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Organization Update

Save the Date for National Impact Week

**SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2023
WASHINGTON, DC**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE

FASD

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RESPECTING THE PAST, EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

Monday
September 18th

Tuesday
September 19th

Wednesday
September 20th

Thursday
September 21st

← Affiliate Summit →

The FASD United Affiliate Summit runs throughout the week, is inclusive of the below events, with an Affiliate Exclusive Event on Monday



Workshop:
An Impactful
Network:
Widening the
Circle
(Full Day)



**National
Research
Briefing**
(Full Day)



Hill Day
(Full Day)





Affiliate Update



FASD United
Affiliate Network

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FASD Respect Act 2.0

Bill Contents

- Standard Case Definition
- Education, Awareness and Services across community agencies
- Building State and Tribal Systems
- Centers for Excellence



The FASD Respect Act

Building the Foundation for Change

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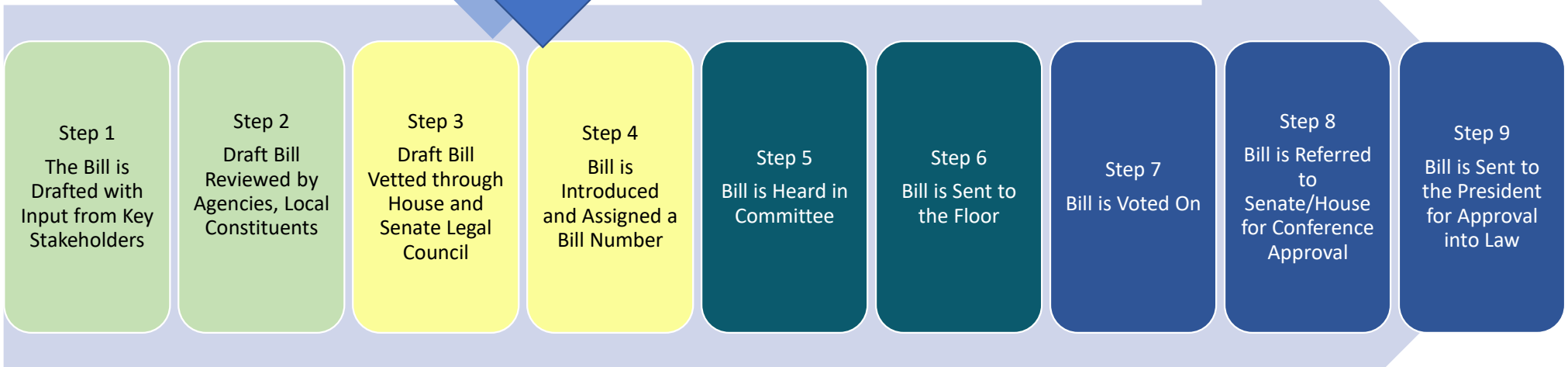
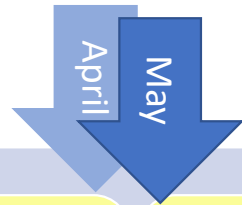
Bill Status

- Currently awaiting Senate Introduction – House Introduction with Press Release next week.
 - View a copy of the draft text here: <https://bit.ly/RespectDraft>
 - Bring questions to the weekly policy drop-in. Wednesdays 12-12:30 Eastern.
- Lead Authors/Sponsors Confirmed
 - Sen. Lisa Murkowski (Alaska)
 - Sen. Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota)
 - Rep. Betty McCollum (Minnesota)
 - Rep. Don Bacon (Nebraska)
- Original Sponsors Committed
 - Senator Moran (Kansas)



Pathway to Law

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The 118th Congress Lasts for 2 years.



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Slide 7

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Jenny Wisdahl, 5/25/2021

What's the holdup?

- Debt Ceiling
- Congressional Staff Illness
- Senate HELP Committee Procedural Challenges





