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- Association of Recovery Schools’ 9th Annual Conference, “On the Trail to Freedom”
- Communities Collaborative Committee, White Earth Child Care Program–10th Annual Brain Development Conference
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- 34th Annual Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) National Conference

FASD CENTER NEWS

2010 BFSS Conference Swimming in Success

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Center for Excellence (Center) convened the seventh Building FASD State Systems (BFSS) conference May 3–6, 2010 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Despite the flooding that devastated portions of Nashville and impacted travel and services during the week of the BFSS conference, 189 of the 220 people registered attended the conference, only about 9 percent fewer than 2009. This large and committed group of health professionals and State officials from around the country braved the elements to learn about effective FASD approaches, interventions, and new science through plenary and breakout sessions, and through peer-sharing activities. In addition, as is increasingly the case with BFSS, participants seized the opportunity to share and coordinate efforts across the growing network of FASD-related service providers and organizations.

A wide range of participants are invited to BFSS each year, with an emphasis on State and U.S. Territory government employees involved in issues related to FASD and policymaking. Response to all of the sessions was overwhelmingly positive according to post-conference assessments submitted by 69 percent (130) of conference attendees.

Nearly 96 percent of responding conference attendees agreed that the “overall quality” of the conference was excellent, with the same number agreeing that information shared at the conference was “presented in a clear and organized manner.” Ninety-one percent agreed that they planned to “use what I learned at this conference in my work.” Attendees clearly favored the eight breakout sessions held during both days of the conference: 97 percent agreed that these session were “useful.” The sessions included voices from across the entire spectrum of support and services to people with FASD and included individuals diagnosed with an FASD.

BFSS Conference Assessment Highlights	
Exit queries:	Agreed:
Overall quality of the conference was excellent	96%
Information presented in clear and organized manner	95%
Plan to use what I learned in my work	91%
Breakout sessions were useful	97%

– Day 1 Breakout Sessions –

- Harmonizing Cords: Strategies for Developing and Sustaining Effective Partnerships
- Setting the Stage: Identification and Diagnosis of Adolescents and Adults with an FASD, Establishing Diagnostic Centers and Building Capacity
- Not the Same ole Song and Dance: Innovative Communication Strategies for Supporting Families and Creating Change
- Tuning into Prevention: Binge Drinking among Pregnant Women and Policy-based Prevention Strategies to Address the Issue

– Day 2 Breakout Sessions –

- Sounds of Success: Implementing Evidence-Based Programs
- A Sound Investment: connecting with Tribes and Native American Populations
- Instruments of success: Reaching Out to and Working with Primary Care Providers
- Marching together: Steps Juvenile Courts Have Taken to Address FASD Screening, Evaluation, and Sentencing Modifications

As in previous years, the conference included general plenary sessions attended by all participants, followed by breakout sessions that allowed participants to select topics that suited their needs and interests. Four topic-oriented breakout sessions and five State working sessions were conducted on Wednesday, May 5. In addition to general sessions, on Thursday, four topic-oriented breakout sessions were held.

The expanding reach and influence of the Center is reflected in the continued growth of the Birth Mothers Network (BMN) and the National Association of FASD State Coordinators (NAFSC), Callie Gass, FASD Center project director, said during the opening plenary session. Growth of awareness and concern about FASD are obvious in the research arena as well, said Dr. Cynthia Kane, who spoke at a general session. She told the audience that while there has historically been a lack of hard scientific information on the subject of FASD, much new work is being done: There were 300 scientific papers published on the topic of FASD in 2009, while there had been only 160 in the 9 preceding years combined.

Ms. Gass noted that the Center continues to foster a full-circle continuum of service-to-science and science-to-service, particularly through 1) the work of its 23 subcontractor sites that are completing their second year of implementing FASD-related interventions and have begun to release significant outcomes data, and 2) the ongoing development of a Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) devoted to the topic of addressing FASD in substance abuse treatment settings.

BFSS Conference Materials on the Web!

BFSS 2010 Conference materials, presentations, and photographs will be available online in July 2010. Visit the FASD Center for Excellence official Web site, <http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/>, to access this valuable information.

