

# New York City Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

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**Registration (free):**

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Children and adults prenatally exposed to alcohol show disabilities in social and adaptive function that persists throughout the lifespan. This conference will provide an expansive overview of diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and implications of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). Attendees will leave with an understanding of FASD and how to advocate for needed intervention in the medical, social services, mental health, educational, and juvenile justice systems.

- Opportunity to network & build local coalitions with professionals working with children and adults with FASD
- Target audience includes physicians, nurses, disability rights lawyers, child advocates, juvenile and criminal attorneys, teachers, early intervention specialists and parents of children with FASD

9:00AM **Registration**

9:30AM **Welcome:** *Richard Heyl de Ortiz, Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York, New York, NY*

9:45AM to 10:35AM **“A Disability by Any Other Name: Why Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Have not been Diagnosed and Treated (and what you can do about it)”** *Douglas Waite, M.D. Medical Director, The Keith Haring Clinic, New York, NY*

10:40AM to 11:30AM **“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: What’s New and What You Should Do”!** *Larry Burd, Ph.D. Director of the North Dakota Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Clinic*

11:40 -12:30PM **“Stamping out the Stigma: Investigating and Documenting the Maternal Alcohol History of the Birth Mother.”** *William J. Edwards, Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender, Los Angeles County Mental Health Court*

12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**

1:30-2:20PM **“Social-Emotional Deficits of Children and Youth with FASD: Barriers to Obtaining Appropriate Services”** *Dr. Stephen Greenspan, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut. Littleton, Colorado*

2:40-3:20PM **“Legal Advocacy in New York –Accessing Services and Supports for Children and Adults with FASD”** *Jennifer Monthie, Legal Director, Disability Rights New York*

3:30-5:00PM **Panel & Audience Discussion**