

SIMCOE COUNTY & YORK REGION

FASD INITIATIVE



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Nottawasaga Inn Resort & Conference Centre
6015 Highway 89 * Alliston * ON * L9R 1A4

ACCOMMODATIONS

Single or Double \$199 (+HST) /room/night
Call: 1-800-669-5501 to reserve a room
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Rooms must be booked by **August 19, 2022**

REGISTRATION FEES

LIVE	VIRTUAL
\$135*	\$85

****All speakers will be LIVE, includes breakfast, lunch, door prizes and gift bags***

"FASD affects approximately 1% of people living in Canada. This means that there may be about 300,000 living in Canada today with FASD. People of all ages might be affected"

Source: FASD ONE



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

ANGELA GEDDES *CYW, BA (Psych), MSW, RSW*

Angela is a Social Worker in private practice with over 25 years in the helping profession. She has a particular interest in providing assessment, parent education and direct support for individuals and families experiencing complex issues including the impact of PAE/FASD. She has recently authored a book titled "A Complicated and Beautiful Brain" and provides training opportunities aimed to help people affected feel better understood.

LISA MURPHY *BSW, RSW*

As Executive Director of the Lakeland Centre, Lisa oversees the day-to-day operations of the Centre and its FASD Prevention, Diagnostic and Intervention programs. She has worked in the field of FASD for over 18 years. Lisa's history with the Centre has included advocating and coordinating services for children, complex youth, and adults diagnosed with FASD and their families, consultation, data collection, and diagnostic clinic team member. Lisa also played a key role in the development and organization of the Lakeland Summer Camp.

LISA WHITTINGHAM

Lisa is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Child and Youth Studies at Brock University. Her research interests focus on the intersections between disability and the law, specifically the criminal justice system. Lisa became interested in this area after working for many years with adults with developmental disabilities, many of whom were diagnosed with FASD, justice-involved, and/or experiencing acute mental health crisis.

LAURA BANKS

Laura is a registered social worker in private practice in Barrie, Ontario. She has been working in the field of childhood trauma with children, families, and adults for more than 20 years. Her work is born out of her passion and commitment to understanding how to help children heal those spaces inside of them that interfere with their ability to love and be loved. Laura's work and life are enriched and inspired by the families living with and loving hurt and traumatized children. Her greatest teachers are always the children who have come into her life through 20 years as a treatment foster parent, an adoptive Mom of 7 and the many families she has provided counselling to. This blend of lived experience, academic and professional knowledge create a unique journey and perspective in the work that Laura does. Laura believes that children need security and commitment to heal. We all heal within relationships, relationships in therapy/service, in families and in communities. As a dedicated life-long learner Laura continues to expand her skills. She is completing the certification In Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (Dr. Bruce Perry). She currently is a sessional instructor at Lakehead University in the Social Work department.

JENNIFER COX

Jen has recently graduated from Georgian College with a Recreation and Leisure Diploma. She works at a seniors residence and is currently contemplating some new life goals. Jen knows what it means to live life with hope and dreams. As she navigates her life in a unique way, living with FASD, she has focused on how to understand both her strengths and potential skill deficits to create a life that can support her. She still knows that life is a journey, some parts have been challenging but she also knows that things can get better. She believes that with the proper help and support people living with FASD can be successful and be able to handle whatever situation they may be put into.

DR. KATHERINE FLANNIGAN *PhD, R.Psych*

Katherine is a registered psychologist and research associate whose work is focused on the clinical implications of neurodevelopmental diversity. As a researcher at the Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network, She has a special interest in FASD, and the biopsychosocial factors that influence wellbeing and outcomes for individuals with FASD and their families.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2022

7:30am—8:30am

Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30am—8:45am

Welcome/Introductions

8:45am—10:15am

Key Note: Angela Geddes

A Look at the Impact of FASD Across the Lifespan from the Family and Frontline Perspective

An exploration of some of the more subtle presentations that result from prenatal alcohol exposure, and what this looks like across the lifespan. We will also discuss with case examples how stigma, blame, shame, misunderstanding and a trauma 'focus' can sometimes perpetuate existing difficulties. This presentation will allow the participants to be better able to identify when puzzling mental health and learning difficulties might need further investigation and we will hear from individuals and families about how outcomes can improve immediately with a more inclusive approach within our existing service provision.

10:30am—11:30am

Lisa Murphy

Supporting Individuals with FASD in Finding Meaningful Employment

The Lakeland Centre for FASD has been providing FASD support across the lifespan for over twenty years, including prevention, diagnosis, and intervention services. LCFASD employment services is a unique custom-made program supporting individuals with FASD to find meaningful employment. Employment services empower individuals on a path of self-discovery towards achieving their own personal goals. In this presentation, participants will hear about this unique program. We will share what we have learned, our successes and our challenges.

11:30am—12:30pm

LUNCH

12:30pm—1:30pm

Lisa Whittingham

A Rights-Based Approach to Addressing the Complexities of FASD

The articles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) guarantees that persons with disabilities can enjoy human rights and freedoms. Many persons with FASD face barriers to experiencing these rights and freedoms. Using a rights-based approach to understand the barriers for persons with FASD can help to ensure full participation and potential in society and open new avenues in advocacy and policy development.

1:45pm—2:45pm

Laura Banks & Jennifer Cox

Join the Conversation: FASD, Challenges, Success and Next Steps!

In 2021, Laura Banks joined our conference and shared her expertise around developmental trauma and her session was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Join her again this year, along with her daughter Jennifer Cox, as together they uniquely share details of their journey of lived experience with FASD. This session will integrate lived experience with professional knowledge and expertise offering participants an opportunity to engage collaboratively with presenters.

3:00pm—4:00pm

Dr. Katherine Flannigan

Leading a Great Life: Strengths-Based Approaches to Supporting Individuals with FASD

Most research on FASD to date has been focused on identifying and mitigating the challenges associated with the disability. Relatively little work has been conducted to explore and promote the inherent strengths of people with FASD. There is a critical need to balance the deficits-focused narrative around FASD with more of an emphasis on strengths, successes, and healthy outcomes. This presentation will provide an overview of the current literature on strengths among individuals with FASD and their families. Emerging findings will also be shared from several strengths-based projects that are underway through the Canada FASD Research Network.



REGISTRATION FORM

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