

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders” (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during her pregnancy. These effects may include physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the causes and symptoms of FASD
- Explain the risks of drinking alcohol during pregnancy
- Learn about recent research on FASD
- Identify and practice techniques for working with women with risky alcohol drinking behaviors
- Become familiar with interventions to help individuals affected by FASD

Presenters:

- Luther Robinson, MD - Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Director, Special Diagnostic Clinic of Women and Children’s Hospital, Buffalo, NY
- Kathleen Tavenner Mitchell, MHS, LCADC - Vice President and Spokesperson, National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Washington, D.C.
- Susan Adubato, Ph.D. - Co-Director, Northeast Regional FASD Education and Training Center, UMDNJ-NJMS, Newark, NJ
- Linda Caley, Ph.D., RN. – Research Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo School of Nursing, SUNY Buffalo, NY
- Dianne O’Connor – Project Associate, NYS OASAS, parent of children with an FASD

Professional Credentialing Hours have been applied for.

Directions - Take IRT Subway #1 (Local) to 116th Street (Columbia University). Walk to entrance on east side of Broadway.



“Alcohol in the Womb”

***First Annual New York City Conference on
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders***

March 2, 2007
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Columbia University
Alfred Lerner Hall
2920 Broadway, NY, NY

Conference Sponsored by The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Support Network of NYC and LI
Co-sponsors: NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services ■ NYC Administration for Children’s Services ■ March of Dimes of NYS ■ Association of Perinatal Networks of New York ■ Columbia University-Alice! Health Promotion Program

NYS OASAS
FASD Conference
1450 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203-3526

Conference Registration



The Conference registration fee is \$25.00 and includes morning coffee, box lunch, and all materials. Please register early as space is limited.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Workshop Selection:

 (Indicate A, B, C, D, or E)

Each participant will attend only one workshop.

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Box Lunch Choice:

 Includes Chips, Brownie, Fruit, Beverage

Please choose one:

Tuna Salad: _____

Roast Turkey: _____

Vegetarian: _____

Registration Fee: \$25.00 Please make check or money order payable to: FASSN

Your registration must be post marked by February 16, 2007.

We cannot guarantee space after this date. A confirmation letter or email will be sent to you. No refunds after 2/16/07.

Mail registration form and check or money order to:

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Support Network c/o Joyce Moyal
80-19 234th Street
Bellerose Manor, New York 11427

If you have any questions, call 718-279-1173

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Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration and Coffee
9:00 – 12:00 am	Morning Plenary sessions
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Panel Session and Concurrent Workshops
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Wrap-up/Evaluation/Credentialing

Concurrent Workshop Sessions

A. “The Importance of an FASD Diagnosis” - A diagnosis of FASD allows for focused, trans-disciplinary interventions. This session will explain diagnostic criteria, discuss the importance of receiving an early diagnosis, and the challenges of receiving a diagnosis in New York. Participants will examine the issues of inter-agency collaborations and explore how a “common language” may improve service delivery to clients with FASD.

B. “Recognizing primary and secondary disabilities through the lifespan for individuals with an FASD.” - This session will discuss primary and secondary disabilities for individuals with FASD. It will describe the domains usually affected by prenatal alcohol use, as well as changes through the lifespan. The workshop will include successful case management and treatments using case studies from the Northern NJ FASD Diagnostic Center.

C. “Creating a Circle of Hope: From Wounded Victim to Warrior Mom” - Women who have given birth to a child with FASD often experience guilt, grief, and remorse, making them high risk for relapse. Helping women to own their resiliency and connection to self, through spiritual and spiritually focused cognitive and behavioral interventions will be highlighted. Participants in this session will also gain knowledge of national FASD prevention projects targeted to reaching women with addictions.

D. “Using Evidence-based Screening and Intervention Strategies to Prevent FASD” - FASD is 100% preventable. This workshop will identify appropriate perinatal screening methods for women of child bearing age. Participants will practice brief intervention techniques for modifying risky drinking behavior and develop ideas for implementing evidence-based practices in their own setting.

E. “A Day in the Life of a Family Living with FASD” - Dianne is the mother of six children adopted through the foster care system with varying degrees of FASD. Dianne has learned from the real experts -- her children -- on what they need to be successful at home, in school, and in the community. This session will focus on successful interventions with individuals affected by FASD.

Conference Sponsors

- The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Support Network (FASSN)
- NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
- NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS)
- March of Dimes of NYS
- Association of Perinatal Networks of New York (APN)
- Columbia University-Alice! Health Promotion Program

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Support Network of NYC and LI

FASSN is a non-profit organization that provides information to families and health professionals about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). For the past five years, FASSN has been working to build a network of resources that includes support and education towards prevention and intervention of FASD. Specific services that FASSN provides:

- Acts as a crisis center for parents and caregivers who are in need of immediate assistance (718) 279-1173.
- Provides grand rounds and presentations to a wide range of hospitals, government agencies, and community-based organizations.
- Demonstrates FASD curricula to New York City and Long Island middle and high schools.
- Operates a city-wide Information Line with trained staff members who can screen for FASD. If FASD is suspected, FASSN refers callers to physicians who can diagnose, and mental health professionals who can provide appropriate interventions.

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

The OASAS mission is to improve the lives of New Yorkers by ensuring quality prevention and treatment services for chemical dependence and compulsive gambling, and promoting recovery from addiction. OASAS develops, certifies and regulates a variety of programs and services in the areas of prevention, treatment, research, workforce development and training. For more information visit the OASAS website, www.oasas.state.ny.us.