Children with FASD are often given lessons on social skills to help them learn how to behave more appropriately toward their peers. I dream of the day when their peers might be given an education about FASD so that their peers might behave more appropriately toward their classmates who may act or learn differently. Kari Fletcher

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1. Have you got some time to spare?
Volunteers are wanted to assist with the following projects
1. Maintain the NOFASARD data base (simple excell spread sheet)
2. Undertake a small research project amongst NOFASARD members and supporters to assist in the development of a resource register of professionals who understand FASD.
   (send out electronic questionnaire and compile the results)
If you are happy to help with either of these projects please respond to sue@nofasard.org.au

2. New online resource from Alberta

This book has just been placed on the Alberta Education Website and is available to download. It sits alongside a number of other FASD manuals produced by Alberta Education for use by educators although this manuals' focus is on providing mentors and community support workers ideas, actions and strategies for supporting children with FASD. Also a useful resource for parents.

Website:  [http://education.alberta.ca/admin/special/resources/re-defining.aspx](http://education.alberta.ca/admin/special/resources/re-defining.aspx)


The 2nd Conference of the National Federation of Parents, Families and Carers will be held in Brisbane on 3-4 August 2009.

Last year's inaugural conference was the first occasion on which parents, families and carers from around Australia came together across disability, mental health, ageing, child care, early childhood intervention, family support, education and health care sectors.

[Click here](#) to express an interest in presenting a paper, workshop or topic for discussion.

[Click here](#) to read about last year's conference and the National Federation of Parents, Families and Carers.

It would be great if FASD was addressed at this Conference!! I put in an abstract last year but it wasn't accepted. I am unable to attend the Conference this year.
4. FASD Webcast

Knowledge Network FASD Finding Hope- 1hr webcast February - A one-hour documentary examining the challenging reality of families with young children who live with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder will be shown at various times on this Canadian website in February.

Feb 16 @10pm (Northern Hemisphere) is Tuesday 17th Feb @3.00pm WA time
   5.00pm (ACT, NSW, Vic, Tas)
   4.30 pm (SA)
   4.00 pm (Qld)
   3.30 pm (NT)

Feb 17th @2am (Northern Hemisphere) is Tuesday 17th Feb @ 7pm WA time
   9.00pm (ACT, NSW, Vic, Tas)
   8.30 pm (SA)
   10.00 pm (Qld)
   7.30 pm (NT)

Feb 19th @ 11pm (Northern Hemisphere) is Friday 20th Feb @ 4pm WA time
   6.00pm (ACT, NSW, Vic, Tas)
   5.30 pm (SA)
   5.00 pm (Qld)
   4.30 pm (NT)

To see the webcast go to:

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5. New Book on FASD

The Long Way to Simple
Author Steve Neafcy
Editor Jodie Kulp
Stephen Neafcy has lived for over 50 years with brain damage caused by Fetal Alcohol. His journey of not having a clue what was wrong in his life lasted until he was 43 when he was diagnosed. The revelation of knowing what was wrong, provided the courage to carry on and begin to help others. The Long Way to Simple - 50 years of ideas to live, love and laugh as a person with FASD is more than just his story, it is a life program for young adults following in his footsteps. Steve provides us with Hope.
Available for online purchase from Amazon go to
http://www.amazon.com/dp/0963707280/ref=pe_606_11251780_pe_ar_d1

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