

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!