

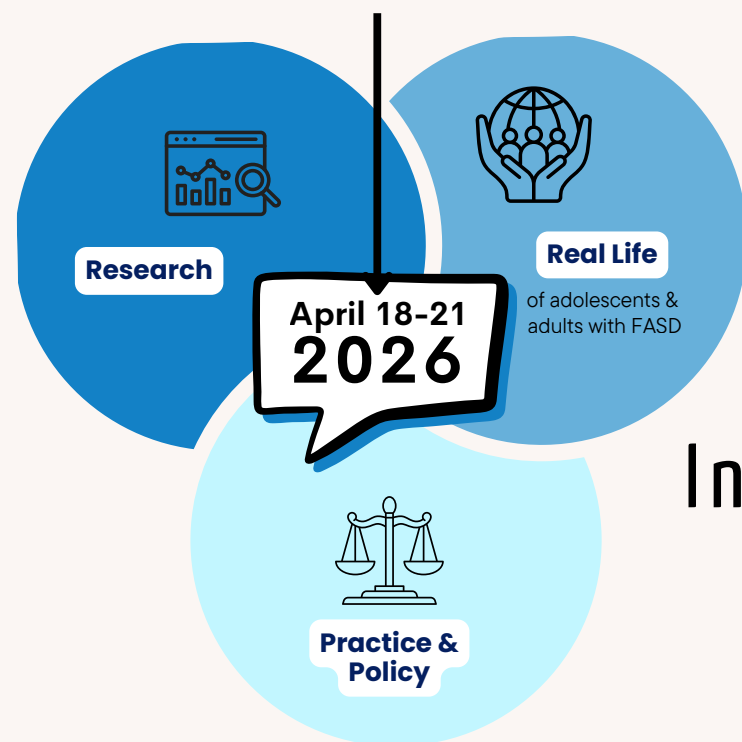
FASD United Policy Forum

Start Where You Live. Advocate Where it Counts.

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FASD Respect Act

Authorization

- Programs for education, training, and awareness
- Development of improved diagnostic and intervention methods
- State and Tribal Capacity Building
- National clearinghouse to inform systems of care

Intent

- Address FASD through lens of support and coordination
- Strengthen states' abilities to include FASD in existing systems
- Acknowledge lack of awareness and gaps in support

Status

State Advocacy

- Understand state landscape and begin the conversation
- Raise awareness within systems and increase visibility of FASD and FASD-informed organizations
- Educate on Respect Act authorizations and how to prepare

- FY26 Consolidated appropriations have been passed
- Funds for FASD Respect still need to be appropriated
- \$12.5 M/ year authorized

Appropriations

A Note on Appropriations...