What's Been Happening? Meetings & Connections

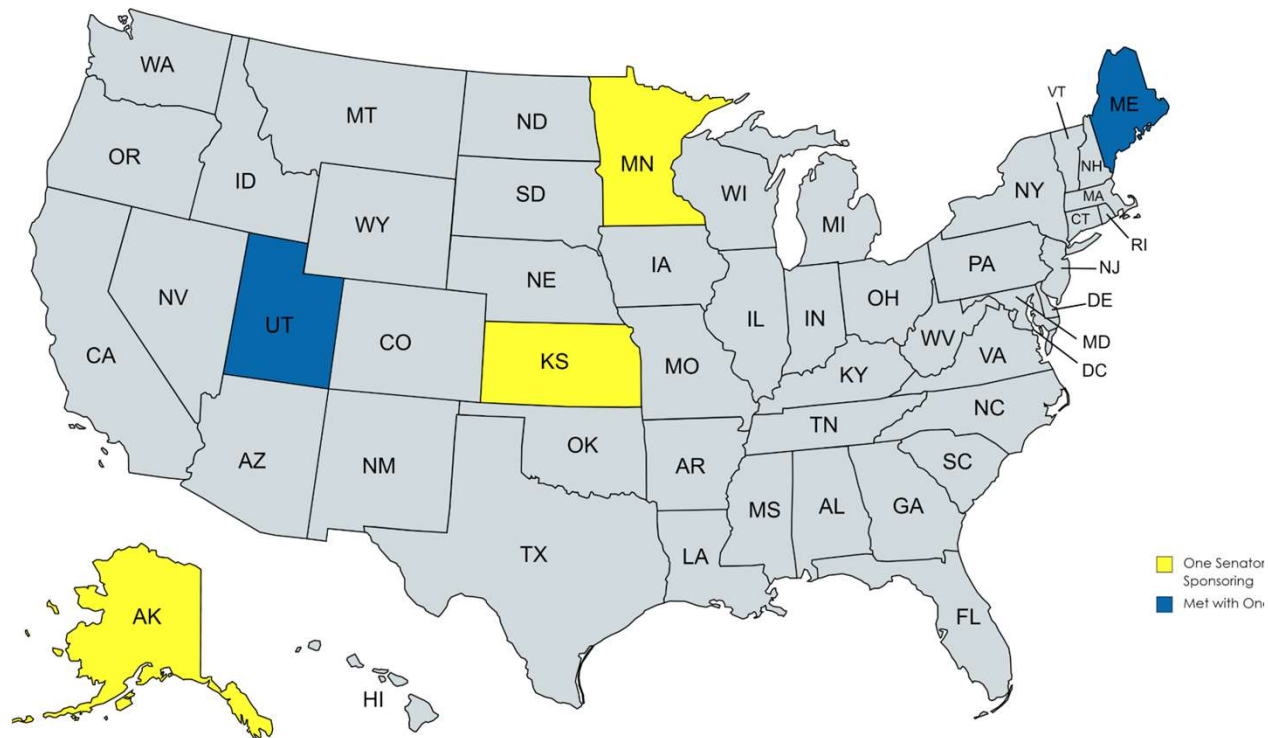
Met with and requested support from:

- Rep Bacon (NE)
- Rep Trone (MD)
- Sen Murkowski (AK)
- Sen Klobuchar (MN)
- Sen Lee (UT)
- Rep Tonko (NY)
- Rep McCollum (MN)
- Rep Pingree (ME)
- Rep Moore (WI)
- Sen Collins (ME)



