FASD United Policy Forum

Look Back & Move Forward

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Policy & Training Center

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Agenda

- FASD United Updates
- Lay of the Land
- Hill Day Lessons
- Community Voices
- Extending Your Impact-FY28



Org. Updates



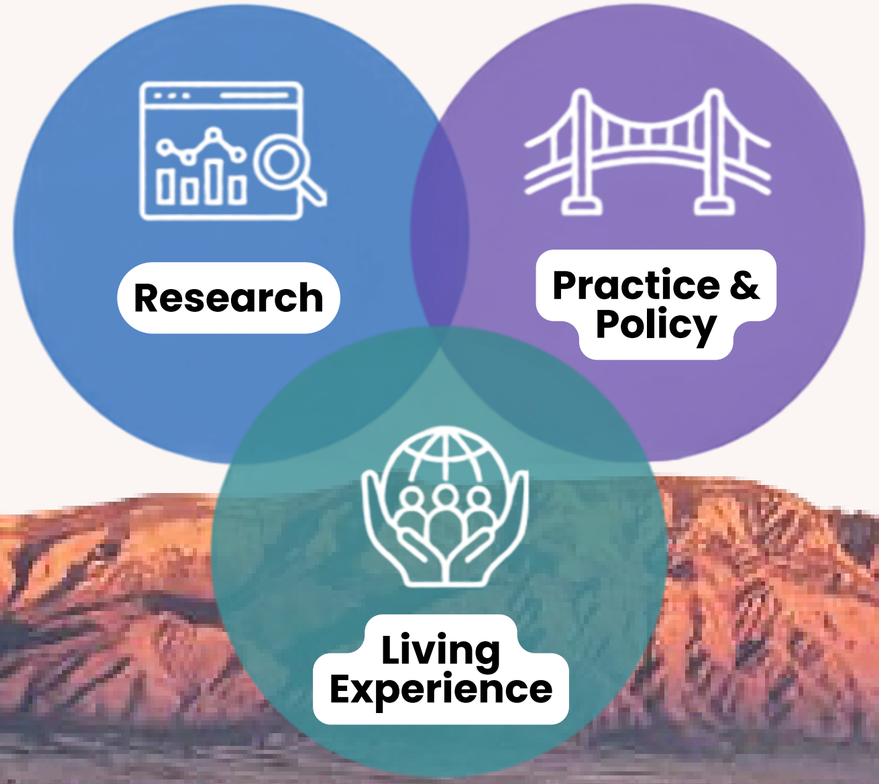
Affiliate Network

- 25th Anniversary
- ANEC self-nominations
- Mental Health Community of Practice



20th Annual International Conference on

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders



https://fasdunited.org/fasd2027/

HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE AT OLD TOWN: $174
USD (PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES)

MARCH 12–15, 2027
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: NOW OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 24, 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

The Mission Has Grown

Funding Has Not

- FASD Respect Act enacted December 1, 2025 (Section 104, SUPPORT Reauthorization Act)
- Authorized: $12.5M per year, FY2026 to FY2030
- FY26 enacted at CDC: $11.5M
- House FY27 bill: $11.5M

Without an increase beyond the current $11.5 million, CDC only can continue its existing FASD surveillance, prevention, and education work, or begin the new work Congress assigned, but not both.

Lay of the Land

Appropriations

- Deadline for Congress to pass all 12 annual spending (appropriation) bills was September 30
- Continuing resolution through December 11
- House committee has passed bills, Senate has not

Calendar

- Midterm Elections November 3
- New Congress convenes January 3, 2027
- FY28 Appropriations requests due February/March 2027

