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Education



Child Welfare



Research



Mental Health



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Maternal
Health



Justice System



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Substance Use



Disability



Healthcare



SYMPOSIUM
An Invitation to the Table

FASD United

THE NATIONAL VOICE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS
Formerly NOFAS

Welcome!



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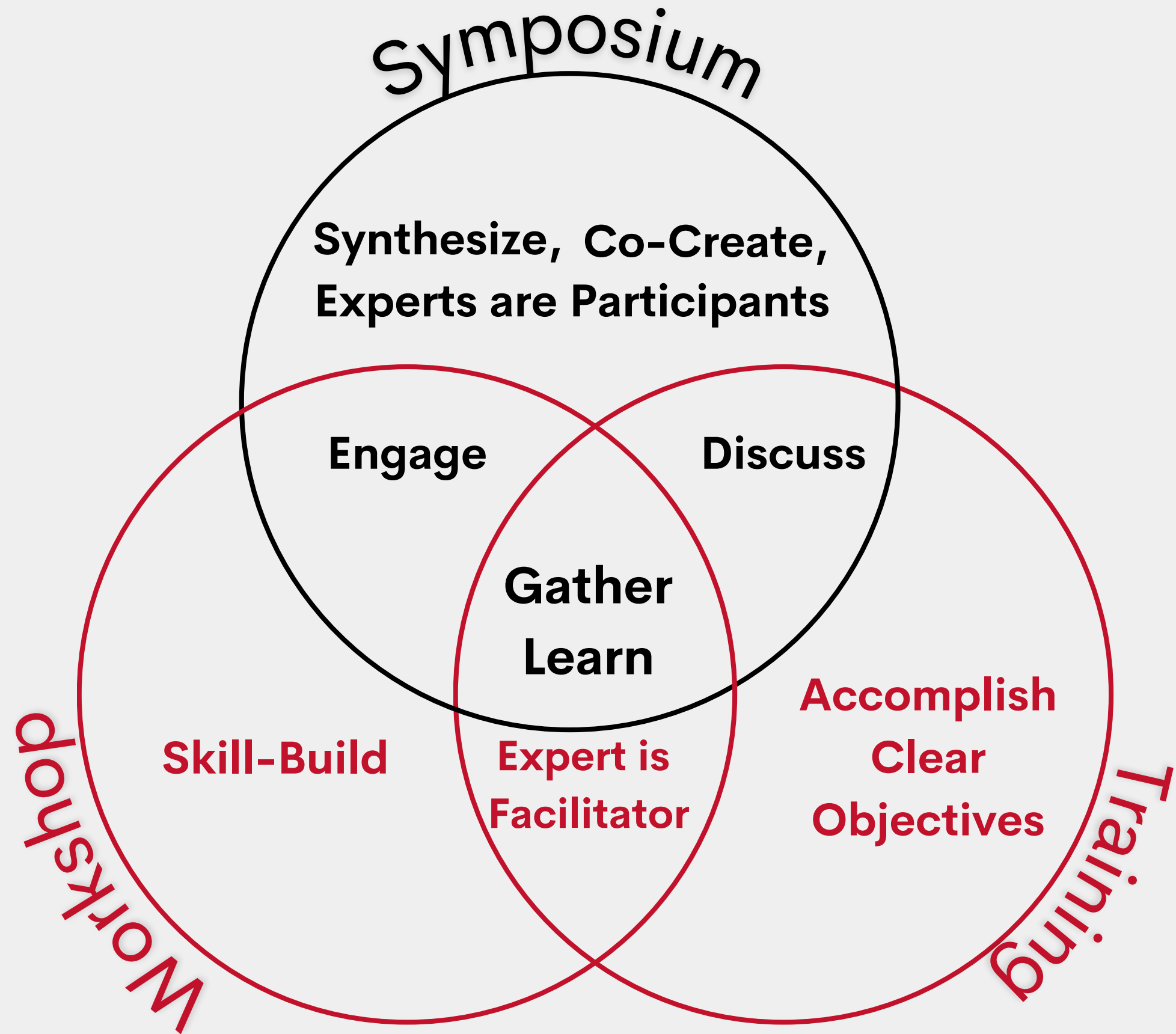
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Symposium

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPERTS

A **Symposium** is a structured discussion among a group of diverse experts on a specific topic.



