

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT)

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TOP END FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME DISORDER FORUM

Wednesday 30th – Thursday 31st May 2018

Double Tree By Hilton – 116 The Esplanade, Darwin

Key Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To explore new ways of dealing with FASD and working together to improve better outcomes for Aboriginal people with FASD and their families, caregivers and communities. ➤ To explore the extent of FASD within the Top End and current policies, strategies and programs. ➤ To learn and share experiences, knowledge and to promote best-practice models for Top End communities.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase knowledge and raise awareness about FASD for Aboriginal communities in the Top End, and the impact of alcohol on the foetus during pregnancy for health practitioners, parents, families and community members. ➤ To better understand the impacts of FASD on children and youths and their families, living with this disorder. ➤ Identify some of the challenges, issues and solutions for governments, service providers and other key stakeholders. ➤ Identify some culturally appropriate resources, tools and protocols that may be appropriate and relevant for Top End communities. ➤ Develop and establish a Top End FASD Network. ➤ Develop a FASD position from the forum

THE FASD PROGRAM

DAY 1	8.00- 8.15	REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION	
SESSION 1 Plenary & Setting the Scene	8.15 – 8.45	Welcome to Country Introductions Welcoming Address Opening address	Larrakia Traditional Owner Heather D’Antoine (Menzies School of Health) & Theresa Roe (APO NT) - Co-Chairs Minister Natasha Fyles John Paterson (CEO AMSANT)
	8.45 – 9.05	Northern Territory Government’s Harm Minimisation Approach to Alcohol Related Harms, including FASD	Cecelia Gore (Chairperson, Alcohol Harm Minimisation Working Group – Dept. of Health)
	9:05 – 10:00	Local clinical experiences National Progress and Challenges in FASD	Dr Keith Edwards (Top End paediatrician) - TBC Professor Elizabeth Elliott (Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Sydney)
	10:00 – 10:20	Q&A Panel	AMSANT, Cecelia Gore, Dr. Keith Edwards & Professor Elizabeth Elliott
	10.20 -10.40	MORNING TEA	
SESSION 2 Community Led Approaches	10:40 – 11:30	Community-led approaches in tackling FASD The Fitzroy Crossing FASD Experience <i>Video: Yijilarra</i>	Emily Carter & Maureen Carter Marninwarntikura Women’s Centre – Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia
	11.30 – 12.20	Community Led Models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Anyinginyi Health Service ❖ Danila Dilba Health Service ❖ Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service 	Linda Turner & Sonia Ipam Danila Dilba (TBC) Phillip Butler, Kathleen Andrew & Maria Driver

12:20 – 1:20		LUNCH	
SESSION 3 The Challenges and Opportunities	1:20 – 1:50	<i>Trauma Informed Care</i>	Sarah Haythornwaite & Danielle Dyall
	1.50 – 3:00	Focus Session: Key Theme: How can we tackle and improve FASD in our communities and across the Top End?	Small group work
3.00 – 3.20		AFTERNOON TEA	
SESSION 4	3:20 – 3:40	NT Children’s Commissioner presentation	Colleen Gwynne
	3:40 – 4:00	Celebration of Community Led ‘Making FASD History’ strategies and effective FASD Diagnosis and Therapy in remote communities, Child Protection and the Justice System	Dr James Fitzpatrick PATCHES & Telethon Kids Institute
	4:00 – 4:25	Q & A Panel	Emily Carter, Linda Turner, DD, Phillip Butler, Dr James Fitzpatrick & Colleen Gwynne
4:25 – 4:35		Day 1 - Summary and Close	
DAY 2	8:00 – 8:30	RECEPTION	
SESSION 5 Social Determinants	8:30 – 8:40	Recap from Day 1	Co-Chairs
	8:40 – 9:00	An Education Perspective	Dept. of Education - TBC
	9:00 – 9:25	A Justice Perspective	Priscilla Atkins (CEO of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency -NAAJA)
	9:25 – 10:00	NTG – Reform Management Office	Janet Anderson
	10:00 – 10:30	MORNING TEA	
	10:30 – 10:50	Q & A Panel	Education, Law & justice, Territory Families
SESSION 6 What messages do we need and what tools do we have	10:50 – 12:00	FASD Tools and resources What’s out there: Show and tell session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website – Tool kit - Assessment Tools - Yarning about Pregnancy - Promotional materials 	Government and Community presenters Menzies School of Research - TBC Lauren Buckley (Dept of Health) NOFASD (Robyn Smith)
	12:00 – 1:00	Focus Sessions: Where to from here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the key priority areas for action now - The Next Steps and Position Statement Closing address	Co-Chairs 30 mins (group discussion) 15 mins (feedback)
1:00		LUNCH & FORUM CLOSSES	