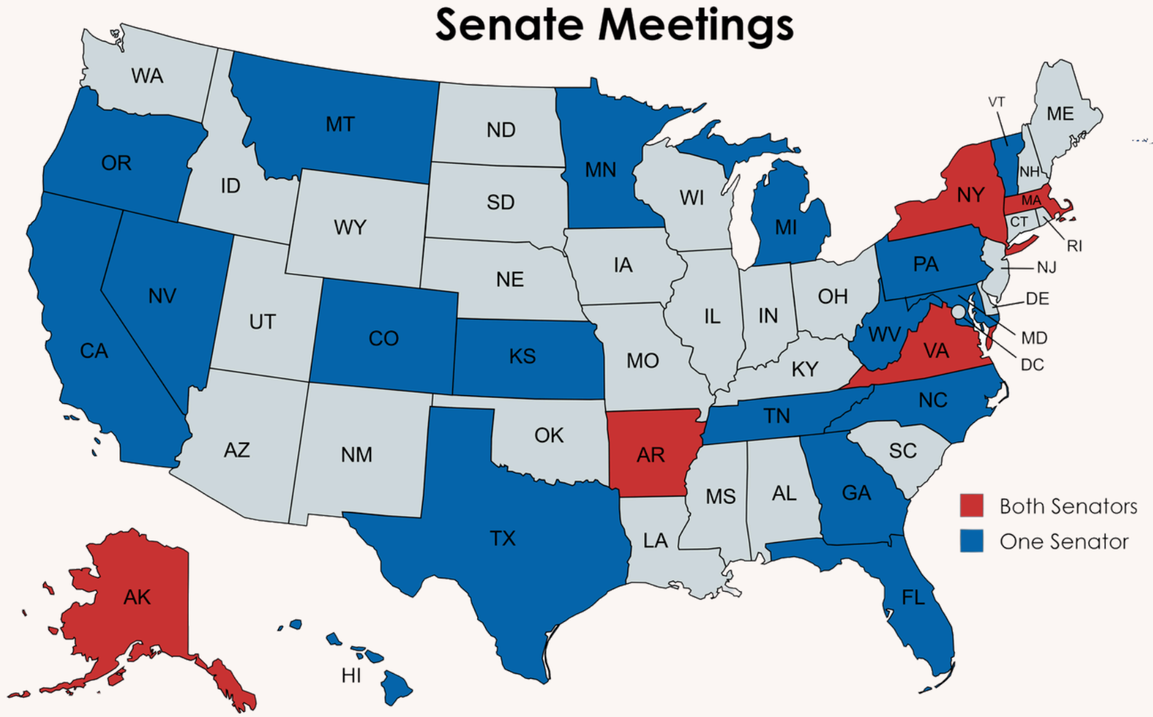


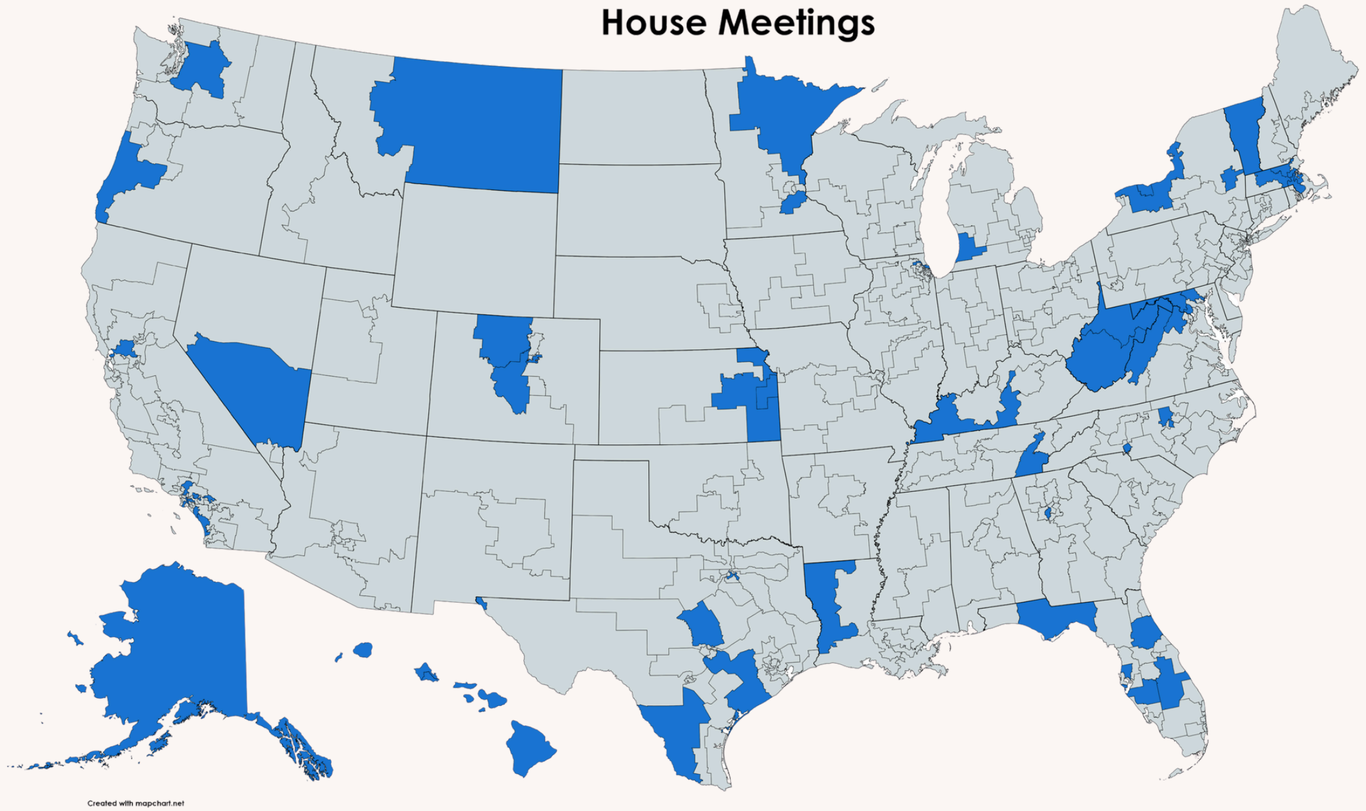
Thank You!



Hill Day Lessons

- 110 advocates
- 29 states
- 90 meetings





100% of survey respondents felt like they made an impact

Hill Day Lessons

- **What we heard:**
  - More offices aware of FASD.
  - Other parts of support act slow to be implemented
  - Connect with Appropriations staff
  - “What is FASD?” → “What’s next?”







FY28 Appropriations Requests - FAQ

- **The Asks:** $21.5M for CDC FASD programs, $1M HRSA SPRANS, and $5M Defense (USU)
- **Who submits?:** Every Member can submit requests.
- **Expected Window:** February/March 2027
- **Tools:** Request language, supporting documents, Org support letter, Dear Colleague

FY28 Appropriations Requests - Calendar

- **Before:** Contact offices for appropriation staff contact. Request meeting to specifically discuss FY28 requests

- **During:** Submit or support submission of request to Member

- **After:** Follow up with office to make sure the the Member sumbitted request to committee

FY28 Appropriations Requests - Action

- **You can start today by contacting your Representative and both Senators asking for two things:**
  - To be connected with the staff member in the office who handles appropriations or appropriations requests;
  - To be sent the appropriations request form or link when it opens around February or March of 2027.

Hill Day Attendee
Thank you for meeting with us during FASD Impact Week. As your office prepares for FY28 appropriations, could you connect me with the staff member who handles appropriations requests? I would also appreciate the request form or link when it opens.

First Contact
My name is [Name], and I am a constituent from [City, State] and an advocate with FASD United. Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) affect as many as 1 in 20 school-age children, including families in our community. As your office prepares for FY28 appropriations, could you connect me with the staff member who handles appropriations requests? I would also appreciate the request form or link when it opens, and I would welcome a short meeting to share my experience.

The Next Step

What will YOU do in the next 30 days?

1. **Contact** your Members' offices to request meetings specifically to discuss FASD appropriations
2. **Challenge** one other person to join in your advocacy
3. **Coordinate** with FASD United to attend meetings with your 2 Senators and 1 Representative