

FASD United Policy Forum

Back to Basics: Meeting the Moment

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Agenda



➡ FASD United Updates

➡ Fund FASD

➡ Lay of the Land: Rules, Reports, Memos, and Bills

➡ Meeting the Moment

Org. Updates

New Affiliates

- Florissa Pediatric Development Center (Illinois)
- Frontier Community Services (Alaska)
- Center for Humanistic Change (Pennsylvania)

Impact Week

- September 27th-30th, 2026 at Hyatt Regency Crystal City
- Symposium, Red Shoes Gala, Hill Day, Poster Reception, & more TBA!
- Hill Day Champions and Scheduling



<https://fasdunited.regfox.com/impact-week-2026>

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

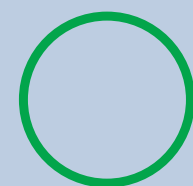
Fund FASD



Requests for \$10 M increase at CDC over FY26 (total of \$21.5M)



Outside Witness Testimony Submitted



Meetings with Senators needed



Lay of the Land

OMB Proposed Rule

- New Political Checkpoint
- Codifies Admin's DEI stance
- Broad Power to End Awards

Supreme Court Olmstead Memo

- 1999's Olmstead decision secured the right for individuals with disabilities to receive support in their communities, not institutions.
- Memo argues that this protection is not a mandate
- Threatens community services families rely on, increases stigma, and creates huge barrier to support



Lay of the Land

Michigan Model

- **HB 5772:** creation of FASD State Task Force
- **HB 5773:** referral to FASD diagnostic center
- **HB 5774:** referral to Early On, an early intervention programs

AAP Report

- Report on developmental challenges for children in foster care
- AAP now recommends universal screening
- NIAAA supports alcohol use as vital sign



Back to Basics

Meet the Moment

97%

of staff say a meeting
influences an undecided
member

94%

of staff say a meeting is
more effective than any
other tactic

100%

of you have experience
worth sharing

One meeting can make the difference

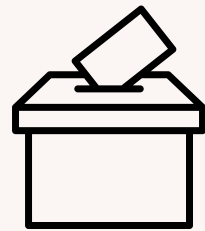
Why Now?



Members in District

July 3rd-12th

Most of August



Elections

Huge turnover expected

**More receptive to
constituents**



Budget Clock

**Senate looking at
appropriation bills now**

What Now?

I have a meeting, but what do we talk about?

Fund FASD

Support funding FASD programs at CDC at \$21.5M for FY27, which is a \$10M increase over FY26 enacted

Funding has not kept pace with prevalence and our understanding of FASD

FASD Respect Act demonstrated Congress's intent to update the national and state-level response to FASD. Now funding needs to follow

Living Experience

Your experience makes this data matter, and it is what will make legislators care

Policy change happens when experience brings research to life

Support & Empower

The language you use is the language that legislators will use

Keep the focus on what will help you and your family

Updated State Pages

Coming Friday, June 26th!

Contact melfi@fasdunited.org to be listed as an
Advocacy Contact in your state

NY25

Joseph D. Morelle

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Committees:

House Commission on Communications Standards (Ranking Member), Joint Committee on Printing, Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, House Administration (Ranking Member), Appropriations

Subcommittees:

Defense

Cosponsor: 117th, 118th

NY26

Timothy M. Kennedy

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Committees:

Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security

Not sure which district you are in? [Find your representative here.](#)

State Legislation

These are FASD-related bills introduced or enacted in this state. Enacted bills are now law. Introduced bills are still moving through the legislature and your outreach to state legislators can make a difference. Know of a bill that is not listed? Email melfi@fasdunited.org.

No state legislation on file.

Advocacy Contact

Is there an FASD advocate in your state who should be listed here? We want to connect advocates across the country. Email melfi@fasdunited.org to be listed or to find out who else is working on FASD in your state.

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FASD United

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Want to connect with advocates in New York or get listed here? Email melfi@fasdunited.org, join our weekly [Policy Drop-Ins](#), or our monthly [Policy Forums](#).

The Next Step



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



Register for Impact Week and Hill Day

1. **Register** for Impact Week and Hill Day
2. **Contact** your Members' offices to request meetings
3. **Coordinate** a proclamation request to your Governor with advocates in your state.