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Policy & Training Center

# November 2023 Policy Forum

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## Organization Update



*It is the season*

FASD United's  
2023 Holiday  
Ornament is  
**HERE!**

Support FASD United and our programs by purchasing a  
**limited edition** 2023 holiday ornament



*New Year, New Home*



FASD United has a new address! **1054 31st Street NW #204**  
Our office moves in January 2024 to: **Washington, DC 20007**

# 9th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Review, Respond and Relate  
Integrating Research, Policy and Practice  
Around the World

Coming to its new home in Seattle  
April 11-14, 2024



# FASD Respect Act 2.0

## Bill Contents

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

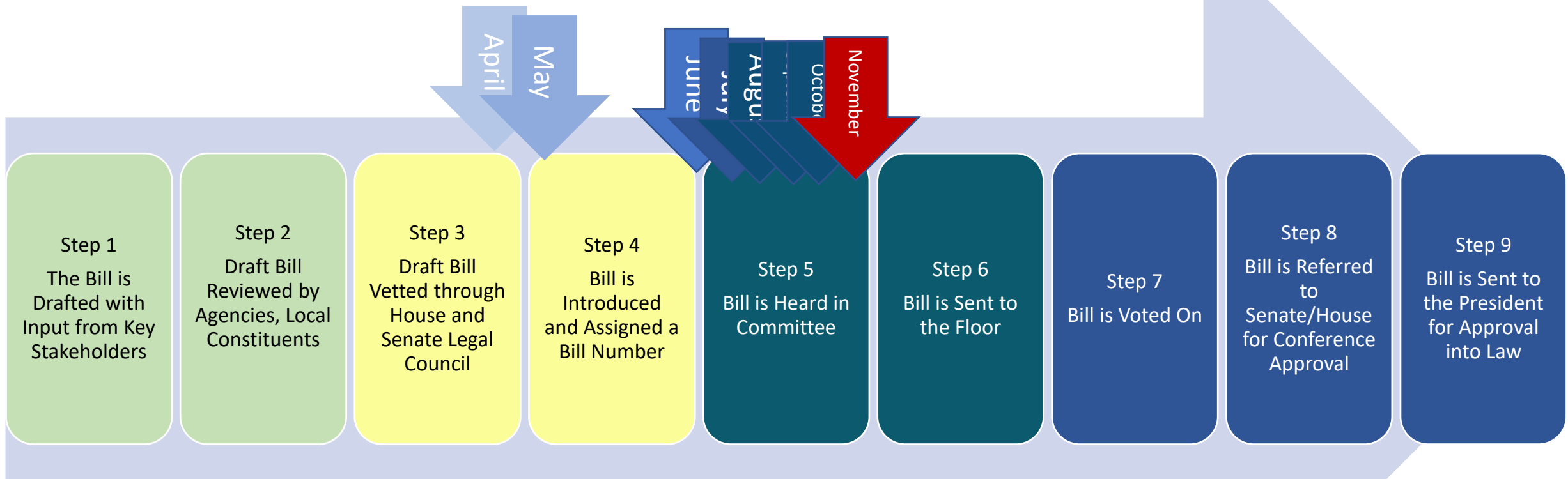


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# Pathway to Law



The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress Lasts for 2 years.



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# What's Happened in November



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## New Co-Sponsors

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[Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore \[R-WV\]](#)

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10 in the  
Senate

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[Rep. Keating, William R. \[D-MA-9\]](#)

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[Rep. LaMalfa, Doug \[R-CA-1\]](#)

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[Rep. Pfluger, August \[R-TX-11\]](#)

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[Rep. Sewell, Terri A. \[D-AL-7\]](#)