Goals of the Symposium

TODAY:

- Engage as a community
- Co-create a vision for collaboration that centers living experience
- Have meaningful and empowering discussions



Goals of the Symposium

FUTURE:

- Publish an organized summary of discussion as a white paper that represents a broad set of knowledgeable perspectives on FASD
 - ALL participants of the FASD Symposium have the option to be named as a Contributor.
- Continue meeting on an annual basis to revisit themes/discussion.



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September 2024



First FASD Symposium

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Fall 2024

Data review



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2025



White paper published

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September 2025

2nd FASD
symposium



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September 2026



3rd FASD
Symposium

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2027

Final white paper
published; revisit
themes and trends;
maintain momentum

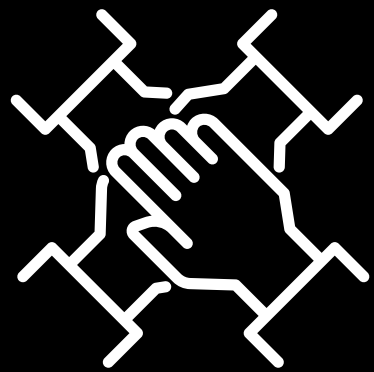




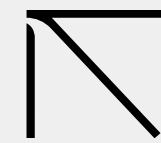
1). Participants have a proficient understanding of FASD basics. **We know.**



2). Everyone involved in FASD advocacy cares about FASD advocacy. **We care.**



3). FASD must be approached from a transdisciplinary lens where boundaries between research, policy, and service areas are flexible. **We work together.**



Guiding
Principles

Contributor's Guide

- Helpful information throughout the day, including:
 - Symposium Culture
 - Stigma & Language
 - Taskforce Recommendations
 - Agenda
 - Background Information
 - Looking Ahead

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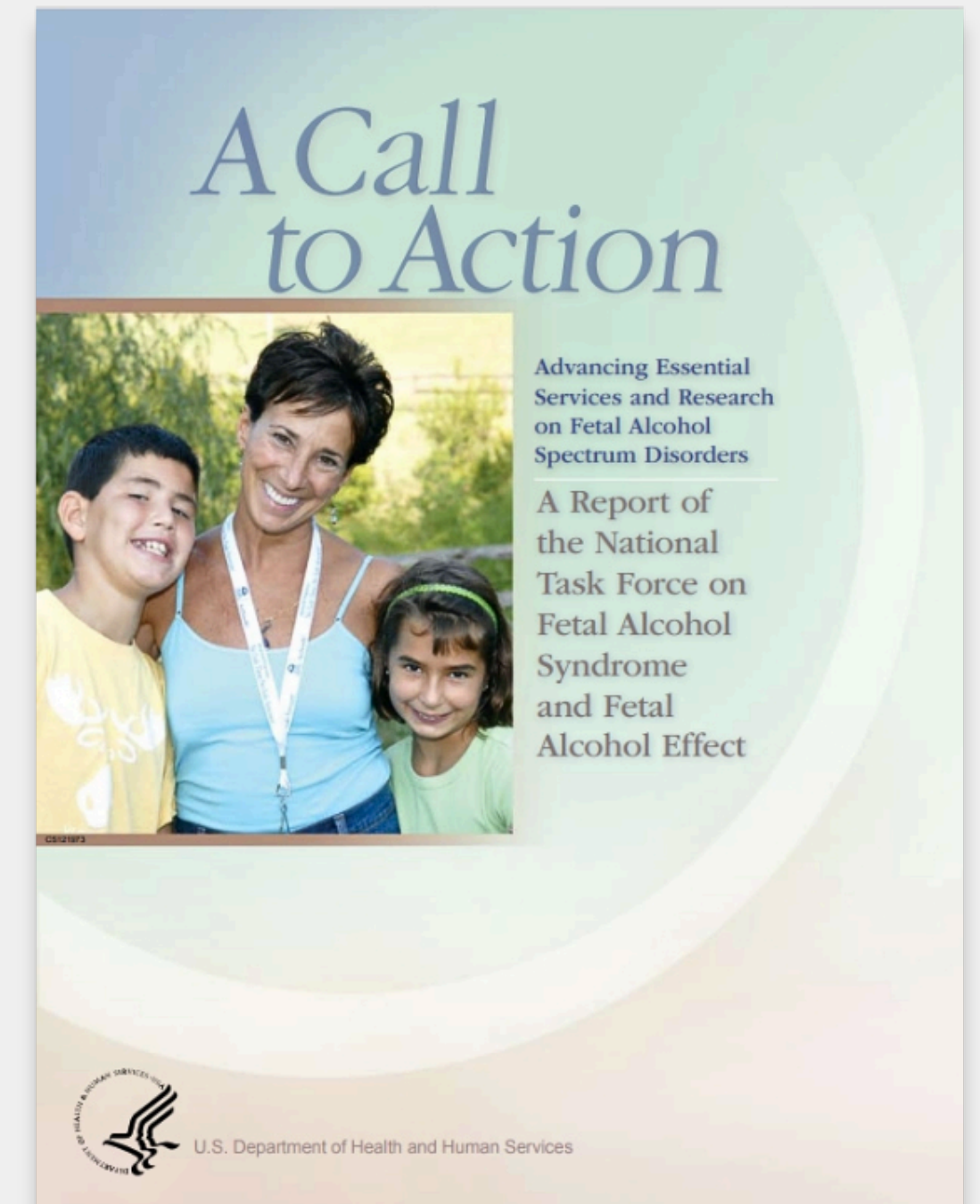


