



FASD United

Policy & Training Center

Hill Day Kick Off

FASD Impact Week



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THE NATIONAL VOICE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS
Formerly NOFAS

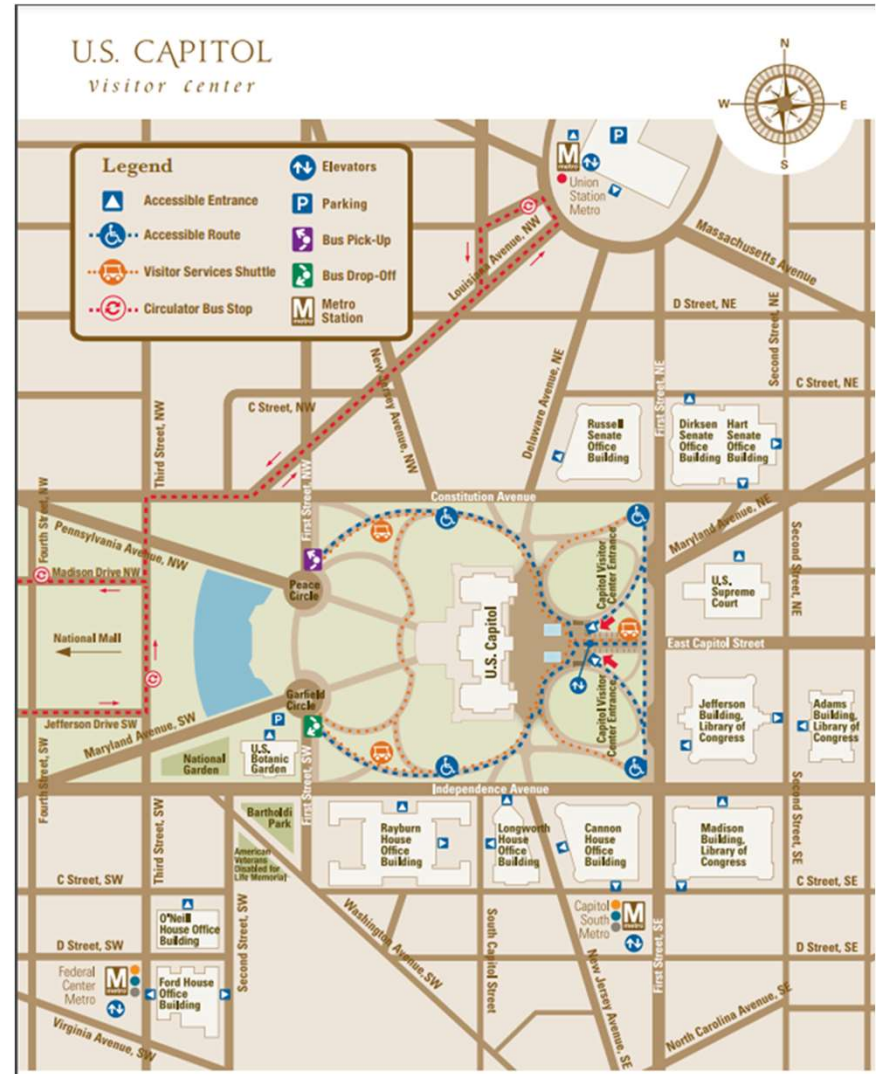
Getting to your meeting

Senate Office Buildings are on the north side of the Capitol

- Russell SOB
- Dirksen SOB
- Hart SOB

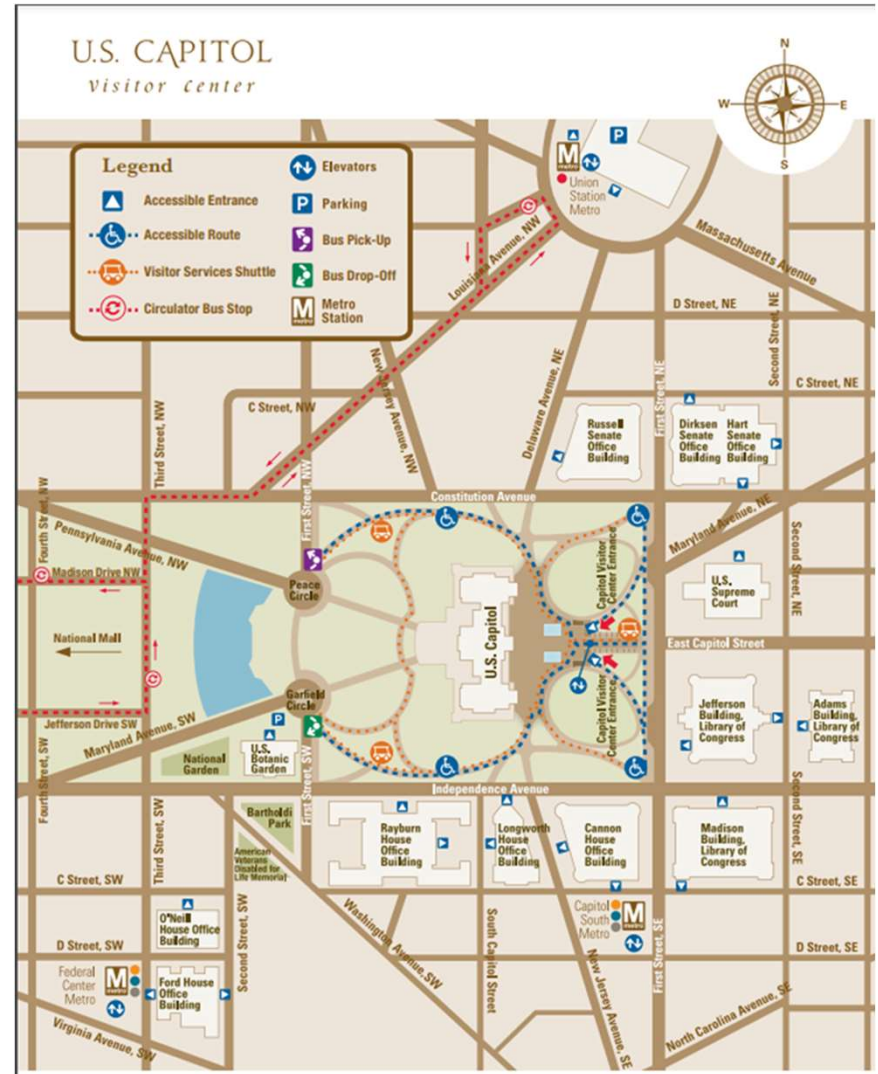
House Office Buildings are on the south side of the Capitol

- Cannon HOB
- Longworth HOB
- Rayburn HOB



Getting to your meeting

- If arriving by Uber/Lyft you can enter the name of the Office Building as your destination and will be dropped off either in front of Rayburn on the House side or Russell on the Senate side
- Walking between buildings on the same side of the Capitol will take 10-15 minutes, allowing for security checks
- Walking between buildings on opposite sides of the Capitol will take 20-25 minutes, allowing for security checks (example: walking from Russell SOB to Rayburn HOB)
- There will be FASD United team members stationed in Longworth Cafeteria



Meeting Format

- Welcome
 - Thank the staffer/legislator for their time
 - Ask how familiar with FASD they are
- Basics of FASD
- Personal Story
- FASD Respect Act Details
- “The Ask”: Co-Sponsor The FASD Respect Act
- Ask if they have any questions
- Snag two Business Cards!

Note: It helps to determine who will serve as the “host” and the order in which you would like to speak. Whoever is a constituent of the Congressperson you are meeting with should open the conversation.



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Talking Points

- **What is FASD?**
 - Not Rare! (1 in 20)
 - Underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed
 - FASD informed care works, but it requires unique supports not currently available to those who need them
- FASD costs the US a total of \$205 Billion a year (health care, special education, residential care, corrections)
- Prenatal alcohol exposure leads to more severe and longer lasting outcomes than prenatal exposure to other drugs



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- **Personal Story**
 - You are all powerful advocates with unique stories
 - How will this Bill help you, your loved ones, and your community
 - Highlight how a lack of knowledge and awareness in systems of care impact you
- **The FASD Respect Act**
 - Reauthorization of program funding for education, awareness, research, and building State and Tribal capacities.
 - Current funding is only ~\$12 million
 - Establish Centers for Excellence



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- Bill Status
 - 52 cosponsors in the House
 - 12 cosponsors in the Senate

- FASD Respect Act language was included in the Senate's SUPPORT Act
 - Has passed through Senate Help Committee

- The Ask
 - Cosponsorship!
 - Support the bill if it is brought to the floor



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