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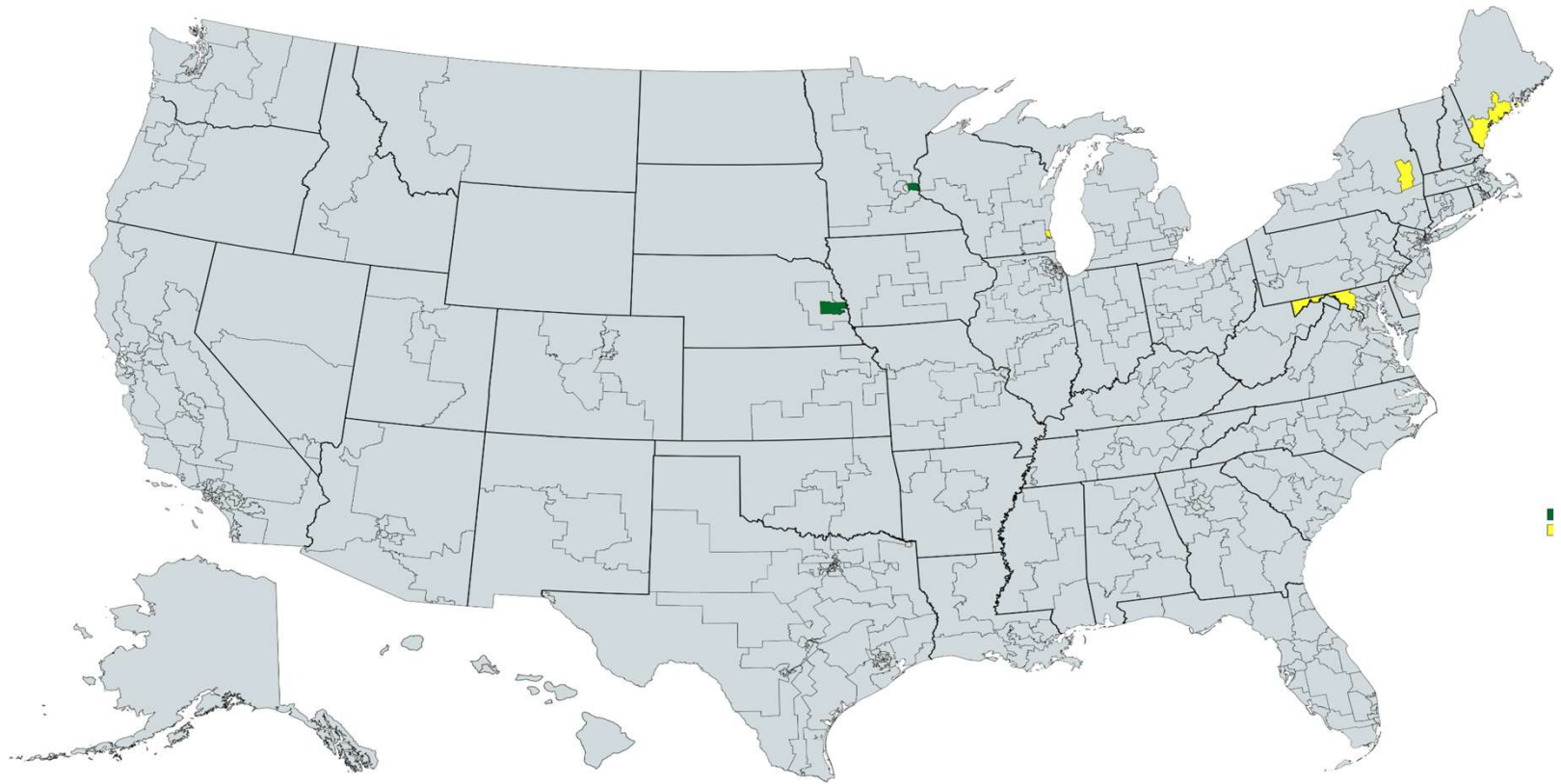
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- NAFP

