

Michigan Statewide FAS
Workgroup Conference

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Best Practice in Prevention
and Intervention

August 18-19, 2004



Purpose

This conference will highlight the newest research findings, addressing problems caused by prenatal alcohol exposure. Strategies for prevention as well as intervention will be discussed by some of the nation's leading authorities in these areas. Information on how to help women achieve alcohol-free pregnancies and innovations on how to support affected individuals and families will be the focus.

Audience

- Health care providers
- Substance abuse treatment and prevention specialists
- Educators
- Social workers
- Adoption specialists
- Mental health providers
- Public health professionals
- Human service providers
- Families raising children affected by prenatal alcohol exposure

Continuing Education Credit Information

NURSING - The event planning committee has submitted an application to the Michigan Nurses Association for 6.9 contact hours. The Michigan Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation.

CAC - The event planning committee has submitted an application to the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) for 6.9 CAC Continuing Education Units for substance abuse certification in the State of Michigan.

Conference Sponsors

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Michigan Department of Community Health
- Muskegon Community Mental Health
- Arc/Muskegon
- Wayne State University's Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Spectrum Health

Agenda

AUGUST 18, 2004	
8:15 – 8:45	Registration and continental breakfast
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome
9:00 – 10:15	Long-term Effects of Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol - Nancy Day
10:30 - 11:30	Impact of Alcohol on Perinatal Outcomes – Karla Damus
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch (provided)
12:30 – 1:30	Substance Abuse Screening in the Prenatal Care Setting – Mary Anne Armstrong
1:45 – 3:00	Workshops A. Comparative Teratology of Alcohol and Other Drugs - <i>Nancy Day</i> B. Tools to Translate Prevention Information into Practice - <i>Karla Damus</i> C. Psychopharmacological Treatment for Children and Adolescents with FASD - <i>Mark Sloane</i> D. But He Looks Just Fine . . . FAS and Special Education Services - <i>Susan Ball</i>
3:15 – 4:30	Workshops A. Your Child's a Superhero and So Are You - <i>Maria Rubino-Watkins</i> B. Raising the Community's Awareness about FASD - <i>Margaret O'Toole</i> C. Sensory Dysfunction and Integration - <i>Deb Schuitema</i> D. Early Start Plus: An Intervention to Reduce Drinking During Pregnancy - <i>Mary Anne Armstrong</i>
5:00 – 7:00	Reception – Light hors d'oeuvres Informal social gathering for conference attendees, members of the community and speakers. This reception is sponsored by Arc Muskegon.
AUGUST 19, 2004	
8:15 – 8:45	Registration and continental breakfast
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome
9:00 – 10:15	FASD: Not Just Another Pretty Face: Effects of Prenatal Alcohol on Brain and Behavior - Ed Riley
10:30 – 11:45	Yakety Yak, Yakety Yak: Understanding the Social Communication Barriers of FASD - Debra Evensen
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch – Recognition for Former Senator Alma Wheeler Smith
12:45 – 2:00	Workshops A. Question & Answer - <i>Ed Riley</i> B. Multi-disciplinary Approaches for Students with FASD - <i>Karen Twa</i> C. When FASD and the Criminal Justice System Collide - <i>Barb Wybrecht</i> D. Hope for Families: Our FAScinating Journey - <i>Jodee & Liz Kulp</i>
2:15 – 3:30	Workshops A. Communicate Better with Students with FASD - <i>Debra Evensen</i> B. The Unanticipated Benefits of Home Schooling - <i>Patty Brewer & Debbie Russell</i> C. Breaking the Barriers to Women Receiving Substance Abuse Treatment - <i>Mary Lou Kramer</i> D. Neurodevelopmental Impact of FASD and Mental health Implications - <i>Connie Black-Pond and Jim Henry</i>
3:45 – 4:30	Closing Address: Success Stories Panel will share the perspectives of birth parents, adoptive parents and individuals with FASD on their lives, their worries, things that are going well and what made a difference for them.

Keynote Speakers

MARY ANNE ARMSTRONG, MA is a Biostatistician and Investigator at the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, California. She has been with the Division of Research since 1980, where she has worked in a variety of research areas, including alcohol and health, perinatal substance abuse, women's health and neonatology and has authored or co-authored more than 60 publications. She is a member of the Northern California Kaiser Permanente Perinatal Substance Abuse Task Force and is the research consultant for several FAS projects including the Early Start Program, Northern California Kaiser's innovative, award winning perinatal substance abuse treatment program.

NANCY DAY, PHD is a Professor of Psychiatry, Epidemiology and Pediatrics at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, which is in the Psychiatry Department of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Day has conducted studies of prenatal exposure to alcohol and other substances since 1980. She has published numerous articles, papers, book chapters and editorials on the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs on individuals throughout childhood and adolescence. She is well known for her longitudinal research on the damaging effects of prenatal exposure to low-levels of alcohol. Dr. Day has been invited to share her research findings with groups around the world.

