

Welcome,

to 2024's FASD Impact Week!
Thank you for helping to
give **FASD** a Seat at the Table.



Please note...

- You can check in for Impact Week on Sunday from 9:00 to 4:00 or on Monday, beginning at 8:00. There will be signage to help direct you.
- Breakfast is included with your hotel reservation if you are staying at the Hyatt.
- Lunch is on your own.
- Dinner is on your own; limited reservation sign-ups will be available for networking.
- Meetings (other than Hill visits) will be held at the Hyatt Place Georgetown West End, 2121 M Street, in The Meeting Place.
- If you intend to go to the Red Shoes Gala, please double-check that you registered separately.
- Have questions throughout the week? Contact Jenn Wisdahl at (202) 601-2530.

FASD United Impact Week

SEPTEMBER 16-18

HYATT PLACE, GEORGETOWN, DC

Monday, 9/16



Symposium: An Invitation to the Table
*Review, Reflect and Direct - Goals for a United FASD
Movement*

The Red Shoes Gala: *Together Around the
Table (evening)*



Tuesday, 9/17



Hill Day: "Building a Bigger Table"
*Advocacy of the FASD Respect Act
at our nation's Capitol*

Film Screening: "The Ride Ahead"
by Dan Habib



Wednesday, 9/18



Setting the Table: Workshops
by FASD United partners and USUHS CSHR

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Executive Council**

Affiliate Network Executive Council members:

Hannah Bonsu, Tamra Cajo, David Deere, Kristen Eriksen,
Annika Montag, Rachel Sing, Joanne Sparrow, Carl Young.

Monday Daytime **FASD SYMPOSIUM**

Business Casual An Invitation to the Table

9:00 – 9:30 am	Welcome & Intro
9:30 – 10:30 am	Session 1: Diagnosis & Screening
10:30 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Session 2: Cross-Collaborating
12:00 – 1:30 pm	90-Minute Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Session 3: Continuum of Care
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Wrap Up and Next Steps

PURPOSE

1. To offer space to **gather** and **engage** as a community.
2. To **co-create** a vision for collaborative progress that centers **living experience** and **support**.

After the Symposium, FASD United staff will publish an organized summary of discussion feedback as a **white paper** that represents a broad set of knowledgeable perspectives on FASD. All participants will be named as Contributors.

Monday Evening

*Black Tie Optional,
Red Shoes Encouraged*



- 6:30 PM RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION
- 7:20 PM LAST CALL FOR SILENT BIDDING
Silent auction closes at 7:30 PM
- 7:30 PM DINNER, PROGRAM, & LIVE AUCTION

Arriving

National Press Club
529 14th St NW,
Washington, DC 20045

1. Enter through National Press Club lobby
2. Take elevators to 13th floor

NOTE: The Red Shoes Gala requires the purchase of a ticket.
Scan for tickets!



*For dietary restrictions, please email Emma Baldwin:
baldwin@FASDUnited.org*



9 AM: Hill Day Kickoff

- Meet in the Hyatt Meeting Place to pick up leave-behind materials, receive any last-minute schedule updates, and to be inspired by our amazing advocates!

10 AM– 5:00 PM: Individual Meetings

- Head to the Hill for your scheduled meetings (see master schedule and your individual schedule for details)

What to Wear

Business casual, Hill Day shirts (black) to be picked up at check-in, and comfortable shoes!

Getting Around

Uber/Lyft: Use the name of the Office Building as drop off address (~**20** minutes)

Metro: Silver, Orange, or Blue line from Foggy Bottom to Capitol South (~**40** minutes)

Need Help?

Call Chris Melfi at (202) 785-4585 or
text him at (315) 450-6525

Capitol Hill Map



FASD Respect Act

Talking Points



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FASD

- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) are a group of conditions that can occur in a person who was exposed to alcohol before birth. The effects can include mental health and learning disabilities, heart defects, hearing impairments, and more.

Prevalence

- FASD is very common: **1 in 20 Americans has an FASD.**
- Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) is just one diagnosis within the FASD spectrum and accounts for only 10% of those with an FASD. Those without distinctive facial features are equally impacted, but less recognized and less likely to receive appropriate supports.
- FASD is both underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed.

Pregnancy and Alcohol

- CDC data shows that **1 in 7 pregnant people report drinking**, while 1 in 20 report binge drinking. There is no known safe amount of alcohol during pregnancy.

Costs Associated with FASD

- **Investing in FASD-informed services and supports** can lead to positive, healthy outcomes while limiting the financial impact of FASD.



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Talking Points

FASD Respect Act (S.1800/HR.3946)

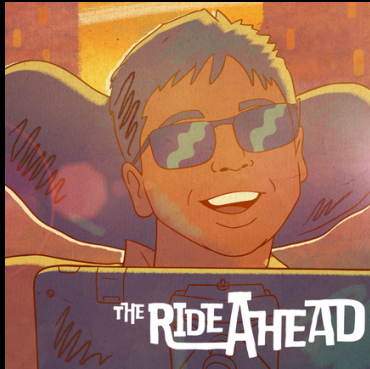
- Reauthorizes FASD programs for education, public awareness, research, and building state and tribal capacity for identification, treatment, and support
- Establishes FASD Centers for Excellence to **build capacity to prevent prenatal alcohol exposure and to respond to the needs of individuals with FASD and their families.**
 - Assists states in addressing FASD inequities within their silos of care. Provides assistance to states with evidence-based programs so they can be duplicated.
- Federal funding for FASD has declined significantly since its original authorization in 1998 (see FASD Program Authorization and Funding for more)
- Broad, bipartisan support
 - 12 cosponsors in Senate, 51 cosponsors in House
 - Included in the Senate's Support Act by HELP Committee Ranking Member Cassidy (R-LA), which made it through HELP Committee.

The Ask for Legislators:

**Cosponsor S.1800/HR.3946,
the FASD Respect Act**

Tuesday

Evening *The Ride Ahead*



*Private Pre-Release Screening
for the FASD Community*

*Rated PG with mature
content cut or bleeped.*

*Open-captioning and audio-
visual description provided.*

- 7:00 PM Introduction by Co-Director
and Producer, Samuel Habib
- 7:15 PM *The Ride Ahead* (1 hour, 37 min)
- 8:45 PM Post-Film Q&A by Co-Director and
Producer, Dan Habib, and featured
FASD self-advocate, Andrew Peterson.

*Casual, Hybrid Event in the
Hyatt Meeting Place or Scan for a
Zoom Link.*



Wednesday

USUHS CHSR Workshop



Join the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) Center for Health Services Research (CHSR) as they provide updates on examining FASD in the US Military Health System, including expanding diagnostic capacity through a hub-and-spoke model. Then, participate in an interactive working session on interventions and support for people with FASD.

8:00–8:10 **Introduction**
Dr. Tracey Pérez Koehlmoos & Tom Donaldson

8:10–9:00 **Updates**
From the USUHS CHSR on "FASD Prevention and Clinical Guidelines" Project

9:30–10:00 **Keynote**
Dr. Heather Carmichael Olson

10:00–10:15 **Living Experience Panel**

10:00–10:15 **Break**

10:15–11:30 **Family Supports & Interventions**
Interactive Working Session

11:30–1:00 **Closing Remarks**

11:40–1:00 **Lunch**
On your own

Emerging Researchers Session



FASD United

1:00–2:45 *Join FASD United in welcoming four emerging researchers to talk about their work and see the future of FASD scientific inquiry from the next generation of researchers.*