Look to upcoming issues of the *Center Update* to tune into “Harmony and Collaboration: Working Together to Keep FASD a Priority”, the BFSS 2010 Conference and related meetings. The coming issues will report on information shared among:

- ✓ FASD Expert Panels
- ✓ FASD Prevention and Intervention Subcontractors
- ✓ FASD State Representatives’ Working Sessions

Center Web Site Offers Easy-Access to Spanish Language Version

Recently completed revisions to the FASD Center Web site provide one-click access to the entire Spanish-language version of the site on every page. Now site users can scroll to the bottom of any page and click on “en Español” to view the page in Spanish. Previously, users could only navigate to the Spanish-language site from the home page. Both site navigation options remain available. To return to the English version, users should go to the bottom of the Spanish-language page and click on “en Inglés.”

The addition of full-functioning Spanish pages adds value to this unique information resource. The site, which had 17,500 unique visitors in March and averages 2 million page views per month, receives bi-weekly updates.

“The Web site is an extraordinary marketing tool,” Callie Gass, FASD Center project director, told a recent meeting of FASD State coordinators. “You can refer to it for information, and refer others to the site to learn about FASD. With government agencies in 27 States, the District of Columbia, and the Navajo Nation directly involved in this issue, visitors will see the commitment and resources that are at work. There are numerous local governments and private organizations as well, and there is a great deal of collaboration among them.”

With a few clicks, a visitor to the site can find a list of FASD coordinators and FASD programs and resources, cataloged by State. It also includes reports on legislative actions and training opportunities related to FASD.



FASD SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

[Characteristics](#)

The Remarkably High Prevalence of Epilepsy and Seizure History in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Bell SH, Stade B, Reynolds JN, Rasmussen C, Andrew G, Hwang PA, Carlen PL.

- Epilepsy
- Risk factors
- Seizures

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is the umbrella term that describes the range of adverse developmental outcomes that may occur in the offspring of mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy. FASD is associated with several comorbidities including epilepsy. The objective of the study was to evaluate the prevalence of epilepsy or a history of seizures in subjects with FASD and the contribution of relevant risk factors. We conclude that there is a remarkably high prevalence of epilepsy/seizures in the FASD population

Alcohol Clinical and Experimental Research

2010 April 5 [E-pub ahead of print]

[Characteristics](#)

Prenatal alcohol exposure and chronic mild stress differentially alter depressive- and anxiety-like behaviors in male and female offspring

Hellemans KG, Verma P, Yoon E, Yu WK, Young AH, Weinberg J.

- Stress
- Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal function
- Depression and anxiety disorders

- Rat model

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is associated with numerous neurobehavioral alterations, as well as disabilities in a number of domains, including a high incidence of depression and anxiety disorders. Prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE) also alters hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) function, resulting in increased responsiveness to stressors and HPA dysregulation in adulthood. Interestingly, data suggest that pre-existing HPA abnormalities may be a major contributory factor to some forms of depression, particularly when an individual is exposed to stressors later in life. We conclude that these data support the possibility that stress may be a mediating or contributing factor in the psychopathologies reported in FASD populations.

Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research
2010 April; 1;34(4):633-45. [E-pub ahead of print]

[Epidemiology](#)

Age at diagnosis of birth defects

Bower C, Rudy E, Callaghan A, Quick J, Nassar N.

- Western Australian Birth Defects Registry
- Age of diagnosis

Many birth defects surveillance programs ascertain cases of birth defects diagnosed beyond 1 year of age. The Western Australian Birth Defects Registry includes cases diagnosed up to 6 years of age, but the value of extending ascertainment beyond 1 year has not been assessed. In conclusion, one in eight cases of birth defects was ascertained beyond 1 year of age. We consider that the additional work required to include these cases in Western Australia is outweighed by the benefit of more complete ascertainment.

Birth Defects Research: Part A Clinical and Molecular Teratology
2010 April;88(4):251-5

[Characteristics](#)

Neurodevelopmental functioning in children with FAS, pFAS, and ARND

Chasnoff IJ, Wells AM, Telford E, Schmidt C, Messer G.