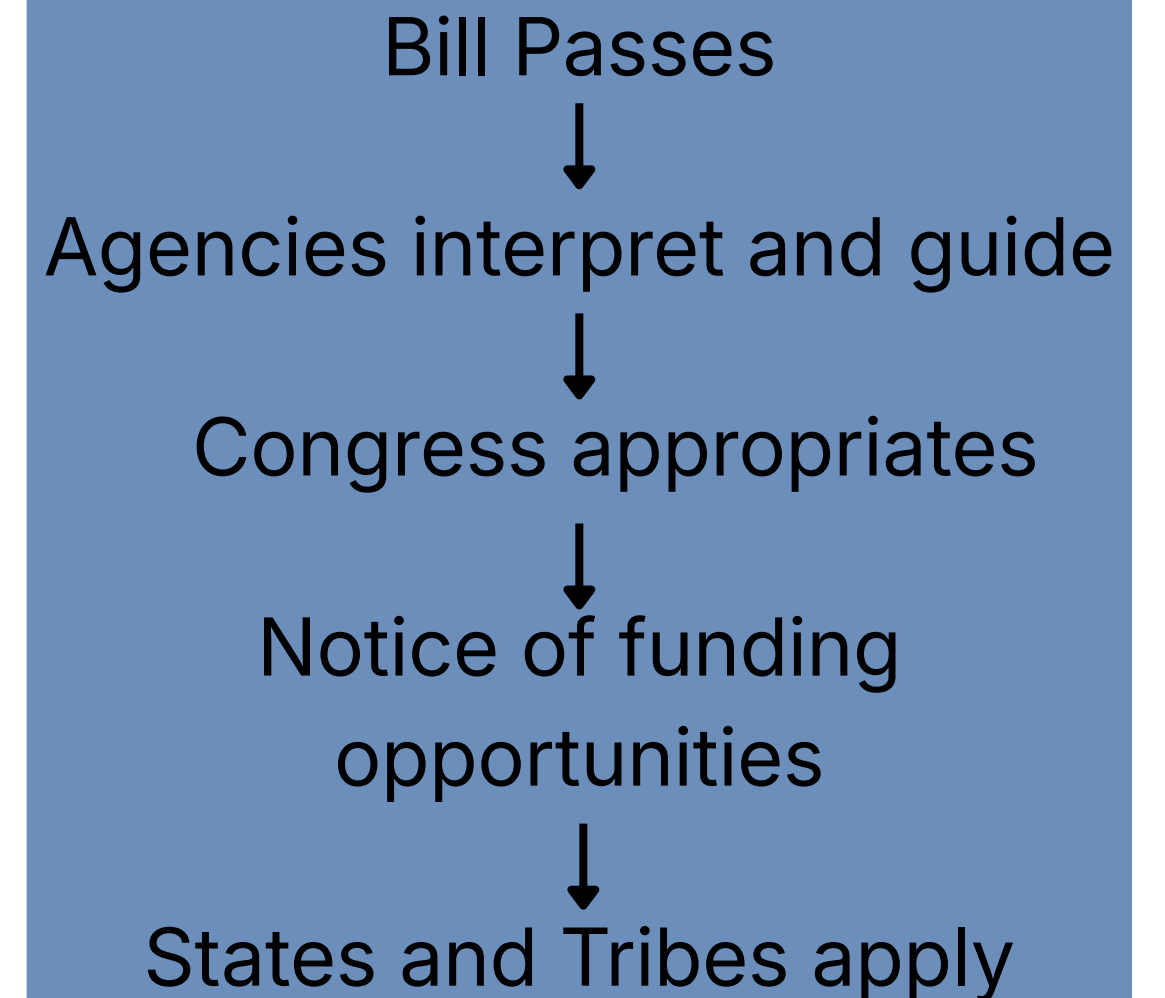
FY26 vs FY27

Respect Act passed after deadline
for FY26 appropriations bills

Programmatic

Request to fund a specific
program in the appropriations bill
at a specified level. Not
community project funding.

Timeline



Start With One Step

Know the Moment

Understand what the FASD Respect Act authorized and how state will implement its programs.

Identify Contacts

Contact state legislators and identify agencies within your state working on FASD.

Share Your Story

Prepare a few points from your living experience so you are able to relate your story to gaps in services or supports.

Reach Out

Ask your state to expand FASD-specific funding and supports and to begin thinking about federal funding opportunities.

Show Up

Participate in town halls, hearings, listening sessions, advisory groups, or any other chances to give FASD a seat at the table.

Stay Connected

Follow your state and federal legislators online or through email alerts. Stay engaged with the FASD United Affiliate Network Member in your state.

Know the Moment

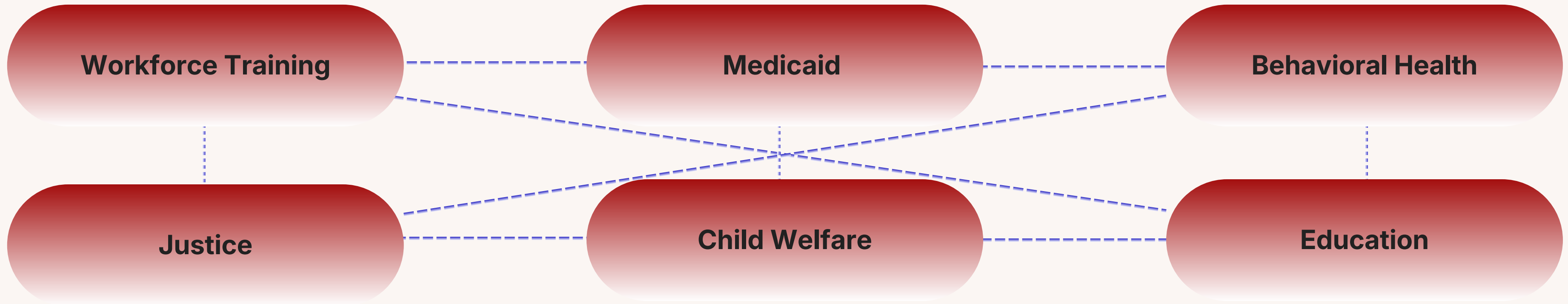
Federal Advocacy Opened the Door

States Decide What Happens Next



Have you ever seen a federal law pass but not seen
changes locally?

Why States Matter



Which of these systems have you had challenges with?

Identify Contacts



State Representative



State Senator



Key Agencies



Relevant Committees



**Find Your State
Legislature's Website
Here**



Connect



Call



Email



Request a Meeting



Attend Public Events

Share Your Story

Who You Are

School Psychologist

Paired with

Systems Gap

Identification and referral guidance

What Needs to Change

Statewide guidance to educators and providers

The Next Step

 What will **YOU**
do in the next 30 days?

Start Where You
Live

&

Advocate
Where it Counts



Download the State Advocacy Toolkit