Contributor's Handbook

www.FASDUnited.org

Task Force Recommendations

- From 2009 report "**A Call to Action: Advancing Essential Services and Research on FASD**"
 - Report for federal, state, and local agencies, researchers, clinicians, family support groups, and other partners on actions needed in FASD research, policy, and practice.
- 10 recommendations total



Task Force Recommendations

(simplified)

Set up screening systems in multiple professions in community & health services.



Promote continuum of care for families and individuals throughout the lifespan.



Make FASD eligible for government support and services.



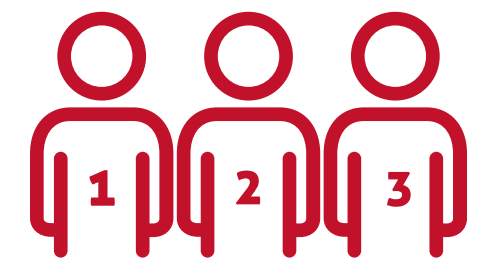
Increase research about diagnosis, living experience, and effective interventions.



Encourage professional education on FASD.



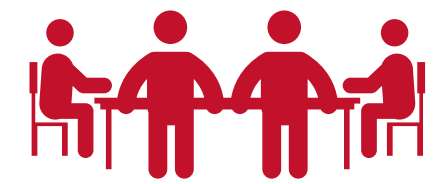
Improve tracking of prevalence and support needs.



Recognize efforts focused on FASD as powerful agents of change.



Maintain national forum involving parents, advocates, professional organizations, and experts.



Enhance agency collaboration on national AND state levels with representation from families/individuals.



Today's Focus



Diagnosis & Screening



Agency Collaboration



Continuum of Care

Today's Agenda

- 9:00 to 9:30 – Welcome and Intro
- 9:30 to 10:30 – Session 1
- *10:30 to 11:00 – 30-minute break*
- 11:00 to 12:00– Session 2
- *12:00 pm to 1:30 – 90-minute lunch*
- 1:30 to 2:30 – Session 3
- *2:30 to 3:00 – 30-minute break*
- 3:00 to 3:30 – Making Connections



Sessions

- 3 sessions total; each session focuses on 1 recommendation
- There will be an Engager at each table to facilitate discussion
- There will be different ways to record feedback/collect data
- **Please try to allow time & space for everyone at your table to be heard**

Sessions

- Introductions (15 minutes)
- Leading Question (20 minutes)
- Process & Pause (5 minutes)
- The Who & The How (15 minutes)
- Closing (5 minutes)



Sessions

- Today's conversations may bring up heavy feelings.
- Please be respectful of everyone's experiences.
- Let's practice self care **and** community care.
- Your voice matters; **YOU MATTER.**




Session 1

- **Task Force recommendation:** Improve diagnostic access by setting up screening systems for FASD and increasing professional multidisciplinary diagnostic capacity in communities.

Session 1: Introductions

Please share your name and if you were to choose ONE social driver of health that you are most passionate about, which would you choose?



Social drivers of health are things that influence wellness and quality of life, like housing, employment, healthcare, education, discrimination, etc.

