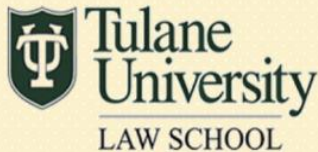
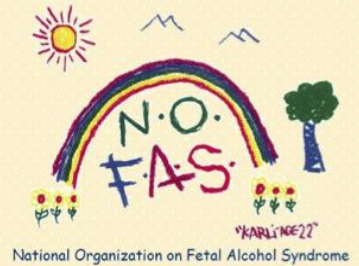


ADVOCATING FOR INDIVIDUALS (AND THEIR FAMILIES) LIVING WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (FASD)

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AGENDA

8:00-8:30 Registration (1st Floor Lobby)

8:30-8:45 Introductions (Auditorium #130)

Kim Jones, Executive Director, Advocacy Center

Sarah Voigt, Legal Director of Advocacy Center (**Moderator**)

Louisiana State Bar Association Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities

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Tom Donaldson, President of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Cecile Guin, Louisiana State University, Director of the Office of Social Service Research

Jay Dixon, State Public Defender, Louisiana Public Defender Board

Harold Murry, President of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2015-2016),

Kyla Blanchard-Romanach (2016-2017)

David Katner, Tulane Law School Juvenile Law Clinic

Stacy Overstreet, Department of Psychology, Tulane University

Joy Bruce, CASA New Orleans

Meg Garvey, The Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

Ashley Politz, American Academy of Pediatrics, Louisiana Chapter

Eden Heilman, Southern Poverty Law Center, Louisiana Office

Kerry Cuccia, Capital Defense Project of Southeast Louisiana

Caroline Tillman, Capital Appeals Project and the Promise of Justice Initiative

Carmen Weisner, National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter

Conni Patterson, Louisiana School Psychological Association

Lucinda DeGrange, Louisiana Psychological Association

Rob Dahmes, Louisiana Council for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Lanor Curole, United Houma Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Sarah Forte, National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists

Rev. Lawrence W. Moore, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Rae Taylor, Loyola University, Department of Criminology and Justice

Patricia F. Pearce and **Laurie Anne Ferguson**, Loyola University School of Nursing

Lisa Bayhi, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners

Demetrius Porche, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, School of Nursing

8:45-10:15 (Auditorium #130)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: What's New and What You Should Do!

Dr. Larry Burd, Ph.D., Director, North Dakota Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Center

The University of North Dakota

Break 10:15-10:25

10:25-11:45 (Auditorium #130)

Stamping Out Stigma: Establishing the Maternal Alcohol History of the Birth Mother through Interviews and Investigation

William J. Edwards, Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County

Rebecca Kendig, Ph.D. (New Orleans)

Lunch-11:45-1:00 (Chancellor Dining room #335)

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions:

1:15- 2:30

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Strand: Watch Me Grow! Developmental Milestones and Assessment - Ashley Steele, M.Ed., LSUHSC Human Development Center and Douglas Leblanc, LSU MPH Candidate

(Room #133)

Special Education and FASD - Debra Weinberg, Advocacy Center and Diane Smith Howard, National Disability Rights Network, Washington D.C. **(Room #126)**

Criminal Justice Issues involving Individuals with FASD - Rebecca Kendig, Ph.D. (Capital Mitigation and FASD), Caroline Tillman, Esquire (Brandy Holmes Case), Danielle Mickenberg, esquire (Documenting FASD), Tom Donaldson (NOFAS Amicus Briefs), William J. Edwards, Esquire (FASD Mitigation in Non-capital Cases) **(Auditorium #130)**

2:30-3:45

ECE Strand: After Identification: Louisiana Early Steps and the Part C Program

Sonya Heisser, MSW, LSUHSC-Human Development Center

(Room #133)

The Importance of Supporting Children and Adults with an FASD: Parenting Strategies and Accessing Local and National Resources - Tom Donaldson (NOFAS) and Melissa Cook

(Room #126)

Identifying Neurocognitive and Neurobehavioral Impairments in Children with FASD in the Juvenile Justice System - Professor David Katner, The Honorable Mark Doherty,

