

2026 Public Policy Agenda

●●●● FASD Advocacy Season

●●●● February 17–May 18, 2026

Key Priorities to Support the FASD Community

- **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness and Understanding**
 - Strengthen Minnesota’s policy environment by educating decision makers on FASD and building informed, bipartisan relationships with state legislators.
 - Advance learning across systems by designing and delivering high-quality, evidence-informed FASD training.
- **Protect and Maintain FASD Funding in Minnesota**
 - Ensure continuity of funding for FASD programs through transparent oversight, fiscal accountability and responsible stewardship of state dollars appropriated under Minnesota Statute 145.9266 by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).
 - Funding enables the delivery of critical programs that directly support the FASD community, including community grants, screening and diagnosis, family support, training and prevention.

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VIRTUALLY-
WHENEVER,
WHEREVER.**

Share your experience,
influence Minnesota policy and
create change virtually.



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Virtual Meeting**

A Note to Advocates:

Because 2026 is a bonding year—and given continued uncertainty at the federal level—the Minnesota legislative session is not expected to focus on new program funding. As a result, Proof Alliance is not pursuing a funding increase or introducing FASD-specific legislation this session.

Instead, the focus will be on building relationships with decision-makers and increasing understanding of FASD to help lay strong groundwork for the 2027 legislative session.

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Minnesota is a Trusted Leader in Stewarding FASD Awareness and Support

For over 25 years, Proof Alliance has been a trusted source in Minnesota, helping our state lead the nation in FASD awareness, advocacy, research, policy and support. Through longstanding legislation, the State of Minnesota currently appropriates \$3,222,000 in FASD funding annually to programs that change lives and enhance communities by:

- Increasing prenatal screening by health care providers
- Reducing the incidence of prenatal alcohol exposure
- Reducing health care costs for families
- Improving social-emotional skills, mental health and quality of life

How does Proof Alliance Identify Public Policy Priorities?

- Collaboration with organizations serving families and people with disabilities
- Participation in the FASD United Public Policy Forum
- Listening to constituents and assessing community needs
- Guidance from Capitol Hill Associates, the Proof Alliance Board of Directors and key stakeholders

Proof Alliance Consistently Supports Collaborative Initiatives that...

- Improve access to mental health services, medical care and appropriate support services for people with disabilities.
- Defend special education funding in Minnesota.
- Support a living wage for professionals who provide critical support to individuals with disabilities.
- Increase knowledge of disabilities among justice system professionals.



Every \$1 invested in our programs results in a \$56 social return on investment.

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