Session 1: Leading Question

- **Task Force recommendation:** Improve diagnostic access by setting up screening systems for FASD and increasing professional multidisciplinary diagnostic capacity in communities.

When we meet on this topic again in 3 years, what do we want to have changed in this space?

Session 1: Process & Pause

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What are the primary themes coming up in your discussions?

Session 1: The Who & The How

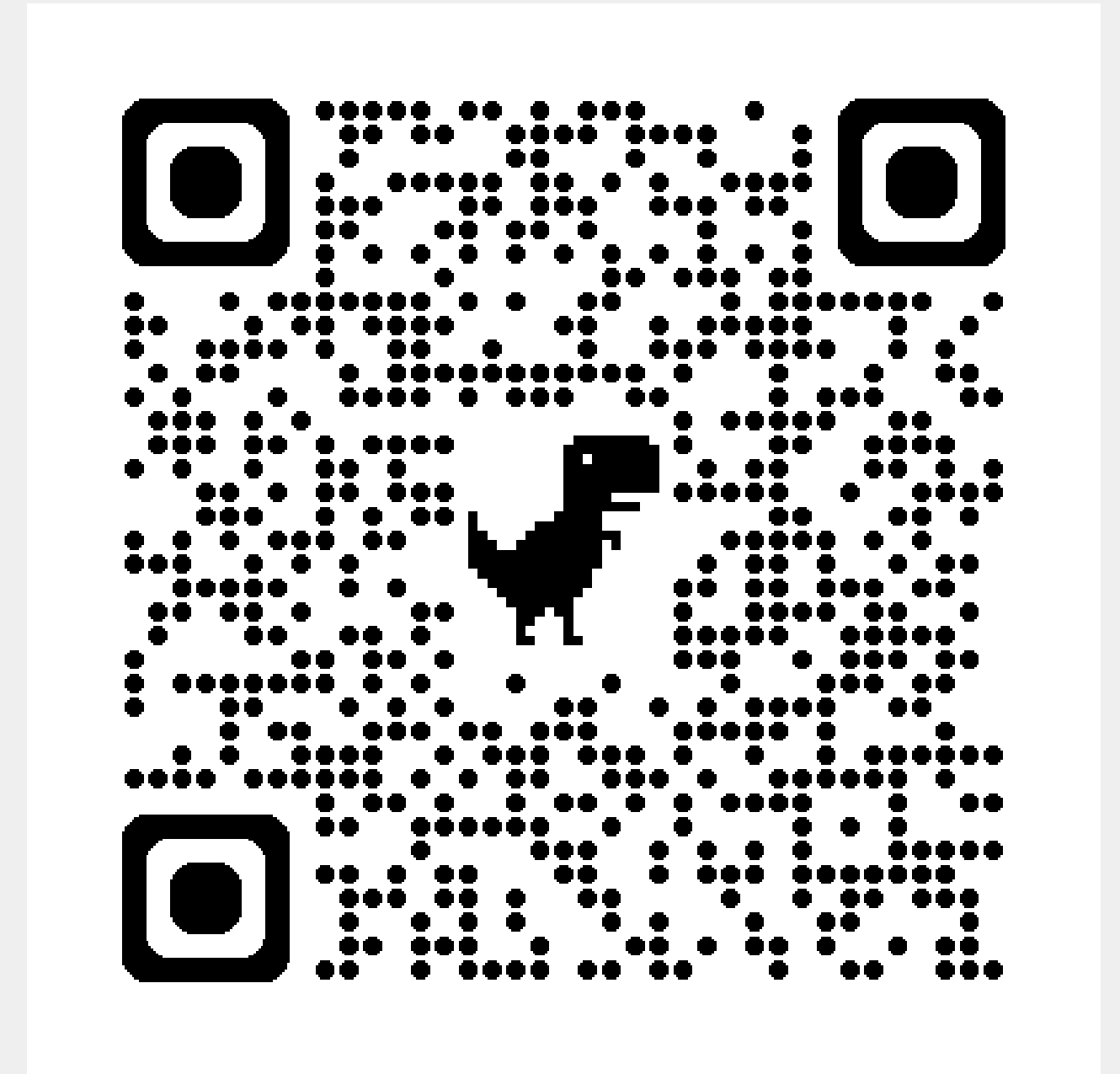
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What are concrete action steps needed to implement the group's recommendations?

Session 1: Closing

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What is a major takeaway from your discussion? Tell us on Slido.