- Foster children
- Adopted children
- Neurodevelopmental profiles

The purpose of this article is to compare the neurodevelopmental profiles of 78 foster and adopted children with fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), partial FAS (pFAS), or alcohol-related neurodevelopmental disorder (ARND) wherein seventy-eight foster and adopted children underwent a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation. We conclude that the children who met tightly defined physical criteria for a diagnosis of FAS demonstrated significantly poorer neurodevelopmental functioning than children with pFAS and ARND. Children in these latter 2 groups were similar in all neurodevelopmental domains that were tested.

Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
2010 April;31(3):192-201

[Prevalence](#)

FAS prevalence in a sample of urban schoolchildren in Croatia

Petković G, Barisić I.

- Croatia
- Urban elementary school children
- FAS prevalence

We present the results of active case ascertainment of fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). This study included a sample of urban schoolchildren attending first to fourth grade elementary school and their mothers. Out of 912 mothers, 575 (63.04 percent) participated in the interview. Prenatal alcohol consumption was admitted by 15.47 percent of the mother interviewed, and binge drinking by 3.13 percent. We evaluated 466 (51.09 percent) schoolchildren for signs of FAS or partial fetal alcohol syndrome (PFAS) using revised Institute of Medicine (IOM) diagnostic criteria. Nineteen students had features consistent with FAS or PFAS. The observed prevalence of FAS is 3 children and of PFAS is 16 children among 466 students, based on 51 participation rate. The estimated prevalence of FAS is 6.44/1000, of PFAS 34.33/1000 and overall prevalence of FAS/PFAS 40.77/1000. This is the first study of FAS prevalence in Croatia and as far as we are aware the second study in Europe.

Reproductive Toxicology

2010 April;29(2):237-41 [E-pub 2009 Nov 13]

[Screening & Diagnostic](#)

The impact of an ADHD co-morbidity on the diagnosis of FASD

Rasmussen C, Benz J, Pei J, Andrew G, Schuller G, Abele-Webster L, Alton C, Lord L.

- ADHD
- Co-morbidity
- FASD diagnostic process

Many children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) also have co-morbid ADHD. The goal of this study was to examine the impact of having a co-morbid ADHD diagnosis on FASD diagnostic results. We compared children with FASD to those with FASD and co-morbid ADHD across the neurobehavioral domains recommended by the Canadian Guidelines in the diagnosis of FASD. We conclude that having an ADHD co-morbidity had little effect on the FASD diagnosis. The results of this project will inform the diagnostic process for FASD and have implications for standardizing diagnostic processes across clinics.

Canadian Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

2010 Winter;17(1):e165-75 [E-pub 2010 April 6]

[Screening & Diagnostic](#)

Profile of the first 1,400 patients receiving diagnostic evaluations for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder at the Washington State Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic & Prevention Network

Astley SJ.

- FASD diagnostic clinics
- Washington State Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic and Prevention Network
- Evaluation

An interdisciplinary approach to fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) diagnosis using rigorously defined diagnostic guidelines has been adopted as best practice. Diagnostic clinics are being established worldwide. If these clinics are to successfully compete for limited health care dollars, it is essential to document their value. In conclusion, this report documents the immense contribution of a statewide FASD diagnostic program, and underscores the extraordinary value of a comprehensive FASD clinical dataset.

Canadian Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

2010 Winter;17(1):e165-75 [E-pub 2010 March 26]

FASD-RELATED LITERATURE

Drinking While Pregnant Tied to Rare Leukemia in Offspring, *HealthDay, US News & world Report*, May 6, 2010

New study findings show that when pregnant women drink alcohol during pregnancy, it increases the risk for a rare blood cancer in children. French scientist report that the chance of getting leukemia increases by 56 percent for children whose mothers drank during pregnancy. The full story can be downloaded at <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/cancer/articles/2010/05/06/drinking-while-pregnant-tied-to-rare-leukemia-in-offspring.html>

Young Drinkers Influenced More by Alcohol Ads than by Athletes' Drinking Behavior, *Join Together*, April 26, 2010

Reports of heavy drinking by sports stars appear to have little influence on young people's own drinking behavior, but use of athletes in alcohol advertising carries considerably more weight, results of a study in Australia suggest.

