

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

A Three-Day Workshop for Parents and Professionals

~~ Facilitator: Nancy Hall~~
With special guest, Diane Malbin, MSW
Sponsored by FASCETS, Inc.

- WHEN:** January 18-20, 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:

Nancy Hall has had nearly thirty years' experience working in the non-profit sector for the improvement of services for people with disabilities. Her academic background is in Child and Youth Care, Psychology, and Clinical Behavioural Sciences. Nancy has been providing training and consultation in FASD for the past ten years. For eight years, she was a member of the FASD Ontario Network of Expertise (FASD ONE). In 2009, Nancy co-authored a research paper on Effective Service provision for people impacted by FASD. Under the mentorship of FASD expert Diane Malbin, founder of FASCETS in Portland, Oregon, Nancy has obtained a Mastery Certificate in the Neurobehavioural Model, and she is now the founder of the satellite service FASCETS Canada East, providing training and consultation services in the Neurobehavioural Model across Eastern Canada. She also provides trainings in Portland, where she is a Program Director for FASCETS.

Guest:

Diane Malbin is an internationally recognized authority on FASD. She is the co-founder of the nonprofit organization, FASCETS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consultation, Education and Training Services, Inc.). Author of numerous papers and publications on FASD, she has provided training and consultation throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. The Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers named Ms. Malbin *Social Worker of the Year* in 2005, and she is in the NOFAS Hall of Fame for her work in the field of FASD. She is a parent of two adults with FASD.

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 lookout on my children, my parenting, their
education, our home life, and our home environment. I have NEVER wanted a workshop
to not end." – Parent*