

## PHAC Webinar

### **Awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Making the Connections!**

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has organized a free bilingual webinar for FASD Awareness Day. It will be offered through CHNET from 1:00-2:30 pm EDT on September 9, 2014. (See information sheet attached)

Learn about the connections and progress of collaborative efforts from three compelling perspectives of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), including:

- What's crucial to know about living with FASD and mental health issues— if you're a parent, care-giver, front line provider or community member;
- The important role of front line health providers in prevention, and in talking to women about alcohol use throughout life - especially during pregnancy;
- What exciting new research is telling us about the differences and similarities between the brains of children and youth with FASD, autism and cerebral palsy.

#### **Who should attend?**

Front line providers who work with people with FASD, health and allied practitioners or providers concerned about prevention, those interested in the social determinants of health across the lifespan, policy makers interested in innovative research findings, and communities interested in learning more about preventing FASD and how to better support individuals and families living with FASD.

**Please register through CHNET at:** [http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com\\_rsevents&view=events&layout=show&cid=322%3A406-awareness-of-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-fasd-making-the-connections--sensibilisation-a-lensemble-des-troubles-causes-par-lalcoolisation-foetale-etcaf-relier-les-points&Itemid=6&lang=en](http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com_rsevents&view=events&layout=show&cid=322%3A406-awareness-of-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-fasd-making-the-connections--sensibilisation-a-lensemble-des-troubles-causes-par-lalcoolisation-foetale-etcaf-relier-les-points&Itemid=6&lang=en)

#### **Advisors on Tap:**

##### **Dan Dubovsky MSW**

Mr. Dan Dubinsky is currently the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) specialist for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FASD Center for Excellence in the United States. In this role, he provides training and technical assistance to individuals, families, programs, agencies, communities, and states on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. He also provides training and technical assistance to communities and provinces in Canada. He has recently been involved in the development of a screen to identify adults with a possible FASD and modify approaches to improve outcomes for them and for the programs that work with them.

[www.fasdcenter.samhsa.gov](http://www.fasdcenter.samhsa.gov)

##### **Dr. Jennifer Blake MD MSC FRCSC**

Dr. Jennifer Blake will focus on the pivotal role of front line health providers in preventing alcohol use in pregnancy, and highlight key evidence based resources such as the Alcohol Use and Pregnancy Consensus Clinical Guidelines developed by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. She is Chief Executive Officer of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC), which is a leading authority on women's sexual and reproductive health

representing thousands of specialists across the country. She is an experienced physician and respected leader who has facilitated major organizational change in both hospital and academic sectors.

<http://sogc.org/>

**Dr. Daniel Goldowitz, PhD** is the Scientific Director of NeuroDevNet (Network of Centres of Excellence of Canada; <http://www.neurodevnet.ca/ab>), Canada Research Chair in Developmental Neurogenetics and Professor in the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia.

Dr Goldowitz leads the national research centre of excellence to understand brain development in children. The Network focuses on researching the genetic and environmental causes of cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorders, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. The Centre is training the next generation of researchers in pediatric brain development, and it will disseminate new knowledge into improved diagnosis, treatments and interventions that will inform care delivery and policy decisions.

NeuroDevNet: <http://www.neurodevnet.ca/ab>