KARLA DAMUS, RN, PHD is an Associate Professor and the Director of Community Programs in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx and is the Director of Epidemiology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center. In addition, she is the Senior Research Associate in the Office of the Medical Director at the National Office of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Dr. Damus is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine; a member of: the National Steering Committee for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the National Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Task Force and the Nurse Advisory Council for the National March of Dimes. She is also a board member for the New York State Perinatal Association, the Newborn Channel, and the National Perinatal Information Center.

EDWARD P. RILEY, PHD has been a Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Director of the Center for Behavioral Teratology at San Diego State University, San Diego, CA since 1988. His major interest is on the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure on brain and behavior. He is the author of over 180 scientific papers and reviews and has edited the Handbook of Behavioral Teratology. In 2000 he was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health as Chair of the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects. He also serves as the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee for the SAMHSA sponsored FAS Center for Excellence. He has served as the President of the Research Society on Alcohol, the Fetal Alcohol Study Group, and the Behavioral Teratology Society. He is currently an Associate Editor of the Journal of Studies on Alcoholism and on the Editorial Boards of Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research and the Psychological Record.

DEBRA EVENSEN, MA is a master teacher with over 30 years experience with students of all ages. Ms. Evensen has developed programs for students with multiple disabilities, severe behavioral disorders and for those with gifted abilities in both the public and private sector. While working as an education specialist in emotional disturbance for the state of Alaska, she began to realize that many of the students who were labeled with severe behavior disorders were actually living with the brain injury of FASD and began to speak out on their behalf. Her advocacy for children and families living with FASD is well-known and has brought her invitations to speak and work throughout North America.

Registration

Name		Organization	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone		Office Fax	
Email			

- Professional August 18 ONLY \$60
- Professional August 19 ONLY \$60
- Professional August 18 & 19 \$85
- Caretaker of child with FASD August 18 ONLY \$35
- Caretaker of child with FASD August 19 ONLY \$35
- Caretaker of child with FASD August 18 & 19 \$50
- Attending the reception on August 18 No charge,
registration required

If you have any special dietary needs, please indicate:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Arc/Muskegon

MAIL TO:

Arc/Muskegon, 1145 E. Wesley Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

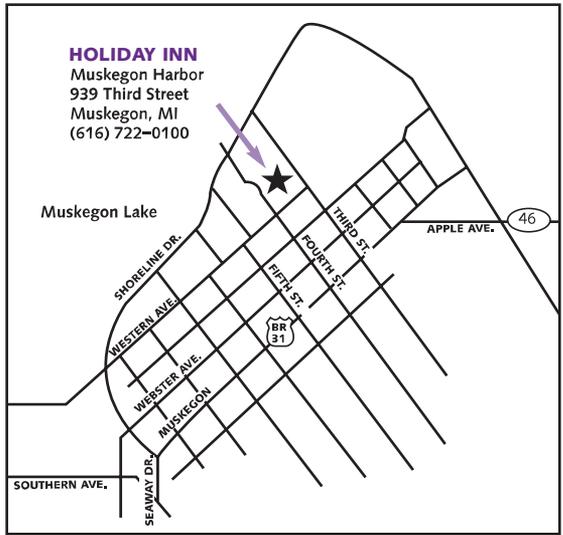
August 2nd, 2004

**CANCELLATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO
AUGUST 2ND FOR A REFUND.**

Seminar Location and Hotel Information

Holiday Inn

Muskegon Harbor
939 Third Street
Muskegon, MI



FROM GRAND RAPIDS (I-96) Follow I-96 to Muskegon. I-96 will turn into Business Route 31 (BR 31). Stay on BR 31 to Downtown Muskegon. Merge left on Shoreline Drive. Go to Third Street and take a right turn. Hotel is one block on the right side.

FROM GRAND HAVEN/HOLLAND (US 31) Follow US 31 North to Muskegon. Exit onto Business Route 31 (BR 31) to Downtown Muskegon. Merge left on Shoreline Drive. Go to Third Street and take a right turn. Hotel is one block on the right side.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Room Block Information, Alternative Hotels

THE HOLIDAY INN MUSKEGON HARBOR is located approximately 8 miles from the Muskegon County Airport. Complimentary airport shuttle service is available for hotel guests. A block of rooms have been designated for conference participants at a rate of \$99.00 a night plus state and local taxes (11%). Call the hotel prior to July 27th to receive the conference rate. The group code is "FAS." The phone number is (231) 720-7100.

ALSO NEAR BY ARE THE:

- Amerihost Inn (231) 798-0220
- Best Western (231) 893-4833
- Comfort Inn (231) 739-9092
- Days Inn (231) 733-2601
- Hampton Inn (231) 799-8333
- Quality Inn & Suites (231) 739-9429

SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Wayne State University's Developmental Disabilities Institute is providing scholarships to allow 10 caretakers raising children with FASD to attend the conference for no charge. If you are interested in a scholarship application, please contact Sarah Horton Bobo at 616.336.4940 or email sarah.bobo@kentcounty.org

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