

FASD and The Justice System – Transforming Practices

8:30am – 3:30pm on March 5th, 2019, at The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Organizers:

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Presenters:

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Session Description:

This session updates and builds on the momentum of the previous 3 (2013, 2015, 2017) years of one-day FASD & the Law sessions that have been held in advance of the International FASD conference in Vancouver. This year, the morning session will offer a similar overview of contemporary practices in the justice system with special attention to Canada, Australia and the United States. This overview will allow justice professionals and students to understand core issues related to the disability when it presents in justice settings. Participants will also be given a Framework for Action that focuses on social justice issues associated with FASD as presented in the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action – this will resonate for participants both inside and outside of Canada. Speakers in the morning session will highlight effective and promising practices applicable across the justice field (from policing to probation) with attention to evidence based policy and practices. Registered participants will be given a cluster of resources (electronically) that might be of further assistance in their work.

The afternoon session will allow participants to join working groups and move through case studies and examples to collaborate together by drawing on their own experiences and understanding of the material presented in the morning. Throughout the day, participants will be led through a series of exercises that will help them identify strengths in their own practices and areas for improvement. It will conclude with a shared final activity that will focus on further outreach to reshape and transform practices in the justice system. The goal is to facilitate an event that allows individuals who are just learning about FASD to become more informed while also creating a space for justice professionals and community workers to share their own knowledge and practices. Our hope is that we can work collectively on finding a path forward with a better understanding of the complexity of the justice system as well as the equal complexity of the role the justice system plays in relation to those living with FASD who find themselves in trouble with the law.

This session is free. CLE credits will be available.

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