



A few weeks ago, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences announced that they were undertaking an assessment on FASD. This work is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The Chair of the Assessment Panel on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder has been appointed: [Jennifer Chandler](#). Ms. Chandler is a Professor of Law at the Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics and Vice Dean (Research) at the University of Ottawa also cross-appointed to the Faculty of Medicine. She holds the Bertram Loeb Research Chair.

Registration is now open for the upcoming consultations.... Please see below for the dates and registration links.

Consulting with organizations and individuals will be essential to the success of this project. This will include:

- Individuals with FASD,
- Families and caregivers,
- Related organizations.

Note that if you are unable to participate in the discussions, you are still able to provide written input and policy documents by January 31st through [this survey link](#).

Registration is now open for the following two hour sessions:

- Atlantic Canada - Friday, January 19, 2024 @12:00pm noon AT (11:00am ET)https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rxz67YIZT8qqliAm1twsiA
- Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba - Friday, January 19, 2024 @12:00pm noon MT (2:00pm ET) https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UKCFqwfcSYiXveDRnClukA
- Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Northern Canada - Monday, January 22, 2024 @12:00pm noon ET https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Br6QVFJVTISqiwI5v2atag
- Ontario - Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @12:00pm noon EThttps://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xs1fJeAQTXy0LsC9q7felw
- Québec - Wednesday, January 24, 2024 @12:00pm noon EThttps://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_09uqLXvRQI2sZZG_BBvL7A
- British Columbia - Wednesday, January 24, 2024 @12:00pm noon PT (3:00pm ET)https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Aldx_ttSOiQBFR70ccDLA

When you click on the Zoom link, you will be able to select the language of your choice (top right corner).

Individuals and organizational representatives are encouraged to register for the session where they live or work but are welcome at any session. All will have simultaneous interpretation (English and French).

Note that all sessions will discuss:

- Prevention – How can FASD prevention activities be strengthened to support the overall objective of reducing the prevalence of FASD in Canada?
- Supports - What tools, resources and supports are needed to improve outcomes for those with FASD across the life course?

In addition, Environics Research will guide focused, online discussions with people living with FASD, their family members, and individuals who work with them (e.g. clinicians, social workers, educators). They will be reaching out to organizations directly to recruit participants.

We look forward to your participation and engagement.

Thank you!

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