

FASD is taking a
seat at the table



FASD United Policy Forum

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FASD United

THE NATIONAL VOICE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS
Formerly NOFAS

Organization Update



If you are excited about the work that the FASD United Policy and Training Center has done, please consider a tax-deductible contribution this holiday season.

We are committed to ensuring the sustainable and equitable implementation of FASD Respect Act programs, and this work is 100% funded by charitable donations from people like you.



Patience:

The ability to stay calm and composed in the face of frustration, setbacks, or slow progress. It involves a focus on the long-term game and building sustainable success.

Persistence:

The steadfast determination to continue moving forward, even when things are difficult or progress is slow. It is about sticking to a game plan and not quitting.

Perseverance:

The outcome of combining patience and persistence, which allows a leader to stay motivated and keep moving forward until the job is done. It is the ability to embrace struggles and keep moving forward even when success is not yet in sight.

THE FASD RESPECT ACT BECOMES LAW!!



Status

January 16th: FASD Respect Act (S.119) introduced

March 31st: SUPPORT Act (HR.2483) introduced, with Respect Act Language as Section 104

June 4th: SUPPORT Act passes through House

September 18th: SUPPORT Act passes through Senate

November 25th: SUPPORT Act presented to President for signature

December 1st: SUPPORT Act signed into law, authorizing FASD Respect Act

The FASD Respect Act



Building the Foundation
for Change **#FASDRESPECT**

What Does This Mean?

Bills are introduced in the House. So how are you introducing bills in the senate? By the way that's like the 3rd thing you have done that's is productive. Otherwise it been useless TDS!

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Would love to see a link with the text of this law. Thanks to those who worked on getting some federal recognition.

Next? More robust services for those living with FASD? Respite for caregivers? Training for first responders, medical providers, mental health practitioners, prison workers?

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Sounds like a good bill that should help .08% of the population.

5h Like Reply Edited

Do you ever create something that involves earning money for the government rather than giving someone else's away ??

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got a feeling that when the government starts funding programs for people...90% never get to the people it was meant to help!!!
the government is a black hole where money is funneled in and it just disappears

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So, does this mean that FASD will be a qualifying diagnosis for SSI?

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So how does this directly impact our children? What benefits can she expect to access?

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This issue can be avoided. Many new-to-be mothers are taught not to drink, smoke, or stay away from certain medications. This is not new and mothers practice good health practices when realize they have a baby in their body.

We as a society have disrespected life in the womb for too long. This is a taught behavior and our elected officials promote it.

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I'm an adult with Fasd. This is a huge news. It's our turn now. 😊😊😊

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**“I’m an adult with FASD. This is
huge news. It’s our turn now.”**

What Does This Mean?



What does Authorization mean?

What does the Respect Act mean for current federal programs?

What does Appropriations mean?

How will States be able to improve their capacity?

