

# **FETAL ALCOHOL & OTHER NEUROBEHAVIORAL CONDITIONS: Understanding & Application of the FASCETS Brain-Based Approach**

## **A Three-Day Workshop for Parents and Professionals**

**~~ Facilitator: Melissa Elligson, MA~~  
With special guest, Diane Malbin, MSW  
Sponsored by FASCETS, Inc.**

- WHEN:** January 18-29, 2018  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- WHO:** For professionals, parents and other caregivers who live and/or work with children, adolescents, or adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) or other neurobehavioral conditions
- WHERE:** The Mark Spencer Hotel  
Portland, Oregon
- COST:** \$450 (U.S.) -- Parents, \$550 (U.S.) -- Professionals  
Includes lunch on-site and beverages, morning and afternoon coffee /tea service, Diane Malbin's book, *Trying Differently Rather Than Harder*, and notebook of handout materials  
~A limited number of partial scholarships and student rates are available~

### Overview:

This workshop provides information about Fetal Alcohol/Neurobehavioral Conditions (FA/NB) and the effects of alcohol and other drugs on the brains and behaviors of children, adolescents and adults.

FA/NB are brain-based, neurobehavioral conditions with behavioral symptoms. The workshop will educate you on a best practices approach for increasing understanding of FA/NB, reducing frustration, and expanding options. Case examples of successful accommodations are central to this training.

**This is intended for professionals as well as parents and other caregivers of children with confirmed or suspected FASD or other brain-based conditions. Our experience is that the training is enriched by having a mixed group of parents, caregivers, and professionals.**

### Objectives:

- Understand FA/NB as a brain-based physical disability with behavioral symptoms
- Understand and recognize primary and secondary symptoms
- Learn why people with FA/NB frequently receive overlapping DSM diagnoses
- Understand why traditional behavioral treatment techniques are frequently ineffective for people with FA/NB
- Learn to develop and apply effective strategies for people with FA/NB in different settings

CEU Credits: 19.5 hours of Continuing Education Credit for NASW (National Association of Social Workers) and ACCBO (Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon) have been approved. Certificates of completion will be provided.

**All participants will receive a general certificate of completion for the training, with the number of hours.**

Facilitator:

Melissa Elligson lives in Roanoke, Virginia. She holds a master's degree from Seton Hall University and has spent the past 17 years as an intensive in-home therapist and trainer. Her passion is working with children and families affected with neurobehavioral conditions and providing trainings nationally. She became passionate in this arena over 8 years ago when she became frustrated that traditional models were not working within the community. After thankfully finding Diane Malbin and FASCETS she became a certified trainer in the FASCETS Fetal Alcohol Neurobehavioral Model. She is currently in the process of developing FASCETS East and is working to develop a community-based diagnostic clinic in Southwest Virginia.

Registration: Seating is limited - please register early.

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**Quotes from previous workshop participants:**

*"I really enjoyed the diversity of the group. We have so much to learn from one another. Deepening my knowledge about FASD and all that we can do has been wonderful. I leave feeling hopeful and emboldened." Parent / LCSW*

*"Wow... How many people you are reaching and educating about FASD. Really changed my point of view about this disorder as a brain disability. I noticed a development of compassion and a true paradigm shift in the audience."  
-- Professional, Native-American organization*

*"It was a fantastic training! I appreciate all of the useful and enlightening information that I received at the training." -- Juvenile Probation Officer*

*"The only workshop I have been to where I haven't spent time looking at my watch."  
-- Teacher consultant*

*"I have attended numerous seminars this year on FAS. I leave today feeling more equipped to do my job today than at any other conference." -- Professional, residential treatment center*

*"I loved this training. I learned a lot and would recommend this to everyone." – Parent*

*"I cannot say enough good things about this workshop - it is absolutely the best workshop that I have attended in 25 years....and I have attended a lot, on a lot of different aspects of psychology!" – Ph.D. psychologist*

*"The three of us who have been trained still talk about the impact made upon us....we thank you on a daily basis for providing us with clearer lenses through which to see our students and families." – Teacher*

*"Ta-da! There are ways to help someone once you realize they are looking at the world differently than yourself – and it is their 'normal.' By far the best information/ training I have received in years. And I didn't nod off once! And I am not a morning person."  
-- Lawyer*

*"The most useful and thought provoking seminar I have attended." -- Parent*

*"I've had so many questions answered that I didn't even know that I had. All the pieces of the puzzle now fit: My clients now need different help, and I am now informed on how to educate others and provide the appropriate accommodations. This has given me hope. Thank you" – Living skills and employment coordinator*

*"This training has been a very eye-opening experience. It's like I finally see the light! This is most definitely the most helpful training I've ever been to and will be extremely helpful in understanding my customers better and making their services more effective."  
-- Personal agent, brokerage firm for developmentally disabled people*

*"Inspired by all the caring, committed people who came and all the children they are helping." – Parent*

*"Very helpful and informative. One of the best conferences I've ever attended. Thank you!" – School psychologist*

*"Enlightening/ Paradigm shift – I made it! I will never look at behavior the same as I did."  
-- Professional, educational service district*

*"All about making a better world for our kids and adults. Fabulous!" – Professional, behavioral healthcare organization*

*"The conference was THE BEST I've been to in all of my years of teaching. It has helped me dramatically in dealing with my parents with FAS kids and the kids, too." -- Teacher*

*"My only suggestion would be to provide this training more often and in every kind of community." – Parent educator*

*“Comprehensive, informational, exciting, constructive. This may have been the most helpful workshop ever!” – Family support worker, child development center*

*“Incredibly informative and eye-opening. Thank you!”  
– Professional, independent living organization*

*“It was extremely informative, and professionally shifting of my understanding of behaviors and their source. Now I’m better able to intervene with more appropriate and helpful strategies as well as with more compassion.” -- Professional*

*“This workshop profoundly changed my life; which in turn will change my daughters’ lives. I am walking away with a whole new look out on my children, my parenting, their education, our home life, and our home environment. I have NEVER wanted a workshop to not end.” – Parent*