Slido #3993649

Break

10:30 to 11:00

Session 2

- **Task Force recommendation:** Enhance strong, collaborative, interagency leadership at state and national levels (that includes parent representation) to inform legislators, policymakers, and the public.

Session 2: Introductions


Please share your name and an organization or agency working in FASD that you admire.



Session 2: Leading Question

- **Task Force recommendation:** Enhance strong, collaborative, interagency leadership at state and national levels (that includes parent representation) to inform legislators, policymakers, and the public.

From a future perspective, what would successful, effective collaboration look like?



Use the blocks to "build your collaboration."

Session 2: Process & Pause

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Session 2: The Who & The How

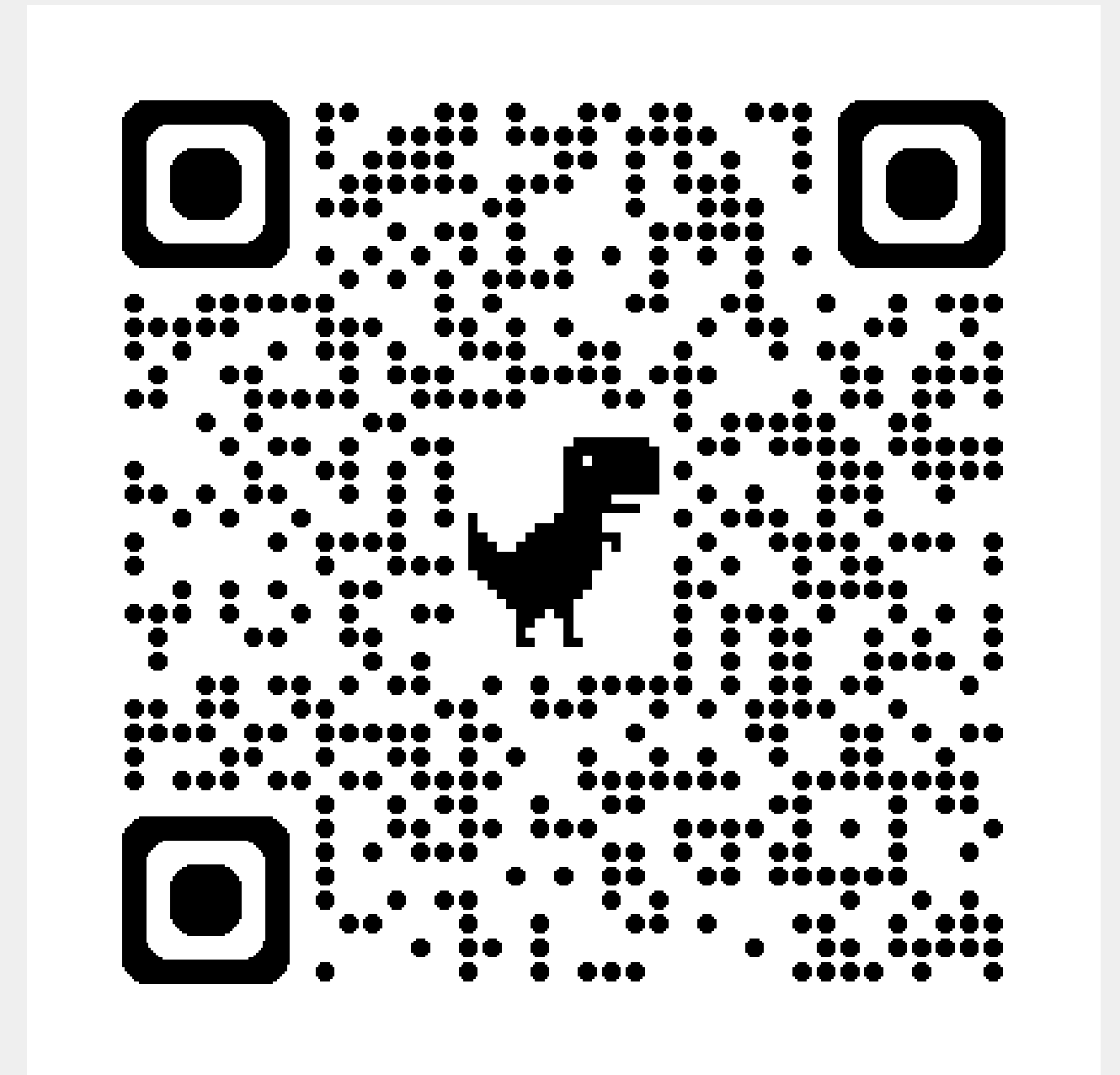
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Lunch Break

