

# FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS:

*Respecting the Past – Embracing the Future*

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Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 • 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month is recognized in September as an opportunity to help raise awareness of individuals with FASD. This year marks the 50th anniversary of FASD Awareness Month. FASD is a term for a range of diagnosable conditions that can occur with prenatal alcohol exposure. Individuals with FASD exhibit higher rates of life challenges commonly encountered in substance use and mental health treatment populations, including higher risk of suicide, exposure to trauma, and increased interaction with criminal justice systems.

In honor of FASD Awareness Month, North Carolina's Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services will host a webinar to raise awareness for FASD and celebrate the strengths, talents, and victories of the estimated one in twenty individuals who suffer from FASD.

**JOIN LINK:** <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsde2tqTkqHmvFh1i4C3w1h7MMoxlZQUI>



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