[BBC News](#) reported April 21 that in a questionnaire completed by 1,028 students at two Australian universities, the young people thought professional athletes on average drank 12 percent less than they themselves did. These students at the same time tended to overestimate their peers' level of drinking, a factor that appeared to influence their own behavior more strongly.

The researchers added that while athletes' actual behavior seemed to have little influence on youths, the strong presence of alcohol marketing in the sporting world carried greater significance.

"We are not suggesting that sports stars should not be encouraged to drink responsibly, but it's disingenuous to place the blame on them for setting the bad example," said Kerry O'Brien, co-author of a report based on the Australian study. "It is time that sport administrators consider their own social responsibilities when weighing up the costs and benefits of using their sports and sport stars to market alcohol on behalf of the alcohol industry."

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2010/young-drinkers-influenced.html>

FASD NEWS ARTICLES – GENERAL PRESS

Free Beer Not as Good as It Sounds—Unless You're Pregnant, *FastCompany*, May 10, 2010

Kirin's Free beer is a non-alcoholic lager with a marketing campaign that targets pregnant women. Its campaign was launched last month. The TV spot is filled with young, expectant mothers hanging out in a playground and drinking cans of the amber nectar. The ad was spotted last month by Lisa Katayama, who writes the [TokyoMango](#) blog, and she posted the video on YouTube. Kirin pulled the ad from YouTube, and the Japanese brewing firm has today launched a campaign that, while slightly different, still mines what they think could be a lucrative market for its alcohol-free products: new mothers. The article points out that drinks which claim to have zero percent alcohol contain traces of alcohol. It also points out various viewpoints about drinking alcohol during pregnancy that range from abstinence in the U.S and UK, to advocating drinking alcohol in the rest of Europe in spite of the dangers. The full story can be downloaded at <http://www.fastcompany.com/1642975/free-beer-not-as-good-as-it-sounds-unless-youre-pregnant>.

Alcohol Legacy 'Ruins' Children, *The West*, April 28, 2010

East Kimberley Magistrate Catherine Crawford reports that many juveniles appearing before the Children's Court in have undiagnosed FASD. She states that violence is an epidemic and call for criminal justice reform. Signs of failure in the system include the high rate of Aboriginal imprisonment and recidivism. Crawford calls for more flexibility for sentencing minor offenses.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/breaking/7118414/alcohol-legacy-ruins-children/>

New Camps Support FASD Kids, *Brandon Sun*, April 21, 2010

S.O.S. Manitoba camps offer children with an FASD an opportunity to attend camp. This camp provides an example of how follow-up and support services are useful in increasing social and behavioral development of children living with FASD. The respite camp also helps to reduce family and caregiver stress. Read more at <http://www.brandonsun.com/breaking-news/New-camps-support-FASD-kids-91728574.html?thx=y>.

Ireland Has Highest Binge-Drinking Rate in Europe, *Irish Times*, April 22, 2010

New research findings show that Ireland has a binge-drinking rate three times higher than the rest of the European Union (EU). An Irish Times article reported that 19 percent of Irish poll respondents said they consumed five or more drinks at a sitting on a weekly basis, compared to 6 percent in the average EU nation, 3 percent in Portugal, and 1 percent in Bulgaria. The full story can be downloaded at <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/0422/1224268876786.html>.

Adoptive Parents Speak Up Over Mother Who Sent Back Russian Boy, *Los Angeles Times*, April 15, 2010

This article focuses on public opinion about adoptive parent, Torry Hansen, who sent her adoptive son back to Russia. Judy Stigger, director of International Adoption at the Cradle, states that parents are not always aware of problems with foreign adoptions. The State Department reports that since 1991 there have been more than 50,000 Russian children adopted by U.S. citizens. Read more at <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-russia-adopt15-2010apr15,0,5377574.story>.

FASD: Numbers Crunched on Disease's Cost: Affected Kids Need Funding Triple That of General Population, *Winnipeg Free Press*, April 16, 2010

New study findings show that children with an FASD in Manitoba require three times as much funding for health care and education as kids from the general population. Other findings include kids with FASD or children whose parents abuse alcohol are more likely to see a doctor, end up in the hospital and be prescribed medications than kids from the general population. These services also cost more than for kids in the general population. View the article at <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/life/numbers-crunched-on-diseases-cost-91013964.html>.