Dr. Larry Burd, Ph.D., Professor James E. Duggan **(Auditorium #130)**

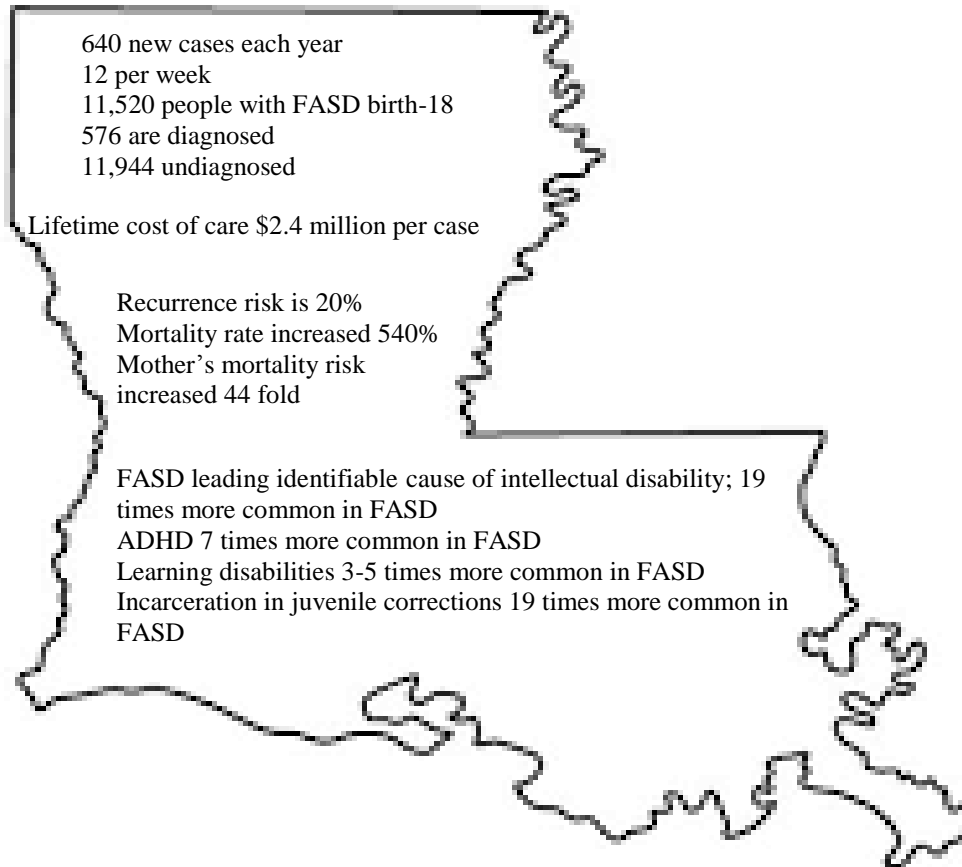
Concluding Discussion:

4:00-4:45 (Auditorium #130)

Advocacy for all Individuals with FASD: Public Policy Changes in the State of Louisiana

Debra Weinberg, William J. Edwards, Melissa Cook, Diane Smith Howard, Dr. Larry Burd, Professor David Katner, Dr. Conni Patterson, Dr. Rob Dahmes, Tom Donaldson

FASD in Louisiana



FASD

- ❖ FASD is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual who is prenatally exposed to alcohol. These effects may include physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.
- ❖ Research among grade school populations in four U.S. cities estimates that as many as 2 to 4 percent of school age children are affected by prenatal alcohol exposure.
- ❖ Individuals with FASD who do not receive an accurate diagnosis or appropriate intervention are at a high risk for numerous secondary disabilities, such as:
 - Mental health problems (experienced by as many as 90%)
 - Trouble with the law, defined as having been charged with or convicted of a crime (60%)
 - Disrupted school experience, including suspension, expulsion or having dropped out (60%)
 - Inappropriate sexual behavior (50%)
 - Inability to live independently (80%)
 - Alcohol and/or drug problems (30%)
 - Problems with employment (80%)
 - Confinement, including inpatient treatment for mental health problems or alcohol/drug problems, or having been incarcerated for a crime (50%)

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