

## FASD Maine

(Founders: Connie Mazelsky, Madonna Mooney, and Shannon Coray)

**FASD Maine** works to increase awareness and prevention of FASD through education of families, providers, educators, and community stakeholders. We provide resources to make services accessible to individuals and families affected by FASD. We also break down silos among stakeholders, and help to reduce the stigma associated with FASD. We do this by educating all Mainers to understand the complexities of the disability, honoring the strengths of those impacted, promoting an inclusive accepting culture.

In the past five years, FASD Maine has launched an aggressive outreach campaign. We are currently focused on the passage of the [FASD Respect Act](#) - federal legislation that will help meet the needs of affected individuals at the state and tribal level. We are also working to provide training to our Maine educators to learn FASD-informed practices in order to better support the [1/20 school-aged children affected by an FASD](#).

July	2017	FASD Maine attended the <u>Northeast Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders at Colby College</u> .
January	2018	Presenters from the Northeast Conference on FASD and an FASD Maine parent were interviewed on Maine Public by Jennifer Rooks, "Maine Calling" - Connie Mazelsky/FASD Maine; Nancy Cronin, Executive Director of Maine Development Disability Council; Dr. Christopher Pezzullo, DO, State Health Officer and practicing pediatrician; Dr. Carl Bell MD, retired professor of psychiatry and Public Health and former director of Juvenile Research at University of Illinois, Chicago; Dr. Margaret Rieley MD, geneticist at Northern Light EMMC.
March	2018	FASD Maine Co-founder featured on the radio show of Autism Advocate and author, Derek Volk.
February	2019	Created the FASD Book Give-Away Program – recipients include the <b>Maine AAP Foster Care Committee</b> , Edmund Ervin PREP Clinic, Maine Dept of Education Child Development Services (CDS).
September	2019	Established the <a href="#">FASD Maine Facebook Group</a> to share information and facilitate community.
October	2019	Poster presentation on FASD at the <b>Northern Light EMMC Perinatal Biennial Conference</b> .
November	2019	Hosted one day training in the FASD Neurobehavioral Model approach, <a href="#">Adrienne Bashista of FAFASD</a> for professionals, foster parents, and parents of children with FASD.
March	2020	Organized the first FASD panel at the <b>Maine Autism Conference</b> .

September	2020	FASD presentation at the <b>2020 Maine Maternal and Child Health SEI Conference (CDC/DHHS)</b> .
September	2020	Secured Dr. Douglas Waite, MD, AAP FASD REAL Champion to present at the 2020 Maine AAP Annual CME (virtual) Conference; FASD Maine sponsored a virtual information booth.
December	2020	FASD presentation for Board Members of <a href="#">Maine Association for Infant Mental Health</a> .
March	2021	Co-presented with Dr. Douglas Waite, MD on FASD to the <b>Maine AAP Foster Care Committee</b> .
March	2021	Recruited the first clinic in New England to participate in the HRSA funded " <a href="#">Safest Choice Learning Collaborative</a> ". This partnership between Boston Medical Center and The PROOF Alliance provides yearlong FASD ECHO training for providers and staff serving prenatal through adolescent patients in New England and the Upper Midwest. The St. Croix Regional Family Health Center in Princeton, ME enrolled in the first cohort, starting June 2021.
April	2021	FASD Maine and FASD United (formerly NOFAS) met with <b>Senator Susan Collins'</b> office to request her support for the bi-partisan bill, the <a href="#">FASD Respect Act</a> , co-sponsored by Senators Murkowski (AK) and Klobuchar (MN).
May	2021	Facilitated the creation of a training video to assist <a href="#">FASD United</a> (formerly NOFAS) affiliate members in their presentations to legislators, requesting support for the FASD Respect Act.
May	2021	Met with <b>Maggie Jansson, RN, BSN, CLC, MPH, Coordinator, MaineMOM</b> program at Mid Coast-Parkview Health to discuss maternal prenatal alcohol and drug use in Maine.
July	2021	Presented on FASD to the <b>Maine Department of Education/ Child Development Services (CDS)</b> -Waldo/Knox/Lincoln Counties.
August	2021	FASD Maine website, <a href="http://fasdmaine.org">fasdmaine.org</a> , goes live.
August	2021	FASD Maine and the National Organization of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS) met with <b>Senator King's</b> office, <b>and Representative Pingree's</b> office to request their support for the bi-partisan FASD Respect Act co-sponsored by Senators Murkowski (AK) and Klobuchar (MN).
September	2021	<a href="#">Senator Susan Collins</a> and Representative Chellie Pingree announce their co-sponsorship of the FASD Respect Act.
September	2021	Maine Public <a href="#">Maine Calling</a> FASD Maine and Dr. Douglas Waite MD discuss: the need for the passage of the FASD Respect Act.