12:00 to 1:30

Session 3

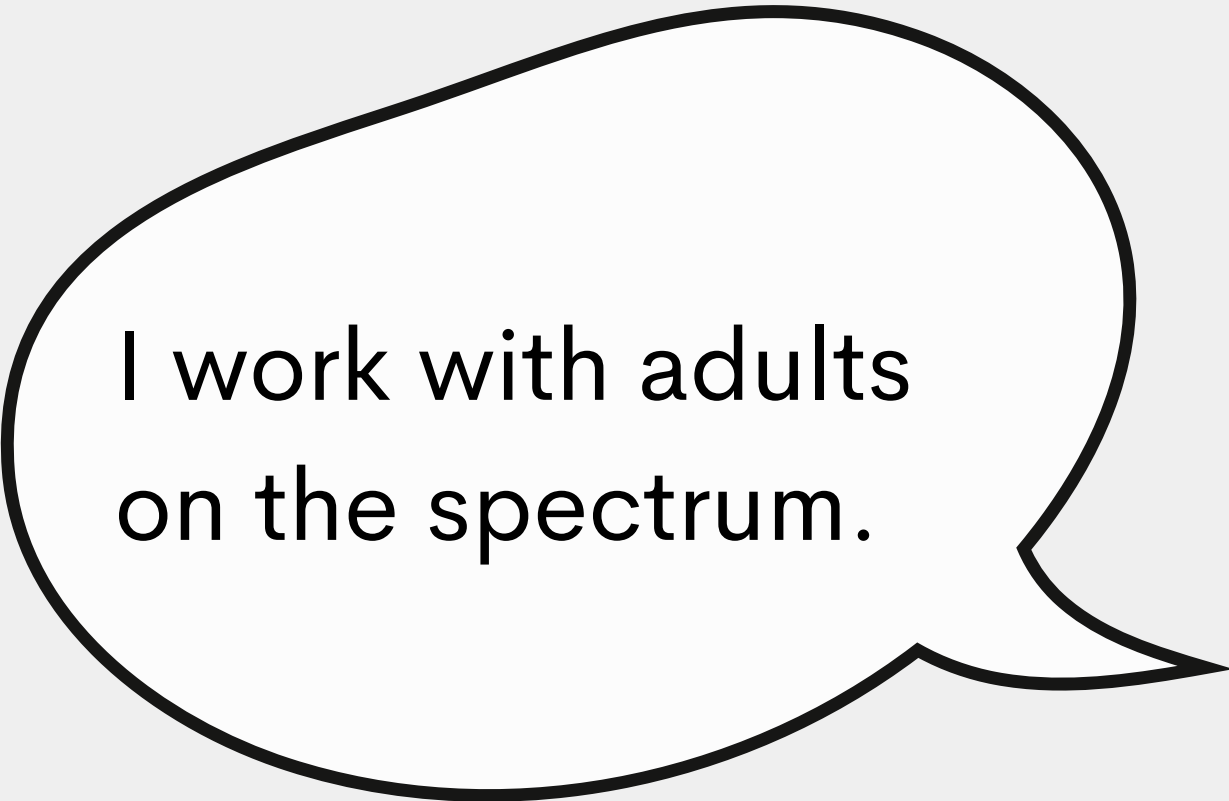
- **Task Force recommendation:** Promote a comprehensive and accessible continuum of care for youth, adults, and older individuals with FASD.

Session 3: Introductions

Please share your name, organization, and what age range you are focused on in your work or personal life.



I have a 12-year-old child.



I work with adults on the spectrum.

Session 3: Leading Question

- **Task Force recommendation:** Promote a comprehensive and accessible continuum of care for youth, adults, and older individuals with FASD.

If successful change is made in the FASD space, how would the life of an 18-year-old with FASD be different in the future than it is now?

