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Use your voice and share your story!



Minnesota: Trusted Leader

Lead the nation in FASD awareness, advocacy, research, policy and support.

Minnesota Statute 145.9266 = \$3.2M FASD funding annually through Minnesota Department of Health

- Screening and FASD diagnosis
- Community grants = \$1.1M funding annually
- FASD training
- Youth and family services
- Public awareness
- Public policy



2026 Public Policy Agenda

 *FASD Advocacy Season*

 *February 17–May 18, 2026*

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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.

National Win for FASD!

Passed! SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 (H.R. 2483) is an omnibus health bill reauthorizing a broad range of programs and services related to substance use support, prevention, and treatment.

- Provisions from the FASD Respect Act are included in the SUPPORT Act as Section 104: Support for individuals and families impacted by fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- Current \$12.5M that funds FASD is now safeguarded and opens a door for additional appropriation request

Use Your Voice for FASD in Minnesota



1. Visit proofalliance.org Annual Advocacy Season landing page
2. Complete Register for a Meeting form and we'll schedule a virtual 15 min meeting with your legislators—Or schedule one yourself
3. Access meeting preparation resources, fact sheets and tips for meeting with legislators
4. Complete post-meeting Debrief Form

Talking with Your Legislators

Hi • Why • Solution • Ask

Step 1: Hi!

My name is _____ and I am a constituent from your district. Thank you for your work representing our community at the State Capitol. I am here today to share how fetal alcohol spectrum disorders or FASD impacts my family/life/work.

Are you familiar with FASD? (Provide general, simple information)

Step 2: Why... (Your Story)

Jot down a few key points you'd like to share about your personal connection to FASD and why education and support services are important. Be brief and concise.

Step 3: Solution...

We need continue to fund FASD services in Minnesota. Did you know FASD impacts as many as 1 in 20 school age children in the U.S? Critical services that support families includes:

- FASD training and education for professionals, teachers, etc.
- Early intervention and access to FASD Diagnostic Clinics
- Public Awareness to prevent prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE)
- Family support and service navigation support

Step 4: Ask...

We understand there are many competing priorities this legislative session. Good news- We are not requesting a funding increase or specific bill support at this time.

Instead, we are focused on raising awareness and building relationships with key decision makers.

Can we count on you to speak up for disabilities and protect FASD funding at the Minnesota State Capitol?

If questions about current funding: Minnesota Department of Health funds \$3.2M annually which is awarded to Proof Alliance (20+ years) for FASD work across the entire state.

Please let us know if we need to follow up with your legislator!

Let us know the outcome of your meetings!

Following your meeting with your legislators, please complete Debrief Form. Describe any follow up you wish Proof Alliance to provide to your legislators.

Questions? Email advocacy@proofalliance.org or marissa.lang@proofalliance.org

