

2019
2020

fasdNL
Annual Report

Overview of fasdNL Initiatives

Full time staff-position

fasdNL received funding from the Department of Health and Community Services permitting a full-time staff position. This position is the first dedicated full-time FASD staff on the island.

Provincially focused resources

Customized 1 page resources that provide information about FASD in accessible language and accompanied by links for additional support, information, or resources within Newfoundland and Labrador.

Launch of FASD Network Membership

Individuals and organizations can now support fasdNL's work by purchasing a Network Membership. Network members receive fasdNL updates and communications and receive a discount on their next training offered by fasdNL.

Launch of Atlantic FASD Community Network

fasdNL facilitated the launch of the Atlantic FASD Community Network in summer 2020. The Network brings together members of community organizations and FASD committees and working groups across Atlantic Canada.

Parent & caregiver supports

Parents and caregivers across NL continue to request and engage with fasdNL for support and resources. In 2019-2020, there was growth amongst our support initiatives.

Virtual training & webinars

Evidence-based curriculum intended for virtual formats. Participants included professionals, front-line workers, policy makers, families from all four health regions of the province.



2019-2020 Activities

This report captures the initiatives undertaken by fasdNL from November 2019 to September 2020. In the spring of 2020, fasdNL received funding to support hiring the first full-time position, in the role of executive director, with the organization. This funding created added capacity for FASD related initiatives across the province.

At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically altered the delivery format and timing of initiatives, while also providing new opportunities for networking and training.

fasdNL customized its training and webinars for virtual delivery and offered webinars for Healthcare Professionals about FASD in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) attended by 60 professionals and two three hour *FASD 101* virtual trainings attended by 27 professionals, front-line workers, parents and caregivers.

For the first time, these education initiatives presented participants with recent prevalence statistics for the estimated number of individuals impacted by FASD in NL (20,788 or 4% of the province's population 519,716).

In July 2020, fasdNL facilitated the launch of an Atlantic FASD Community Network, bringing together community members and organizations from all four provinces in the region to work collaboratively about FASD. The Network will launch its first project - a blog - in early 2021.

fasdNL developed and released two provincially-specific FASD resources that can be found on our website. We continued to offer our monthly support group for parents and caregivers and launched a new service for IEP/ISSP meeting support.

Each year, fasdNL holds events across the province in recognition of FASD awareness week. This week intends to bring public awareness to FASD, reduce stigma, and correct misinformation. With the ongoing pandemic, fasdNL launched a virtual event called *Move for FASD*. Participants completed a physical activity of their choice and posted a photo to social media using our hashtag #RedShoes4FASDNL. We also asked the province and municipalities across NL to proclaim September 7-11, 2020, as FASD Awareness Week.

The 2019-2020 year has brought significant growth and increased capacity within fasdNL to address the multitude of needs related to FASD work within Newfoundland and Labrador and Atlantic Canada.

FASD Awareness Week 2020



fasdNL Chair Adrienne Peters gets active for Move for FASD.



Participants of all ages and from all regions took part in Move for FASD.



FASD rock art prepared by community partners as part of the Red Shoes Rock awareness campaign.



The little red sneaker car was a popular addition to FASD week!



An FASD awareness event held in Nain included some great giveaway bags for participants!



Red lights on Confederation Building and Government House in recognition of FASD awareness day.



A physically-distanced walk was held in Marystown with community partner Burin Peninsula Brighter Futures.



Labrador Grenfell Health FASD diagnostic team members Julia O'Brien (Coordinator) and Jodi Bowles (Occupational Therapist) hide their painted rocks in Happy Valley - Goose Bay as part of the FASD rock art challenge.

FASD Awareness Week 2020



Mayor Dicker - Nain



Minister Haggie signing the provincial proclamation of FASD Awareness Week.



Mayor Synard - Marystown



Mayor Penwell - Fortune

Due to the pandemic, proclamations were shared several ways including YouTube channels, social media accounts, and Rogers TV streaming.

Putting FASD on the Map Across Newfoundland and Labrador

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Mayor Hillier - Lamaline



Mayor Benoit - Labrador City

The municipalities on the map proclaimed September 7-11, 2020 as FASD Awareness Week in their respective communities. We thank all who participated this year.

Mayor Barron - Wabush



Together, we are putting FASD on the map across Newfoundland and Labrador!



FASD in the Media

In the fall of 2019, FASD and fasdNL received increased attention from the public and media in the province, following the death of Mr. Jonathan Henoche, a man living with FASD who was awaiting trial at Her Majesty's Penitentiary. This event highlighted the worst-case scenario for individuals affected by FASD and carries impacts for families of the victim, families of the accused, and government employees working in HMP and in similar capacities in the province. This recent death has prompted important and complex conversations about how FASD is being prevented, diagnosed, and supported in NL.

[The Telegram - Guest Column: Ignoring an Invisible Problem: FASD in Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
March 2020

[VOCM - On Target - FASD in Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
February 2020

[CBC - FASD and the Incarcerated](#)
November 2019

[CBC - Inmate's Death Shines a Light on Fetal Alcohol Disorders in Justice System](#)
November 2019

[POPFASD TalkED - FASD Day](#)
September 2019

[The Telegram - Most of Newfoundland and Labrador without Access to Fetal Alcohol Assessments: Advocacy Group](#)
March 2019

Working Together, We Plan To:



Increase awareness and accurate information about FASD across NL.



Offer ongoing *FASD 101* and specialized training.



Partner with organizations and stakeholders to support FASD prevention, diagnostic, and intervention work.



Conduct a province-wide community needs assessment.



Continue to support parents and caregivers of individuals with diagnosed or suspected FASD across NL.



Release FASD province-wide prevention campaign.

fasdNL - Learn More



See our new FASD resources [here](#) and [here](#).



Become an fasdNL Network member [here](#).



Request FASD training in your region [here](#).



Sign up to receive our newsletter [here](#).

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