

2nd Tasmanian Conference

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

'GROWING AWARENESS'

FASD is a term used to describe the cognitive and developmental impairments that result from alcohol exposure during pregnancy. Australian prevalence rates for FASD are not yet known in Australia but were recently estimated to affect 2% to 5% of the population (May et al 2010) in the United States. Attention deficits; memory impairment; poor judgment and reasoning; poor planning, learning problems are all common to FASD. FASD is not curable and will impact across the lifespan.

WHEN: 28th and 29th November 2011

WHERE: Menzies Research Institute Tasmania, MS1, 17 Liverpool Street, Hobart

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

This conference will provide a forum to share experience and practice and discuss how we can more effectively enhance the lives of children and young people who are living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; their families; service providers; and communities. How much do we really know about the prevalence of FASD in our community? How many children are living with the problem without recognition? How many children are living in placements as a result of parental alcohol use? What are we doing to help birth mothers and fathers? How can we build on the strengths of our existing systems to identify and address barriers to provide children and families with effective and appropriate supports? How do we provide focused and targeted approaches across services to create better supports for parents and carers? These are the elements we need to explore and understand to create action?

The conference will open on the 28th November with a late afternoon and evening reception and presentations from invited guests. A full conference day on the 29th November will follow.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To expand our understanding of FASD
- To explore FASD as it most directly impacts on individuals, parents and carers
- To discuss FASD within the context of multiple systems (education, criminal justice, health and human services, disabilities, child and family support services, community support)
- To improve our understanding and response to girls
- To learn about neurobehavioural disorders and effective intervention strategies
- To hear about national research, projects and practices that are making a difference including the new National Diagnostic Tool
- To network, interact and engage in discussion with other delegates

PROGRAM

A program will be soon available at www.den.org.au or will be forwarded to you following your registration.

AUDIENCE

This conference will be essential for those living or working with children and young people, parents and families whose lives are affected by FASD and in planning for their futures.

Parents – birth & adoptive	Foster and kinship carers	Grandparents
Magistrates and Judges	Corrective services workers	Lawyers
Juvenile justice workers	Child carers	Community support workers
Family violence workers	Family support workers	Mentors
Social workers	Post secondary students	Women's health workers
Child protection workers	Teachers and educators	Child and adolescent mental health workers
Psychologists	Medical practitioners	Psychiatrists

REGISTRATION

The cost of registration is \$120.00. Download a registration form www.den.org.au or email admin@den.org.au or telephone Zoe Kala on 1300 369 319 with your details and a registration pack will be posted to you. Payment will be by cheque. Parents and carers of children and young people at risk may apply for a 50% discount. Please contact reception on 1300 369 319 to check eligibility.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DIANE MALBIN

Ms Malbin is Executive Director of FASCETS Inc., a nonprofit organization located in Portland, Oregon. Her work includes consultation, education, program development and community development. The goal of these activities is to contribute to establishing and sustaining neurobehaviorally-informed, strengths-based networks of care where there is conceptual consistency and congruent application of relevant accommodations for people with FASD and other neurobehavioral conditions in all settings in communities. The long-term goal is to contribute in a meaningful way to prevention.



Ms Malbin's work includes co-founding serving as Director of the FASCETS Oregon Neurodevelopmental Diagnostic and Training Centre. This multidisciplinary team provided comprehensive assessments, and generated single integrated reports of findings and specific recommendations based on neurobehavioral findings.

Ms. Malbin was developer of the Neurobehavioral model that is now being implemented nationally and internationally. She has been consultant, trainer and curriculum developer for various entities, including the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, among others. In Oregon, Ms. Malbin was principal investigator for the successful three-year Oregon FASD Intervention Study, funded by Oregon's Department of Human Services, whose participants were children in foster care and their caregiver teams. She is currently consulting on an innovative Dependency Court project identifying possible FASD and other neurobehavioral conditions in clients and their children.

In Canada, the neurobehavioral model was the basis of the successful British Columbia three-year cross-Ministry approach to addressing FASD provincially. Other community-based collaborative projects are being implemented in different formats at multiple sites. Findings from an Ontario, Canada, project termed the "Neurobehavioral Accommodations Model" was presented at the 2010 International FASD conference in Vancouver, BC.

She has had the honour of being invited to provide plenary sessions at multiple international conferences including the NASW World Conference, and Interprofessional international FASD conferences in Canada. Recently she was asked to speak at the Canadian FASD Consensus Conference, recommendations from which inform future Canadian policy related to FASD.

Internationally she has worked in Norway, Ireland, England and elsewhere. The Government of Nunavut contracted with Ms. Malbin to develop community education materials for employers and community partners in Iqaluit and outlying villages.

As an author, she has been published in the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, American Bar Association, and Counselor, among others. Hazelden Foundation invited her to write "FAS: Strategies for Professionals" and her book, "FASD: Trying Differently Rather than Harder" has been widely distributed and translated. The Oregon chapter of the National Association of Social Workers named Ms. Malbin Social Worker of the Year, 2005, and she is in the NOFAS Hall of Fame for her work in the field of FASD.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Title:	Mr	Mrs	Ms	Miss	Dr	Prof
Last Name:						
First Name:						
Organisation (if applicable):						
Contact details:	Telephone			Email address		
Postal Address:	PO Box			Number and Street		
	Town/city			State	Postcode	
Dietary requirements	Vegetarian	Yes	No	Other:		
		Yes	No			
Payment Method	Are you attending the evening event on the 28 th November?	Yes	No	\$25.00	Total amount: \$_____	
	Conference	Full registration		\$120.00		
		Parent/carer		\$60.00		
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