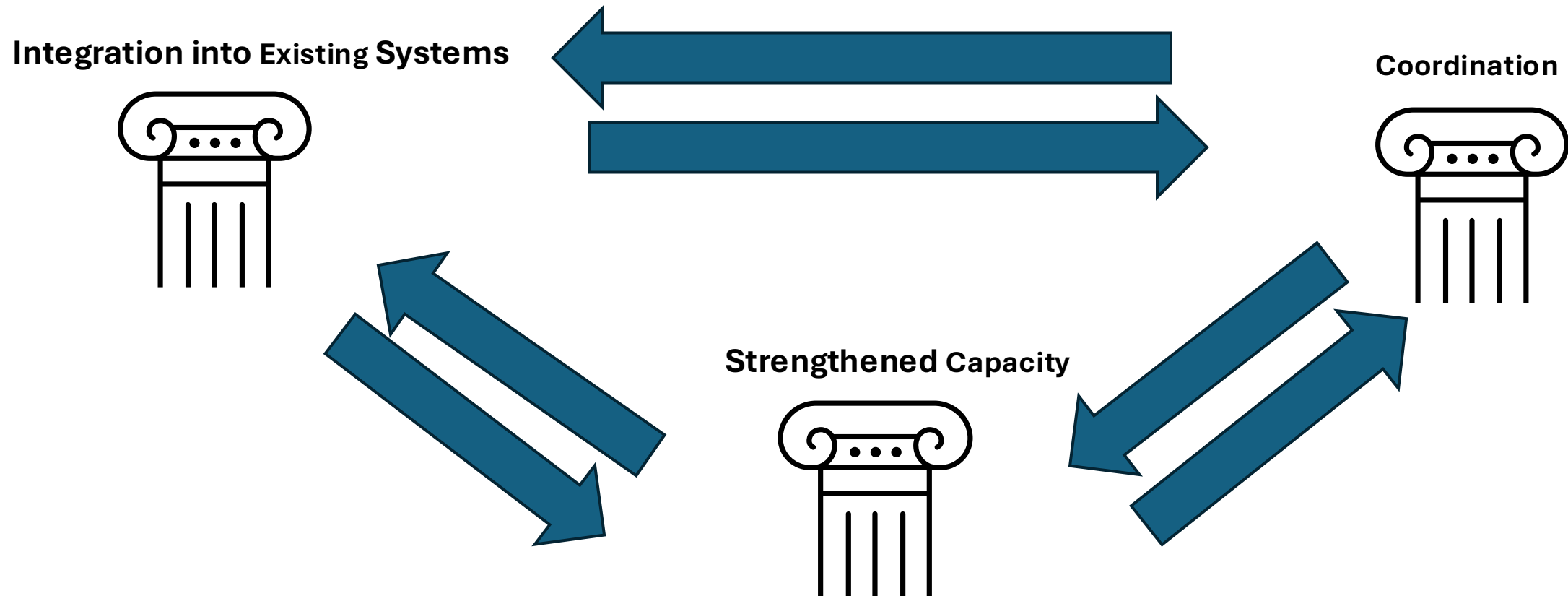
Where will the money go?

What does this actually mean for me and my family?

How can my organization access this funding?

What Does This Mean?

A **Rededication** to FASD/PAE/PSE through the lens of support and understanding intent on **systemic change**



How is This Done?

Department of Health and Human Services will award grants at State and Federal level to:

Educate and Raise Awareness

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Build State and Tribal Capacity

What does this mean for **OPWDD**? Will it be a qualifying diagnosis now?

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Improve Interventions

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Increase Applied Research

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2026 Advocacy Impact Calendar

Make sure your state is prepared to capitalize on the programs authorized by the FASD Respect Act and help secure greater funding by using this Impact Calendar for 2026.

Q1 Appropriations

Objectives

- Complete appropriation questionnaire
- Arrange meetings with legislators
- Follow up with contacts

Support

- Appropriation request form questionnaire
- Talking points
- Slides and presentations



Q2 State Agency Outreach

Objectives

- Connect with state agencies
- Determine where FASD fits into current state systems

Support

- State agency mapping tool
- Talking points
- Slides and presentations



Q3 Legislative Outreach

Objectives

- Identify State Champions
- Submit Awareness Month proclamation requests
- General outreach and awareness

Support

- Awareness Month Proclamation templates
- Slides and presentations



Q4 State Legislation Introduction

Objectives

- Introduce state legislation for FASD State Coordinator and Advisory Committee

Support

- Draft language for legislation or executive order



Appropriation Advocacy

Objectives

- Complete Appropriations Questionnaire provided by FASD United. This will include basic information about your organization, as well as ~3 sentences on the local need and impact.
- Contact and set meetings with federal legislators to discuss appropriations for FASD Respect Act programs
- Consider which State agencies to contact to discuss how FASD is currently addressed in your state.

FASD United Support

- A short form will be provided that will make it easy for you to highlight the local impact increased FASD funding would have.
- We will complete and submit the remaining sections of the Appropriation Requests. This includes precise request language, line-item references, and bill citations
- Talking points and presentations will be provided to support your meetings. FASD United can also attend any virtual meetings scheduled.