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| [**NEW AT NOFAS**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F239c3c56cd&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=j3QGh0jGATaIHJhStUwlRcqEmnb4HW7a%2F%2FyjSvjG%2BxQ%3D&reserved=0) | [**January 16, 2018**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fbcc87e4f79&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=Etg62FXJcdWVcIoOUanKew2hU1ZnXqPo2%2FgleiHwwKY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| [**NOFAS Opposes New Policy to Prosecute Expectant Mothers for Using Alcohol or Drugs**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F8ae862b36e&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=UWmZEOrUFLNDYlV%2FWtp1M1kz%2BnMIg4lkdQ83YyVGUa8%3D&reserved=0)NOFAS opposes the, “immediate crackdown policy of civilly prosecuting any expecting mothers found to be using dangerous drugs or alcohol,” announced last week by Montana’s Big Horn County Attorney Gerald “Jay” Harris. Under the new policy, “The State will… seek incarceration in order to incapacitate the drug or alcohol-addicted expecting mother.” NOFAS opposes any law or policy that would impose a criminal penalty on a pregnant woman suffering with an addiction to alcohol or other drugs.  | **Big Horn County 2** |  |
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| [**NOFAS Addresses the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA) Board of Directors**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Ffb074461cb&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=ggeMI%2B%2Bcvvmd6CkPMuPZCjIiZC4BlrRjgrEVmFGsuoM%3D&reserved=0)On January 8, 2018, NOFAS President Tom Donaldson and Vice President Kathy Mitchell addressed the NABCA board of directors at their annual meeting in Palm Springs, California. The board of directors received information about NOFAS, the science of FASD and ways that states can work with NOFAS to prevent FASD. NOFAS commends NABCA for their support of NOFAS to work to prevent future alcohol exposed pregnancies. Learn about NABCA at [**www.nabca.org**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F25f94c37a8&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=r6iFW1h3zxwvVOuMSKqEOsjI%2BypwhRJ86a6TZM1%2Bkac%3D&reserved=0).  | **NABCA** |  |
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| [**Share Your Personal Story: FASD and Social Workers**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fd864f017d7&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=spsGvwCHoytQTMkixUDgcmJIwU14JOvhGSIX1zUALyw%3D&reserved=0)**CALL TO ACTION:** You are invited to share your personal story about the role of social workers in FASD! NOFAS, along with a team of social workers, is launching a campaign on “Social Workers and FASD: Many Ways to Make a Difference.”  There are many ways to share your story.  You can submit a short video, a written story, or be interviewed over the phone. Please share your story about the ways in which a social worker helped you or your family, the positive impact a social worker had on your life, and how they made a difference! | **social work logo**[**For more information, visit**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F2e084e465b&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=N9FexE7fXrkomt6AmG25T7YKcn%2FbMl6VvStJtb6FN28%3D&reserved=0)[**nofas.org/socialworkstories**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F8a04ba5573&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=IbXJnZ9njqFiEfGIg2XtPAeZ52jUkq%2FIUycAd6rWwY4%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| **FASD NEWS** |  |  |

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| [**Family Finally Gets Answers in FASD Diagnosis**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F5913a54825&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=3TBW9cmjzHbCKqwQ63cEgHwBsqhifr9t5L50y%2FEnIiw%3D&reserved=0)“Sharon Wallace has been looking after Xavier and his siblings since they were taken away from their mother because of problems with alcohol. That was why she decided to take Xavier to see doctors at the FASD Clinic.  Doctors confirmed his diagnosis of FASD. "He's on the severe end of the spectrum, because he has major impairments in at least five separate brain domains." Dr Shelton explained. Ms Wallace was tearful and emotional when she heard this, but also relieved.”- ABC News, Australia | family gets answers |
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| [**Struggling Addict Preparing to be New Mom**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F7111e683ed&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=LFHuO6k7gIj7vYQwD9kCf%2Fsd6j98ME5lp9Gqt0w8Hg0%3D&reserved=0)“Laine is 36 weeks pregnant and is now going to weekly appointments with her OB-GYN. "I've had zero complications, and at the same time I'm scared to death," she told WKYT's MIranda Combs after her appointment. Her doctor, Thomas Mahoney, told us 20-25 percent of the mothers he sees are struggling with drug addiction. Laine is one of them.”- CBS WKYT | struggling adict |
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| [**Adopted Children in Israel Have Undiagnosed FASD**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F05493185f4&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=kfjhRyBHQChLKkXon4Ydc1Ujy3nNQEIyTqNM5cMh158%3D&reserved=0)“Some young children originating in the former Soviet Union who have been adopted by Israelis have been diagnosed with FASDs when they are toddlers… Many couples (or women) in the former Soviet Union who bring their babies to orphanages and give them up for adoption have a past of alcoholism, taking drugs, and physical and sexual abuse… This does not mean that children from orphanages in the former Soviet Union are not suitable for adoption.”- The Jerusalem Post | Israel baby |
