

1                   **“PART O—FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS**  
2                   **PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM**

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4                   **“SEC. 399H. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS PREVENTION,**  
5                   **INTERVENTION. “**

6                   SHORT TITLE. —This section may be cited as the “FASD Respect Act”.

7                   “(a) DEFINITIONS. —The term ‘fetal alcohol spectrum disorders’ or ‘FASD’ means  
8                   medically recognized developmental disabilities of a broad range of neurodevelopmental and  
9                   physical effects that result from prenatal exposure to alcohol. The effects may include lifelong  
10                   physical, mental, behavioral, social and learning disabilities, and other problems that impact  
11                   daily functioning. (such as living independently or holding a job), as well as overall health and  
12                   well-being.

13                   “(b) FASD-informed specifically refers to culturally and linguistically informed  
14                   evidence-based or practice-based interventions, and appropriate societal supports, that support  
15                   improved quality of life for the individual with FASD and their family

16                   “(c) IN GENERAL. —The Secretary shall establish or continue a comprehensive Fetal  
17                   Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’) awareness, prevention,  
18                   identification, intervention, and services delivery program which may include—

19                   “(1) an education and public awareness program to support, conduct, and  
20                   evaluate the effectiveness of—

21                   “(A) educational programs targeting health professionals, schools, social  
22                   and other supportive services, educators and counselors and other service providers in all phases  
23                   of childhood development, and other relevant service providers, concerning the prevention,  
24                   identification, and provision of services for infants, children, adolescents, and adults with FASD;

25                   “(B) strategies to educate school-age children, including pregnant and  
26                   high-risk youth, concerning prenatal alcohol use and FASD;

27                   “(C) public and community awareness programs concerning FASD; and

28                   “(D) strategies to coordinate information and services across affected  
29                   community agencies, including agencies providing health, social services such as foster care,  
30                   adoption, and social work, agencies providing and agencies involved in education, vocational  
31                   training and civil and criminal justice;

1 “(2) supporting and conducting research on FASD as appropriate, including to—  
2 “(A) develop appropriate medical and mental health diagnostic methods  
3 for identifying FASD; and

4 “(B) develop effective culturally appropriate or evidence-based services  
5 and interventions for preventing prenatal alcohol exposure, which may co-occur with exposure to  
6 other substances;

7 “(3) integrating into surveillance practice an evidence-based standard case  
8 definition for fetal alcohol syndrome and, in collaboration with other Federal and outside  
9 partners, support organizations of appropriate medical and mental health professionals in their  
10 development and refinement of evidence-based clinical diagnostic guidelines and criteria for all  
11 fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and

12 “(4) building State and Tribal capacity for the identification, treatment, and  
13 support of individuals with FASD and their families, which may include utilizing and adapting  
14 existing related federal, State or Tribal programs to include FASD identification and FASD-  
15 informed support; developing and expanding screening and diagnostic capacity for FASD;  
16 developing, implementing, and evaluating targeted FASD-informed intervention programs;  
17 increasing awareness of FASD; providing training for professionals across relevant sectors; and,  
18 disseminating information about FASD and support services to affected individuals and their  
19 families.

20 “(c) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. —

21 (1) IN GENERAL. – The Secretary may award grants, cooperative agreements and contracts  
22 and provide technical assistance to eligible entities to carry out subsection (c).

23 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES. – To be eligible to receive a grant, or enter into a cooperative  
24 agreement or contract under this section, an entity shall-

25 (A) be a State, Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, local government, scientific or  
26 academic institution, or nonprofit organization; and

27 (B) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such,  
28 and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a description of the  
29 activities that the entity intends to carry out using the amounts received under this section. For  
30 activities under section (c)(4), the Secretary may require the designation of an individual to serve  
31 as a FASD State or Tribal coordinator and the establishment of a FASD State or Tribal advisory

1 committee to develop and implement a statewide or tribal strategic plan to prevent FASD and  
2 provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their  
3 families.

4 **“SEC. 399I. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS CENTERS FOR**  
5 **EXCELLENCE.**

6 “(a) In General.—The Secretary shall, as appropriate, award grants, cooperative agreements, or  
7 contracts to public or nonprofit entities with demonstrated expertise in the prevention of,  
8 identification of, and intervention services with respect to, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders  
9 (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’) and other related adverse conditions. Such awards shall be  
10 for the purposes of establishing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Centers for Excellence to  
11 build local, Tribal, State, and national capacities to prevent the occurrence of FASD and other  
12 related adverse conditions, and to respond to the needs of individuals with FASD and their  
13 families by carrying out the programs described in subsection (b).

14 “(b) Programs.—An entity receiving an award under subsection (a) may use such award for the  
15 following purposes:

16 “(1) Initiating or expanding diagnostic capacity for FASD by increasing screening,  
17 assessment, identification, and diagnosis.

18 “(2) Developing and supporting public awareness and outreach activities, including the  
19 use of a range of media and public outreach, to raise public awareness of the risks associated  
20 with alcohol consumption during pregnancy, with the goals of reducing the prevalence of FASD  
21 and improving the developmental, health (including mental health), and educational outcomes of  
22 individuals with FASD and supporting families caring for individuals with FASD.

23 “(3) Acting as a clearinghouse for evidence-based resources on FASD prevention,  
24 identification, and culturally-aware best practices, including the maintenance of a national data-  
25 based directory on FASD-specific services in States, Indian Tribes, and local communities, and  
26 disseminating ongoing research and developing resources on FASD to help inform systems of  
27 care for individuals with FASD across their lifespan.

28 “(4) Increasing awareness and understanding of efficacious, evidence-based FASD  
29 screening tools and culturally- and linguistically-appropriate evidence-based intervention  
30 services and best practices, which may include by conducting national, regional, State, Tribal, or  
31 peer cross-State webinars, workshops, or conferences for training community leaders, medical

1 and mental health and substance use disorder professionals, education and disability  
2 professionals, families, law enforcement personnel, judges, individuals working in financial  
3 assistance programs, social service personnel, child welfare professionals, and other service  
4 providers.

5 “(5) Improving capacity for State, Tribal, and local affiliates dedicated to FASD  
6 awareness, prevention, and identification and family and individual support programs and  
7 services.

8 “(6) Providing technical assistance to grantees under section 399H, as appropriate.

9 “(7) Carrying out other functions, as appropriate.

10 “(c) Application.—To be eligible for a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this  
11 section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and  
12 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

13 “(d) Subcontracting.—A public or private nonprofit entity may carry out the following activities  
14 required under this section through contracts or cooperative agreements with other public and  
15 private nonprofit entities with demonstrated expertise in FASD:

16 “(1) Prevention activities.

17 “(2) Screening and identification.

18 “(3) Resource, development, dissemination, training and technical assistance,  
19 administration and support of FASD partner networks.

20 “(4) Intervention services.

21 **“SEC. 399J. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part such sums as may be necessary for  
23 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.

24 (b) Report.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
25 Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and  
26 Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of  
27 Representatives a report on the efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services to  
28 advance public awareness on, and facilitate the identification of best practices related to, fetal  
29 alcohol spectrum disorders identification, prevention, treatment, and support.

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