend documents to the GoA.</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EFAN update</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EFAN will be hosting their monthly meetings via Zoom for the time being.</li><li>- There was a change this year to monthly funding disbursements from the GoA, which then gets sent out to our funded programs monthly.</li><li>- Currently working on our annual report, which is due June 30, 2020.</li><li>- FASD funding that was previously distributed by the CFS is now distributed by EFAN.</li><li>- This included funding to programs with Catholic Social Services (Coaching Families, Step-By-Step, and First Steps), and the Bissell Centre (FASS program).</li><li>- EFAN will not be collecting membership fees this fiscal year, but members will need to fill out the yearly 'membership form'.</li><li>- Click here to access the membership form <a href="https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/through-the-years/2020-2021/membership/">https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/through-the-years/2020-2021/membership/</a></li><li>- Please email completed forms to <a href="mailto:lisa@rogozinsky.org">lisa@rogozinsky.org</a></li><li>- FASD specific programs are working towards beginning face-to-face visits with clients, following all guidance from the GoA and Health.</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>New research and resources</b></li></ul>

### **Summary of EFAN Services 2019 – 2020**

- 746 unique clients served (up from 710 the previous year)
- 445 females, 301 males
- 20% assessment/diagnosis, 8% PCAP, 73% supports
- 79% urban, 11% rural, 10% on-reserve

### **CanFASD Webinar: Towards Healthy Outcomes**

- 90 minute presentation by Senior Research Lead, Dr. Jacqueline Pei.
- Friday, June 5, 2020 at 1:00pm EST.
- “Achieving healthy outcomes for individuals with FASD requires working together towards meaningful goals for each individual. Recognizing this need, her and her teams of researchers produced an evidence-informed model to help is to identify key needs for all humans – with specific consideration for how existing research can inform practice.”
- For more information or to register, please visit:  
<https://edmontonfetalandalcoholnetwork.org/2020/05/15/canfasd-new-webinar-announced-towards-healthy-outcomes/>

### **CanFASD Online Training:**

- Level 2 training is available online.
- Appears to be free for residents of Alberta.

### **FASD for School Staff Level II: Practical Strategies for the School Environment**

FASD for School Staff Level II is an advanced training course intended for all educators working with students with FASD including all administrators, teachers, educational assistants, ECE’s, office admin, Board personnel and bus drivers. This Level 2 training course, building on the Level 1 Foundations in FASD course, provides the perspective of individuals who have FASD and their caregivers, is evidence-based and current, employs a culturally sensitive approach, and is presented in a way that is responsive to educators.

### **FASD For Judicial and Legal Professionals Level II**

FASD for Judicial Professionals Level II is an advanced training course for professionals in the Justice systems. This Level 2 training course builds on the Level 1 Foundations in FASD course and presents evidence-based and practice-informed information that can be easily and effectively integrated into your practice and approach to working with individuals with FASD.

### **FASD for Solicitor General Professionals Level II**

FASD for Solicitor General Professionals Level II is an advanced training course for professionals in the Solicitor General systems. This Level 2 training course builds on the Level 1 Foundations in FASD course and presents evidence-based and practice-informed information that can be easily and effectively integrated into your practice and approach to working with individuals with FASD

### **FASD in Canadian News – John Aspler**

- Aspler J, Zizzo N, Di Pietro N, and Racine E. Stereotyping and stigmatising disability: A content analysis of Canadian print news media about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Canadian Journal of Disability Studies. 2018; 7(3): 89-121
- They wanted to understand how the Canadian news presents stories about FASD, alcohol, and pregnancy, so they analyzed relevant news coverage in the top ten English-language newspapers in Canada.
- They conducted twelve focus groups with people with FASD, their caregivers, and the professionals who care for them to understand what they thought about that news coverage.
- Asked participants about their experiences with FASD, alcohol, and pregnancy, and about FASD and alcohol-related stereotypes.
- They also showed participants quotes from the media they analyzed to explore their reactions and to discuss recommendations on how to improve discourse.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Although some of the news they analyzed was excellent, they identified several recurring challenges, which led them to argue for more holistic portrayals of FASD stakeholders. The challenges we observed included:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Exaggeration</i> about a variety of key factors tied to FASD: For example, exaggeration about rates of FASD in Indigenous communities in Canada could perpetuate harmful stereotypes about Indigenous peoples and alcohol consumption.</li><li>2. <i>Contradiction</i> in health and science reporting about FASD: For example, contradictions between news articles about the potential effects of prenatal alcohol exposure could create public confusion around healthy behaviours when pregnant.</li><li>3. <i>Scientific information without context</i>: For example, framing FASD as “a totally preventable disability”, without the context of why someone might drink while pregnant (e.g., abuse, substance use challenges, being unaware of a pregnancy) could unnecessarily inflame attitudes toward women who drink while pregnant.</li><li>4. <i>Stereotyped portrayals of people with FASD and women who drink while pregnant</i>: People with FASD were sometimes portrayed as innocent <i>victims</i> of their mothers or as <i>villains</i> doomed or destined to commit crimes as adults. In turn, those mothers who drank while pregnant were sometimes portrayed as the villains responsible for their child’s FASD, without the broader acknowledgement of other potential challenges they could be facing. These stereotypes could lead to stigmatization, making life harder for members of the FASD community.</li></ol></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – EFAN AGM</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Should we plan for a Zoom or in-person AGM?</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prevention Conversation</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Trainings are still occurring, using Zoom and other media platforms to reach agencies and groups.</li><li>- The project is currently revising the training manual and brochure to ensure that the language and curriculum is up to date.</li></ul></li></ul>