'Real Housewives' Alex McCord's Book Reveals She Drank Alcohol While Pregnant, *Zap2it*, April 1, 2010

Real Housewives of New York's Alex McCord and husband Simon van Kempen are discussing their lives in her new book. McCord talks about drinking while pregnant in her book. She reports having a drink during her pregnancy whenever she craved alcohol. McCord admits drinking champagne when she arrived in the hospital in labor. Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause FAS. Read more at <http://blog.zap2it.com/thedishrag/2010/04/real-housewives-alex-mccords-parenting-book-reveals-she-drank-alcohol-while-pregnant.html>.

Hard-hitting Campaign Highlights FAS, *Marketing Web*, April 8, 2010

This article focuses on South Africa's campaign for FASD awareness. The campaign has three print ads featuring a child in the fetal position. Each ad shows different outcomes of FAS. Outcomes include adults who grow up to be drug abusers, criminals, or engage in risky sexual behaviors.

<http://www.marketingweb.co.za/marketingweb/view/marketingweb/en/page71639?oid=126588&sn=Marketingweb%20detail&pid=71616>

Highly educated Women More Likely to Have Drinking Problems, *SiliconIndia*, April 9, 2010

New study findings show that women who are highly educated are more likely to consume alcohol than their less-educated counterparts. They also engage in more problematic behavior. Possible explanations include: having children later, postponing the responsibilities of parenthood, having more active social lives or working in male-dominated workplaces with a drinking culture.

http://www.siliconindia.com/shownews/Highlyeducated_women_more_likely_to_have_drinking_problem_-nid-66983.html

AWARENESS SPOTLIGHT

Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health America (MHA), like the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Center for Excellence, is dedicated to battling the stigma, shame, and myths surrounding mental disorders that prevent people from getting the help they need. Formerly known as the National Mental Health Association, MHA is a nationwide nonpartisan public education organization that was launched as part of the 1999 White House Conference on Mental Health.

The MHA goal is to provide education and create a more accepting environment for people to seek help. The FASD Center has developed information and organizations with some of the same purposes.

In the FASD Center's [Recovering Hope: Mothers speak out about FASD](#) DVD, mothers and families of children with an FASD talk about their paths to recognizing the disorder, seeking diagnosis and treatment, and the benefits of their actions.

The [Birth Mothers Network](#) (BMN) is an organization of health practitioners and mothers of children with an FASD, designed to increase understanding and support for birth mothers and women in recovery who drank during their pregnancies. The BMN works to decrease the stigma, shame and blame associated with intellectual disabilities that can accompany an FASD, which

many birth families experience. Its goals are to provide peer support for birth mothers and to improve and strengthen the lives of birth families.

Open the links below to learn more about these and other organizations whose missions are informed and supported by the work of the FASD Center. Alternatively, look further into the FASD Center Web site for information on initiatives to decrease stigma and improve [access to FASD diagnosis, treatment, and support services](#).

- [Mental Health America](http://www.nmha.org/) <http://www.nmha.org/>
- [Active Minds](http://www.activeminds.org/) <http://www.activeminds.org/>



June is Children's Awareness Month

Children's Awareness Month is designed to focus society on:

- Increased awareness of the vulnerability of children to violence
- How to spot early warning signs of children's emotional and behavioral problems
- Taking action to eliminate the incidences, causes, and effects of violence to children

Many children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) have intellectual and emotional disabilities and the inability to properly interpret social cues and norms. Because of this, these children often are exposed to more negative, hostile and violent interactions with family, caregivers and society at-large. Coupled with their underlying disabilities, mistreatment only reinforces the children's propensity to misinterpret normal interactions as hostile, and then react with hostile behaviors.

- A primary objective of the FASD Center for Excellence is to increase knowledge and understanding of the social skills and cognitive limitations often consonant with an FASD. The Center helps to fund [diagnosis and intervention programs](#) aimed at helping people with an FASD, their families and their communities to recognize and manage this manifestation of the disorder.
- Similarly, the Center's Viewing Library and searchable database are repositories for all types of information on FASD. To learn more about the studies, interventions, programs and organizations focused on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of FASD, use this link to access the FASD Center for Excellence [searchable database](#) or make an appointment to visit the [Viewing Library](#).