Session 3: Process & Pause

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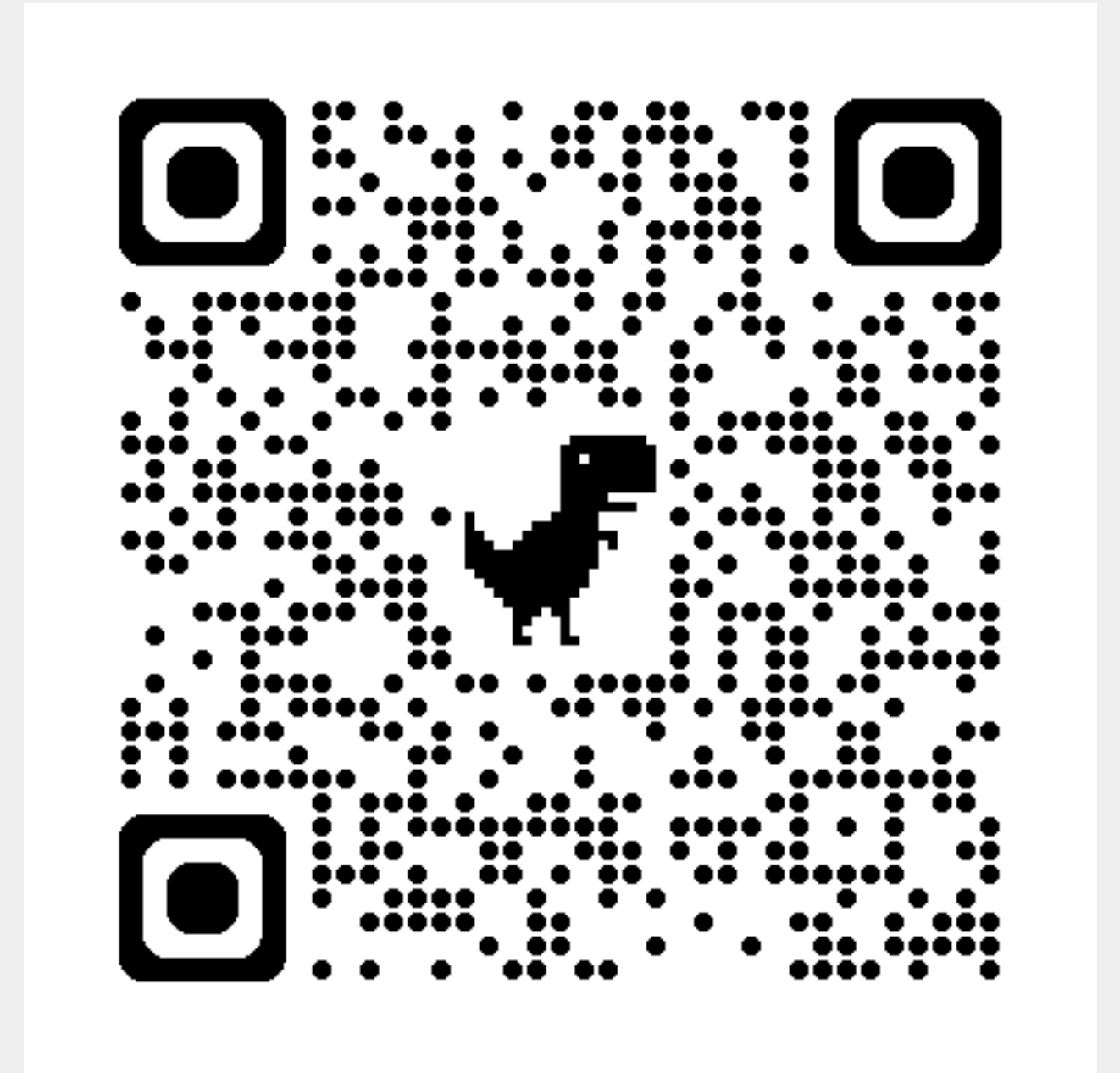
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Break

2:30 to 3:00

Sharing Out

We want to hear from you about today's discussions!

- What were some themes in your discussions?
- What was a major takeaway?
- What are concrete next steps for us to consider?



What's Next?

- Next steps in the process:
 - Compile & review data
 - Organize data thematically
 - Draft White Paper
 - Review of White Paper
 - Anticipated release: 2025
- September 2025
 - Review 3 more recommendations
 - Repeat the process



What's Next?

- Please complete a survey about today's Symposium by scanning the QR code (also found in your Contributor Handbook)
- Join us tonight at the Red Shoes Gala!
- Plan on joining us for the second Symposium in September 2025



Thank You!