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| [**Cyntoia Brown Says She Will Die From Complications of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome If She’s Not Released From Prison**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F1965883ae8&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=DqqSm6hgMdtoHwZHCSlmvz%2Fql89BOZVT03X2LGOtRUc%3D&reserved=0)“Cyntoia Brown filed an appeal begging the court to release her from prison ASAP because she fears she will die long before ever reaching the possibility for parole. Brown’s attorneys argue that “As an incarcerated person who is also a victim of fetal alcohol poisoning, Ms. Brown is likely to die in prison well before her ostensible minimum of 51 years of incarceration has expired.”- The Blast | Cyntoia Brown |
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| [**Keep Newborns with Opioid Withdrawal, Mothers Together: Canadian Paediatric Society**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fed6f3851a1&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=JwJ8oLOiP8wIkQdqJWgGpnshaQxo4GbFuwOw47743Kg%3D&reserved=0)“The Canadian Paediatric Society has issued a document that supports keeping mothers and babies together to improve health outcomes, and encourages contact and breastfeeding to manage withdrawal symptoms in newborns. The document reflects a shift in paradigm in the way babies exposed to opioids are managed, from one in which newborns have traditionally been separated from their mothers and treated in neonatal intensive care units, to a family-centered model.”- The Globe and Mail | keep mother with baby |
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| [**Pilot Scheme to Spread Message About Drinking During Pregnancy**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fd7e2753df3&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=PczV%2FU%2Bm%2FUBWrba17SiSfIMv8hqEti1tP532vXVkRkk%3D&reserved=0)“A Scotland health board has announced a six-month pilot scheme to raise awareness of drinking alcohol during pregnancy. Funded by the Scottish Government, NHS Grampian’s Alcohol Pre-Pregnancy and Pregnancy Advice (APPA) service recently launched.The project will offer confidential advice and support on alcohol intake during pregnancy, and is available to anyone concerned about their own drinking, or that of someone else who is expecting.”- Evening Express | scotland spread message |
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| [**CDC's NCBDDD 2017 Annual Report**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F4116b8e976&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=jhb3c6Q%2BFs8XAJBq5SugGaf0zW9jwe%2F%2Fp9%2B%2FLB7zEKU%3D&reserved=0)CDC announces the launch of NCBDDD’s Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report entitled: From Saving Babies to Protecting People: NCBDDD Making a Difference Across the Lifespan in 2017. The report is a wonderful compilation of NCBDDD’s notable and significant achievements by thematic area over the past fiscal year, including future directions, scientific publications, our budget, and state funding. Thematic areas covered in the report include: Saving Babies through Birth Defects Prevention and Research, and Helping Children Live to the Fullest by Understanding Developmental Disabilities.” | NCBDDD report |
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| **Research** |  |
| [**A Formative Evaluation of Two FASD Prevention Communication Strategies**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F3d1a13fb1c&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=hsLOMd77b%2BMJrpNKbsxNuCRITOwAERnQSF8GJ0On%2FIo%3D&reserved=0)“In this FASD prevention feasibility study, we found that FASD prevention messages, particularly paired with pregnancy test dispensers, placed in the women’s restrooms of establishments that serve alcohol can effectively promote informed alcohol consumption decisions among women who are, or may become, pregnant.”- Alcohol and Alcoholism |   |
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| **STUDIES AND SURVEYS** |   |
| [**AAP Seeking Participants for Project SPEAK (Screening for Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol in Kids)**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F8c719d6cce&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=%2B9uEZlYPPK1MeoGHboZc8b9Mpr9tIRYxBaeGz6d6VBw%3D&reserved=0)[**Registry Connects Researchers to Families and Individuals Living with FASD**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F151b9201ce&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=kHGOGjughvUquoCN9DnNUBvF9r9cFuzREd%2BshKH0TC4%3D&reserved=0) |   |
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| **RESOURCES** |   |
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| [**NIDA Resources for Opioids, Pregnancy, and Neonatal Care**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fb83cbd7ccd%2Futm_source%3DEmail%26utm_campaign%3DPartnerEblast_WomOpds_11.28.17&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=3Lp5eAhuW5vOSUXgdxrV0v50AUVrvoLek%2B02%2BsRgQqE%3D&reserved=0)[**ACOG: Online Training for the OB/GYN: Preventing Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fa066150a6d&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=ZRzwVd517x%2BqjJUCp4GUkUzTvn%2Bht42Ve%2BUDy80%2BquQ%3D&reserved=0)[**Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit (FADU) of the U. of Washington Develops Online FASD Resource Toolkit**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F63a82293bd&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297386999768&sdata=etmNxkkXcMYSSf6fqDYWkFq%2FmZ93z%2F9kMAyXwQBiMZQ%3D&reserved=0)[**NIAAA Alcohol Treatment Navigator**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2Fad653bf3c1&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297387156007&sdata=8S2lvWXPBWIYZcy3k1gQvAyXCPYKiLL3QSwFKkE7g6Q%3D&reserved=0)[**AAP: FASD PediaLink Course**](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcts.vresp.com%2Fc%2F%3FTomDonaldson%2F0bab223d94%2F38fcc712c0%2F5b02381ea7&data=02%7C01%7Ccarobecker%40pa.gov%7C5d047372771e424f1a4708d55d1c0b2e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636517297387156007&sdata=rjjjvyxUw9W1yNIoF7tj9XHzlD7KA6a8Xg6azvTM5lA%3D&reserved=0) |   |
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