Researchers at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA recently published a study of a social skills intervention called Children's Friendship Training, which they believe can lead to a decrease in hostile attributions or perceptions of children with an FASD. This is one of the thousands of resources available through the FASD Center online database or Viewing Library.

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/highlights/2002/June/children/default.asp>

[ATTC - Addiction Science Made Easy](#)



New Resources in the FASD Center Library

Effects of prenatal alcohol exposure on long bone development by M.E. Snow. Lightning Source, Inc.: La Vergne, TN, 2008.

This book is Dr. Elizabeth Snow's thesis on whether prenatal alcohol exposure affects bone development or if development is part of growth retardation. Prenatal alcohol exposure affects skeletal sites differently. Sites differ in their sensitivity to prenatal exposure. It disrupts the growth plate of the fetal tibia. Findings suggest that prenatal alcohol exposure affects fetal bone development. The book can be purchased at [Amazon.com](#).

Pregnancy Magazine, 11(5), A. Tuller, editor. Future US, Inc.: San Francisco, CA, 2010.

This issue contains the monthly columns, Pregnancy360.com, editor's letter, "Our Extended Family," "Mommy Blips," and "Mommy Wood." These columns contain information about pregnancy news, trends, facts as well as a column from the editor about motherhood. Other topics include suggested baby product purchases, and staying healthy during pregnancy. Magazine subscriptions can be purchased at [Amazon.com](#).

FASD-RELATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Mentoring Grants

Current recipients of Safe Schools/Healthy Students grants may apply for funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to expand their mentoring initiatives. [Safe Schools/Healthy Students Mentoring Grants](#) of up to \$300,000 will be awarded to "develop proposals that will increase the capacity of their SS/HS collaborations to develop and implement community-based mentoring programs or to expand and enhance existing mentoring programs and strategies," according to OJJDP.

The program also "advances the provision of integrated resources for prevention and early intervention services for children and youth by supporting effective evidence-based mentoring services to young people who are underserved."

Application deadline is June 15. For more details, see the grant announcement online ([PDF](#)).

Join Together, 7 May 2010. <http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2010/safe-schoolshealthy-students.html>

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Grants

Nonprofits working to meet the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children may apply for grants from the [American Legion Child Welfare Foundation](#). The foundation supports dissemination of information about innovative programs and groups that benefit youth as well as information on groups and programs with an established track record of helping children. Programs should have the potential to help American children across a multistate region.

Applications are due July 15. For more details, see the complete RFP online ([PDF](#)).

Join Together, 7 May 2010. <http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2010/american-legion-child-welfare.html>.

Alcohol Use Disorders: Treatment, Services, Research, and Recovery

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) will award an array of research grants to study alcoholism treatment and recovery from multiple angles. The Alcohol Use Disorders: Treatment, Services Research, and Recovery grants will "support research on behavioral and pharmacological treatment for alcohol use disorders; organizational, financial, and management factors that facilitate or inhibit the delivery of services for alcohol use disorders; and phenomenon of recovery from alcohol use disorders," according to NIAAA. Grants will be made under the [NIH Research Project Grant \(R01\)](#) mechanism, the [Small Research Grant \(R03\)](#) mechanism, and the [NIH Exploratory/Developmental \(R21\)](#) grant mechanism.

Join Together, 30 Mar 2010. <http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2010/alcohol-use-disorders.html>

Aetna Foundation Grants Focus on Racial and Ethnic Health Care Equity

The [Aetna Foundation](#) makes grants for obesity prevention, racial and ethnic healthcare quality, and integration of healthcare services. The foundation's Racial and Ethnic Health Care Equity focus area emphasizes "promoting equity in health and health care for common chronic conditions and infant mortality," while the Integrated Health Care program supports "advancing high-quality health care by improving care coordination and communications among health care professionals; creating informed and involved patients; and promoting cost-effective, affordable care." Research, project, and policy grants may be awarded.

