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FORUM DATE & LOCATION: **Friday**, October 24, 2003 at the Red & White Club, Calgary AB

FASD FORUM THEME: *"Give Them Wings & Help Them Fly"*

The **FASD Forum & Resource Fair, "Give Them Wings & Help Them Fly"** was a practical one-day session. The event addressed the transitions of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, (FASD) faced by individuals from adolescence to adulthood and the role played by their families. It was an opportunity for people to acquire knowledge and information, consider barriers and build momentum for change. Ultimately, the goal was to discover and promote *"best practices"* within the community that reflect hope, optimism and opportunity.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Carol Urness & Kevin Morey

SPONSORS: A special thank you to all the sponsors!

- *Luncheon Sponsor: Alberta Community Development*
- *Resource Fair Sponsor: Region 3, Calgary and area, Child & Family Services*
- *Breakfast Sponsor: Alberta Children's Services*
- *Morning Coffee Break Sponsor: University of Calgary, Faculty of Social Work*
- *Afternoon Coffee Break Sponsor: Alberta Community Living Alternatives*
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- Shirley Wormsbecker
- Joining Forces – Fetal Alcohol Society
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- David Esch, The National Bank

RESOURCE FAIR: Approximately, \$450 was generated. A special thank you to the organizations and individuals who participated in the resource fair!

- Alberta Association for Community Living
- Gateway’s Family Service Coordination
- Office of the Children’s Advocate
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- AVENTA – Addiction Treatment for Women
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- FAS Bookshelf
- FASD MAPS Project
- Stepping Out Program
- Calgary Fetal Alcohol Network, CFAN
- Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary
- AADAC Enhanced Services for Women
- Alberta Children’s Hospital, FAS Clinic

SPEAKERS & PROGRAM:

Persons with Developmental Disabilities, PDD Assured Income for the Severely Handicap, AISH	Ingrid Hansen Teresa Murray
Education - Transition	Dorothy Badry, U of C Dr. Aileen Wight – Felske, Mount Royal College
Employment Canada	Brian Mader
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Research Report – Findings & “Best Practices” – Clare Dupuis

The research findings were well received. However, some people would like more information and a copy of the report. CFAN will post the report on the website once the final editing has been completed. Much of the feedback received was that Clare’s findings focused on strength based approach and to focus on the individuals strengths and determine what the goals/needs are.



Forum Brainstorming Sessions – Wayne Page

1. **Community Inclusion**, Danna Ormstrup, Facilitator
2. **Educational**, Ann Lawson, Facilitator
3. **Independence**, Diane McGregor, Facilitator
4. **Residential**, Rita Coleman, Facilitator
5. **Vocation / Employment**, Diane Wrubleski, Facilitator

A report will be forthcoming and posted on the CFAN website from each of the sessions. Wayne Page led the sessions and they were actively attended. People contributed and were at times taken off topic, however the facilitators did a great job on bringing back the focus.

DELEGATES: Approximately, 210 people attended the Forum. However, we had a few special guests and some supporters dropped in and only took in the Resource Fair. Approximately \$6,450 - \$8,000 was generated in revenue for CFAN. A special thank you to the organizations and individuals who participated in the FASD Forum!

The overall consciences were that the FASD Forum provided great value and information. The post-evaluations returned were 119 and the majority of the responses were Good to Excellent. There were only 7 comments of Fair and 0 responses for Poor. The main concern was the slow start to the Forum, which resulted in 2 speakers being short on presentation time.

BUDGET: The final wrap up and budget meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 2. The forecast is that approximately \$10,000 was raised.

FOLLOW UP: There will be a follow up session on February 6, 2004 at the Red & White Club. The Transitions Project at the Community Services Centre, University of Calgary is hosting a forum for community agencies, service providers, youth and young adults to explore and discuss the needs and barriers present while transitioning to adulthood.