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43 in the  
House

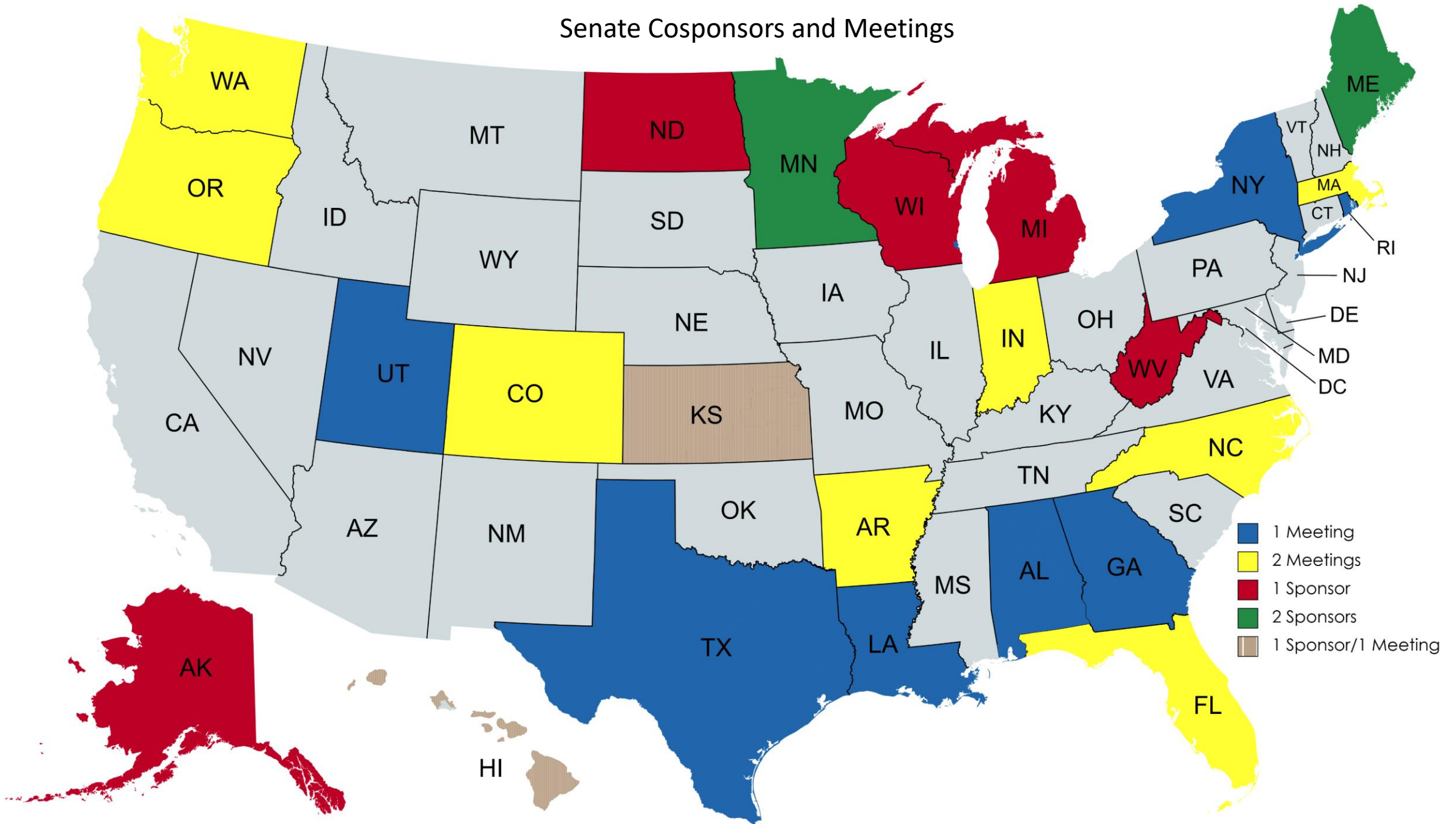




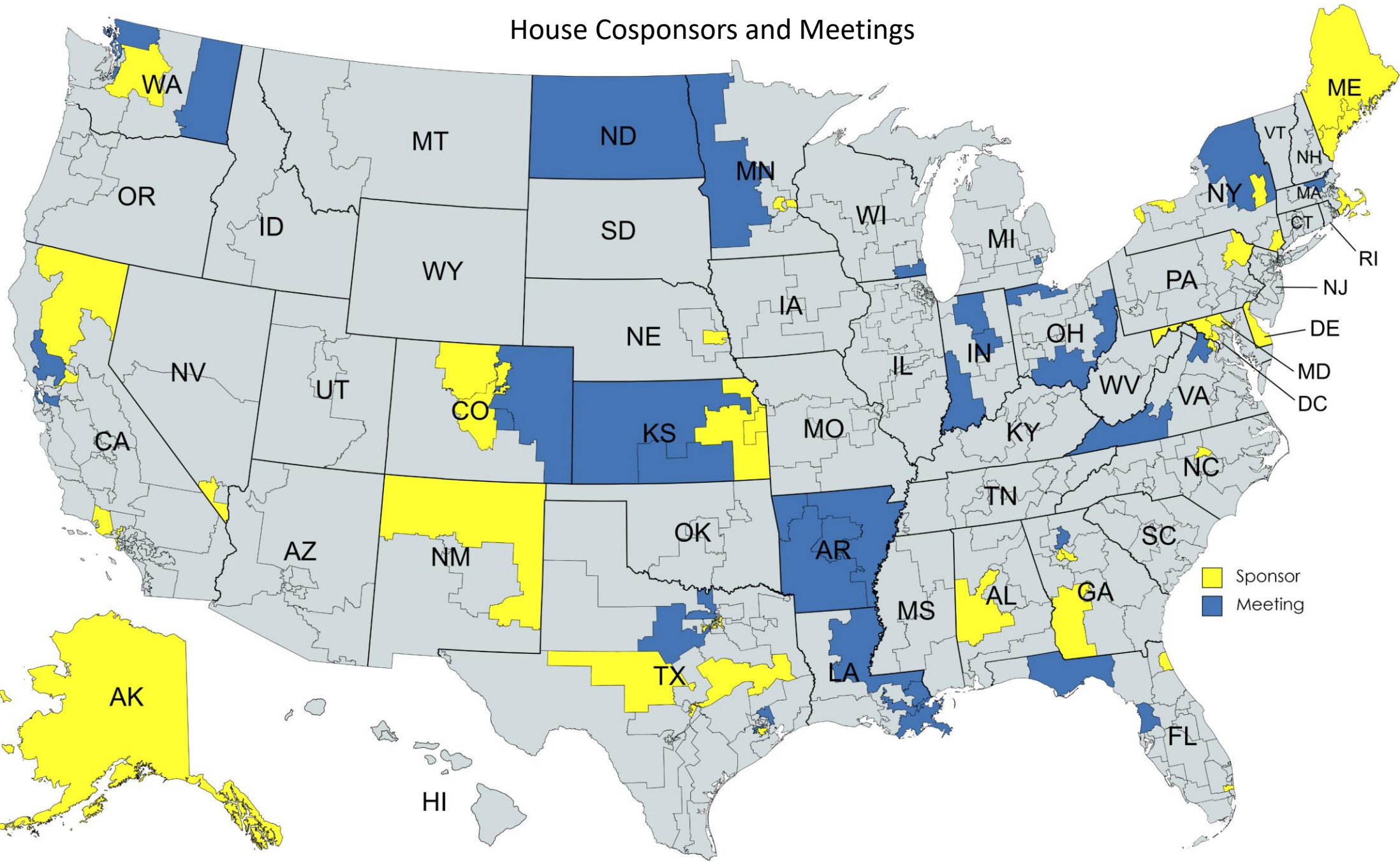
# Hill Visits November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Louisiana LEND and AUCD FASD LEND SIG

# Senate Cosponsors and Meetings



# House Cosponsors and Meetings





# Congressionally Directed Spending



# What is Congressionally Directed Spending?

- Congressionally directed spending (CDS) allows Members of Congress to request that federal funds be set aside for specific projects in their states.
- Request on Members websites
- Typically due in early March – paid out in the following year
- Different rules for House and Senate
- \$15.3 Billion
- 7234 Community Project Funding
- Not all members participate

# Examples of Funding Requests

Book Up Summer

Requested by: U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, Washington state

- Recipient Name: Page Ahead Children’s Literacy Program
- Project Purpose: K–2 students at majority low-income schools choose 12 new books from a special book fair at their school. Prior to the fair, students and families are invited to a literacy night at their school where they learn about the program. Informative materials for guardians are sent home with the books.
- Project Location: Seattle, WA
- Amount Requested: \$300,000

## **Mercy Family Center Community-Based Mental Health Services**

Requested by: U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, Louisiana  
Recipient Name: Mercy Family Center

Project Purpose: Funding for mental health and other supportive services

Project Location: City of Metairie, LA

Amount Requested: \$1 million

# What Can You Do?

## 01

### **Research.**

Does your MOC participate in Congressionally Directed Spending? Which members do you have the best relationship with?

[www.appropriations.senate.gov](http://www.appropriations.senate.gov)  
or the members website.

## 02

### **Plan.**

What would you like funding for? Write it out. What would it accomplish in your state? Can you partner with a state or local agency on the request or partner with another non-profit?

## 03

### **Do.**

Submit your request on time. Have it written out and get someone else to review it.



# State Advocacy

What are you planning to do in  
2024?



# State Advocacy Ideas

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Collaborate	Collaborate with other disability groups
Build	Build Awareness – Hill Day - Briefing
Find	Find Champions
Promote	Promote Legislation

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