



FASD AWARENESS DAY 2023 was proclaimed by RMWB during NEAFAN’s event at Mac Island on Saturday, Sept. 9th 2023.

On Friday, Sept 8, 2023 NEAFAN Team hosted a great event to promote FASD AWARENESS DAY at McMann’s offices on Manning Ave in Fort McMurray. Snacks, refreshments, support and education were provided, along with eye-catching signs and of course red shoes and sneakers tied it all together to support FASD PREVENTION AND AWARENESS.



FASD MONTH is devoted to raising Awareness to improve Prevention of FASD as well as Diagnosis and Support for individuals with FASD.

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# FASD AWARENESS & PREVENTION

## FASD RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) can experience neurodevelopmental, physical, psychological and behavioural impairments that can result in a disrupted school experience. However, educators often have limited knowledge or experience in the identification and support of students with FASD, and there is a critical need for effective tools and resources to ensure students with FASD are supported in their ongoing learning and development.

[Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Resources for Educators: A scoping review](#) aimed to identify and evaluate publicly available educator resources that aid in the identification, and support of students with FASD in primary/elementary school. In addition, educators and FASD experts were consulted to obtain feedback on currently available resources, and key issues and priorities for FASD resources.

Review findings and consultations with experts and educators indicate a critical need for referral guides, evidence-based short-format resources and centralised access for school communities to high-quality resources. Taken together, this study has identified key areas for future resource development and research to better support primary school students with FASD.



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## Elevating Education

WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching Partnership Project, is a comprehensive service delivery model designed to enhance your capacity in meeting the unique needs of students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Developed in collaboration with leading experts, this innovative program aims to provide you with the necessary tools and support to create an inclusive and empowering learning environment for all.

FASD is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that requires a specialized approach to education. We understand the challenges you face in ensuring that students with FASD receive the individualized attention and support they need to contribute to a successful class environment. That's why the WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching Partnership Project is here to lend you a helping hand.

Our program is rooted in the principle of partnership - fostering collaboration between educators, FASD Instructional Coaches, and Families. By working together, we can create an educational experience that maximizes the potential of students with FASD and enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching Partnership Project.

**1. Tailored Professional Development:** Our customizable professional development equips educators with the latest research and evidence-based strategies for supporting students with FASD. From understanding the neurobiology of FASD to implementing effective accommodations and modifications, you'll gain the knowledge and skills needed to make a positive impact on your students' lives.

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**2. Personalized Coaching:** Participating educators can connect with an experienced FASD instructional coach who will provide individualized guidance and support. These coaches are well-versed in FASD and can offer practical strategies tailored to your specific classroom and student needs. Together, you'll develop customized plans to optimize learning outcomes and address any challenges that arise.

**3. Sustainable Support:** Our goal is to build long-term capacity within schools and communities. By equipping educators with the necessary skills, knowledge, and ongoing support, the WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching Partnership Project promotes sustainable change that educators take with them across their careers. We empower educators to become leaders in fostering inclusive environments for students with FASD.

Don't miss this opportunity to transform your classroom into an inclusive and supportive space for students with FASD. Join the WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching Partnership Project today and embark on a journey of professional growth, collaboration, and making a lasting difference in the lives of your students.

To learn more visit our [WRaP 2.0 website](https://wrap2fasd.org).

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## FASD Prevention is Everyone’s Responsibility

We all have a role to play in FASD prevention. Alcohol consumption during pregnancy is complex and there are lots of reasons why alcohol use during pregnancy may occur. Many people still believe that FASD prevention is as simple as “stopping drinking during pregnancy”, but this negates the realities of women and pregnant people’s lives.

These misconceptions can lead to narrow and stigmatizing approaches rather than multidimensional, respectful, and engaging approaches. The more we can talk about the social and structural factors influencing alcohol consumption during pregnancy, the more we are able to understand and act together on FASD related issues. Free training is available through NEAFAN for anyone interacting with women of childbearing age. The Prevention Conversation continues to increase community awareness about FASD, raise the profile of the FASD Service Networks and strengthen community partnerships.

For more information, go to the Prevention Conversation [website](#) or connect directly with Amy Tobin, the NEAFAN Prevention Conversation facilitator – Email: amy.tobin@mcm.ca Phone: 780-715-9729.

