

Q1 Appropriations

You are helping secure greater funding for FASD programs authorized in the FASD Respect Act. Appropriations above the authorized \$12.5 M/year are needed to ensure FASD programs are sustainable and equitable. FASD United will support Affiliates, advocates, and organizations by formally **submitting appropriations requests** on their behalf. We will also provide **talking points and slides** that can be used when **meeting with federal legislators**. You can help by **completing a short form describing your state's needs** and current capacity.

Q2 State Agency Outreach

This is the time to initiate or build on relationships with state agencies that interact with FASD. States need to understand how FASD fits into their current systems and how the FASD Respect Act can increase their capacity to address FASD. FASD United will help by creating a **Mapping Tool** to help identify points of entry for FASD supports in your state. We will also provide **talking points and slides** that can be used when **meeting with state agencies**. You can make in impact by **reaching out state agency contacts for meetings** to start the process of identifying where FASD fits in and how the Respect Act aligns with agency goals.

Q3 Legislative Outreach

Building on the relationships formed with state agencies, you will now build relationships with state legislators who can champion FASD policy and awareness in your state. Having FASD-informed decisionmakers working with FASD-informed state agencies will lead to systemic change at the state level. You can lead the way by **contacting state legislators with an interest in FASD or a related field to get the conversation started**. You should also **submit a proclamation request to your governor to acknowledge September 9th as FASD Awareness Day**, along with any other FASD Awareness Month activities you have planned. FASD United has developed an **FASD Awareness Day Proclamation** you can use, along with an entire **Awareness Month Toolkit**. We can also provide **specific talking points and slides for use in meetings with state legislators**.

Q4 State Legislation Introduction

Your advocacy in 2026 will culminate with the **introduction of legislation or issuance of an executive order creating an FASD Advisory Committee and State Coordinator** in alignment with the FASD Respect Act. You can partner with your state champion to introduce a bill or request an executive order, leveraging the relationships built with state agencies and other organizations in your state. FASD United has drafted **model legislation and executive orders** that can be customized with your state champion, and we will be available to **assist with any meetings**.

FASD United is here to support you at each step. This work takes national coordination and state-level knowledge, so stay connected to FASD United to share updates, ask for support, and learn how other states are progressing.