Application deadlines are August 15, 2010 and November 15, 2010. For more details, see the [grant announcement online](#).

Join Together, 30 Mar 2010. <http://www.jointogether.org/news/funding/opportunities/2010/aetna-foundation-grants.html>



FASD-CONFERENCES & EVENTS

June 2010

<p>The 41st Annual New England School of Addiction Studies & the 10th Annual New England School of Prevention Studies Date: June 14-17, 2010 Location: Colchester, VT Description: The four-day addiction program provides attendees with an opportunity to participate in intensive training delivered by leaders, researchers, and practitioners. Registration/Deadlines: April 30, 2010 http://www.neias.org/SS/nesas10.html</p>	<p>American Academy of Nurse Practitioners—25th National Conference for Nurse Practitioners Date: June 23-27, 2010 Location: Phoenix, AZ Description: AANP’s national conference continues to create a variety of educational opportunities with expert faculty presentations of current, practical and clinically oriented information. Educational tracks, such as the following, address evidence-based quality care providing NPs with the latest information to take back and apply in their everyday practice setting, including family, pediatrics and women’s health. Registration/Deadlines: On-line registration is currently open. http://www.aanp.org/AANPCMS2/Conferences</p>
<p>Substance-exposed Newborn Summit: Collaborative Approaches to a Complex Issue Date: June 23-24, 2010 Location: Alexandria, VA Description: This national summit will convene approximately 250 professionals from the fields of child welfare, maternal-child health, obstetrics, pediatrics, nursing, social work, courts, and drug treatment for interdisciplinary dialogue, information sharing, and exploration of policies and collaborative approaches to prevent, identify and address the needs of substance exposed newborns (SEN). Through various formats, this summit will showcase exemplary policies and practices for identifying pregnant substance users and their newborns; referring them to child welfare, treatment and other community services; and developing plans of safe care for the newborns. Participants also will have an opportunity to engage in cross-disciplinary discussions to explore challenges, best practices, and future directions in addressing the needs of pregnant substance users and SEN. Registration: Contact Ayah Young at 510-643-8837, a.young@berkeley.edu or visit aia.berkeley.edu/training/SEN2010/agenda2.php.</p>	<p>FASD: Into Action a Three-Day Intensive Training on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Date: June 24-26, 2010 Location: Portland, OR Description: This training will provide information about FASD and the effects of alcohol and other drugs on the behaviors of children, adolescents, and adults. FASD is a brain-based condition. The training will educate you on the current status of research, and an evidence-based best practices approach. Case examples of successful diagnosis, treatment, and accommodation are central to this training. Registration: Contact Wendy Temko, 503-621-1271, wtemko@fascets.org or visit www.fascets.org.</p>
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<p>The 4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery: Thriving in Changing Times Date: July 26-28, 2010 Location: Chicago, IL Description: This conference offers an opportunity for sharing the practices, programs, policies or significant research that have been effective in addressing the needs of women and</p>	<p>State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS) National Conference and NIATx Summit Date: July 11-14, 2010 Location: Cincinnati, OH Description: This conference is the premier national event for leaders who are invested in the future of addiction treatment services, who are committed to developing</p>