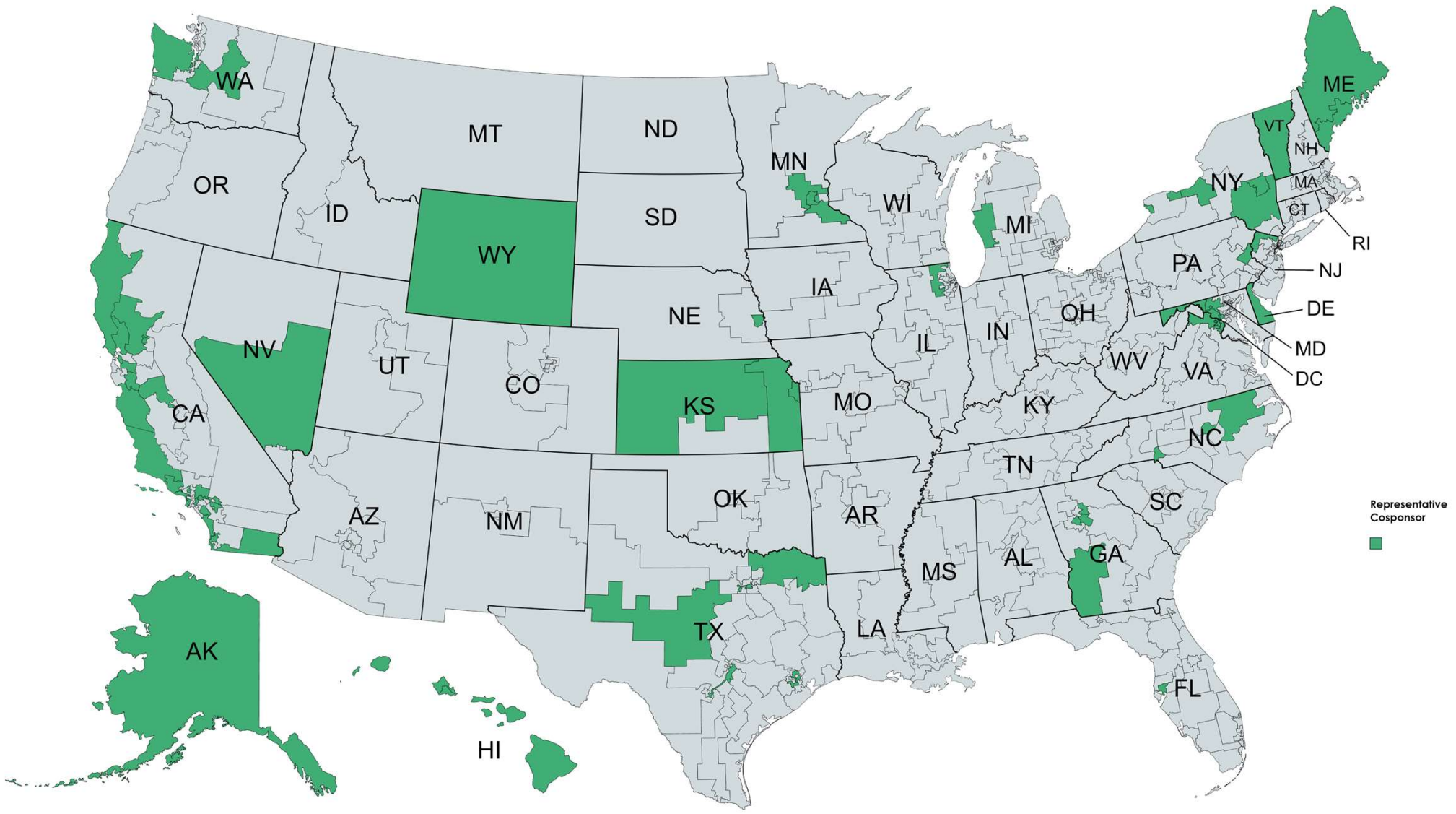
Senate Meetings and Sponsors



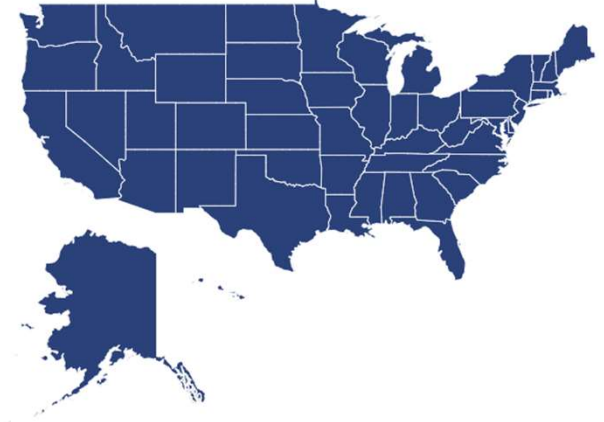
House Meetings and Sponsors

-  Sponsor
-  Meeting





What do we do now?



- DC
 - Plan on attending Impact Week and Hill Day
- In your State
 - Start booking legislator meetings – Revised documents will be on the website as soon as the bill numbers are issued.
 - FASD United will support your meetings. Contact Chris Melfi (Melfi@fasdunited.org) to book time with Susan Carlson and Jenn to support your calls.

Every Vote Counts...but...Areas of Specific Focus

- Addictions Caucus Members
- Foster Caucus Members
- Adoption Caucus Members
- Problem Solvers Caucus Members
- Mental Health Caucus Members
- Senate HELP Committee Members
- House Energy and Commerce Committee Members (Health Sub Committee)
- Appropriations Committee Members
- Ways and Means Committee Members



Organization Support

Sign on Letter now available!

<https://nofaspolicycenter.org/organizations/>

Remember – this is a sign on letter for companies, organizations or agencies, NOT individuals.

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A close-up photograph of a computer keyboard. The central focus is a single, bright blue arrow key pointing upwards. The surrounding keys are a dark grey color. The text "State Updates" is printed in white, sans-serif font across the blue key. The lighting creates soft shadows, giving the keys a three-dimensional appearance.

State Updates

Bills We Are Watching

- Florida - S0228 – **Died in Committee**
 - Revising the definition of the term "developmental disability" to include fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; defining the term "fetal alcohol spectrum disorders", etc.
- Nevada – AB138 – **In Committee**
 - AN ACT relating to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; making certain provisions applicable to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; requiring the Medicaid program to provide coverage of certain services to persons with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; providing that fetal alcohol spectrum disorder is a developmental disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
- New York - S01866 - **In Committee**
 - Adds fetal alcohol spectrum disorders to the definition of developmental disability.

State Bills Passed This Month

- Hawaii – SB318
 - Requires the Department of Health to establish and administer a 5-year pilot program to implement a co-management system of care for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders

Congratulations to Hawaii FASD Action Group!!!!



State Report Cards

- Data Collection has Begun
- Measuring:
 - Education Access
 - Diagnostic Capacity
 - CAPTA Response
 - Eligibility for Disability Services
 - Support Availability
 - FASD “friendly/unfriendly” legislation



FASD and Education

Legislation on FASD and IDEA



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Together, we can do this.



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