September 2021	Presented on FASD for <a href="#">Community Concepts</a> – Lewiston, South Paris, ME Children’s Services HEAD Start/EC Head Start
September 2021	<b>Dr. Douglas Waite, MD</b> presents on PAE and FASD at the <a href="#">2021 Maine Maternal and Child Health SEI Conference (CDC/DHHS)</a> .
October 2021	<a href="#">Senator Angus King</a> announces co-sponsorship of FASD Respect Act
October 2021	Presented on FASD to <b>Maine Dept. of Education/Child Development Services Downeast</b> – Hancock/Washington Counties
December 2021	Representative Jared Golden agrees to co-sponsor the FASD Respect Act. Maine becomes the first state in the union whose full legislative delegation has agreed to co-sponsorship.
April 2022	FASD Maine is a Silver Level Sponsor at the Maine AAP Spring Conference in honor of the SAFEST Choice Maine Participants
April 2022	FASD Maine completes training on FASD for all nine CDS offices
May 2022	Recruitment for second cohort of SAFEST Choice Learning Collaborative starting May 2022: Dr. Andrea Tracy MD at the <a href="#">Edmund Ervin Pediatric Center Augusta</a> ; Dr. Sunee Lovley MD at the <a href="#">Passamaquoddy Health Center</a> , Princeton; and Dr. Deborah Hagler MD <a href="#">Mid Coast Pediatrics</a> , Brunswick.
September 2022	Northern Light Health OB/GYN Grand Rounds ACOG FASD Champion Erin Bradley MD
October 2022	Maine Medical Center Psychiatry Grand Rounds AAP FASD Champion Douglas Waite MD
December 2022	NASW Maine Christie Petrenko PhD and FASD Maine co-present FASD Across the Lifespan
January 2023	University of New England AUCD LEND FASD Maine Presentation
March 2023	Sweetser Daylong Training FASD Diagnosis and FASD-Informed Care Across the Lifespan Christie Petrenko PhD
March 2023	CANFASD (Canada FASD) Katherine Flannigan PhD, Jacqueline Pei PhD and FASD Maine co-present FASD - Youth and Young Adult

## **Additional Outreach:**

- **Nancy Cronin**, Executive Director, Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
- **Dara Fruchter**, Project Manager, Infant and Maternal Substance Use Prevention Coordination, Plan of Safe Care, Maine CDC.
- Anne Uecker, PhD., Pediatric Neuropsychologist, Edmond N. Ervin Pediatric Center, Maine General Medical Center.
- **Maud van de Wiele, CNM** at MCMG Women’s Health.
- **Deb Hagler, MD**, President of Maine Chapter AAP, and Medical Director of MCPH Community Health & Wellness Center.
- **Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine (AFFM)** – Travis Bryant, Bette Hoxie, Monica Bushey.
- **Carrie Woodcock**, Maine Parent Federation.
- **Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND); Valerie Jones**, LMSW, UNE assistant professor of social work; Jennifer Maeverde, M.A., NH-ME LEND Program at UMO.
- The Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers - **Lindsay Bragdon**, LSW, adoption program director.
- **“FASD Strong” Documentary** – helped to fund production of FASD documentary by Dr. Christie Petrenko PhD Associate Professor of Psychiatry University of Rochester NY