<p>families. The conference is grounded in the principles of recovery and gender-responsive, trauma-informed care. Topics include family-centered treatment, health policy regarding women’s treatment, integrated care for co-occurring mental and health conditions, comprehensive recovery support for women, using technology in innovative ways, culturally responsive approaches for specific populations, workforce development strategies, demonstrating program effectiveness.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: Information unavailable. For information, visit: http://www.samhsawomensconference.org/callforproposals.php</p>	<p>emerging organizational leadership, and who are interested in engaging in a dialogue about current management issues in the addiction treatment field.</p> <p>Registration: Conference rates increase after April 15.</p> <p>Deadlines: June 18, 2010 is the last date to request conference refunds. http://www.saasniatx.net/Content/Home.aspx</p>
<p>University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health’s Leadership, Legacy, and Community: A Retreat to Advance Maternal Child Health (MCH) Scholarship and Practice 2010</p> <p>Date: July 19-21, 2010</p> <p>Location: Oakbrook, IL</p> <p>Description: This national professional development program is designed for intergenerational, interdisciplinary, academic/practice MCH professionals who are committed to social justice, equity-based interventions, the life-course model, and out-of-the-box thinking to improve the health of our women, children, and families.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: June 28, 2010, Early Bird rate. For information visit: http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=788900</p>	<p>Association of Recovery Schools’ 9th Annual Conference, “On the Trail to Freedom”</p> <p>Date: July 21-21, 2010</p> <p>Location: Boston, MA</p> <p>Description: This conference will provide a wide array of opportunities for those who work with adolescents in the area of substance abuse. It allows participants to share best practices, learn from experts in the field, and connect with colleagues from all over the country.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: For information visit: http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=39415b23-713a-4a6f-89ad-8b11a0d155fc</p>
<p>August 2010</p>	
<p>Communities Collaborative Committee, White Earth Child Care Program— 10th Annual Brain Development Conference: “Ten Years of Making a Difference”</p> <p>Date: August 10-12, 2010</p> <p>Location: White Earth, MN</p> <p>Description: This is a national conference for parents and service providers to share new information and strategies for working with children and families. This year’s conference goals are to bring together individuals, programs, and schools that work with children ages birth through school age.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: June 23, 2010 http://www.whiteearthchildcare.com/pdf%20links/2010_Conference_Flyer.pdf</p>	<p>North American Council on Adoptable Children 36th Annual Conference</p> <p>Date: August 4-7, 2010</p> <p>Location: Hartford, CT</p> <p>Description: This is the annual meeting of the North American Council on Adoptable Children. This organization is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and families who adopt them.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: June 1, 2010–Exhibitor; July 10, 2010–Early Bird http://www.nacac.org/conference/NACAC_exhibit_adform.pdf</p>
<p>September 2010</p>	
<p>“Healing Our Spirit Worldwide—The 6th Gathering”</p> <p>Hosted by Papa Ola Lokahi</p> <p>Date: September 9-10, 2010</p> <p>Location: Honolulu, HI</p> <p>Description: Healing Our Spirit Worldwide is an Indigenous cultural celebration that will focus on wise practices, successes,</p>	<p>National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD)</p> <p>Date: September 8-11, 2010</p> <p>Location: Washington, DC</p> <p>Description: The conference combines the expertise of National Association for Addiction Professional (NAADAC)</p>

<p>and common issues in health, healing and addictions within Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: April 30, 2010</p> <p>http://www.papaolalokahi.org/coconut/events/pdf/HOSW_1pgr.pdf</p>	<p>and National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) and the Southeast Conference on Alcohol and Drug Addiction (SECAD) It conference will offer programs and tracks that deal with treatment, administration, finance, design, technical, and medical professional issues.</p> <p>Registration/Deadlines: July 16, 2010</p> <p>http://www.ncad10.com/ME2/Sites/Default.asp?SiteID=A53C336637E4447680C388F25D16C053</p>
<p>November 2010</p>	
<p>First European Conferences on FASD: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Growing Awareness in Europe</p> <p>Date: November 3-5, 2010</p> <p>Location: The Netherlands</p> <p>Description: The aim of this conference is to bring together European researchers, public health workers, and FAS-related NGOs for the first time, in order to share knowledge and promote collaborations.</p> <p>Deadlines: Deadline for abstracts: April 30, 2010. Send to info@eufasd.org</p> <p>Registration:</p> <p>€185 by Aug. 3, 2010</p> <p>€215 by Oct 3, 2010</p> <p>€245 past Oct 4,2010</p> <p>For more information, visit:</p> <p>http://eufasd.org/EN/conf_en.php</p>	<p>34th Annual AMERSA National Conference</p> <p>Date: November 4-6, 2010</p> <p>Location: Bethesda, MD</p> <p>Description: The meeting of the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) will reflect on AMERSA's interdisciplinary strengths and the commitment to disseminate the latest developments in substance abuse education, prevention, treatment and research that challenge all health care professionals.</p> <p>Deadline: Deadline for abstracts and workshops is May 28, 2010. Submit on-line at www.amersa.org.</p> <p>Registration: For more information, visit www.amersa.org or contact Doreen@amersa.org.</p>

