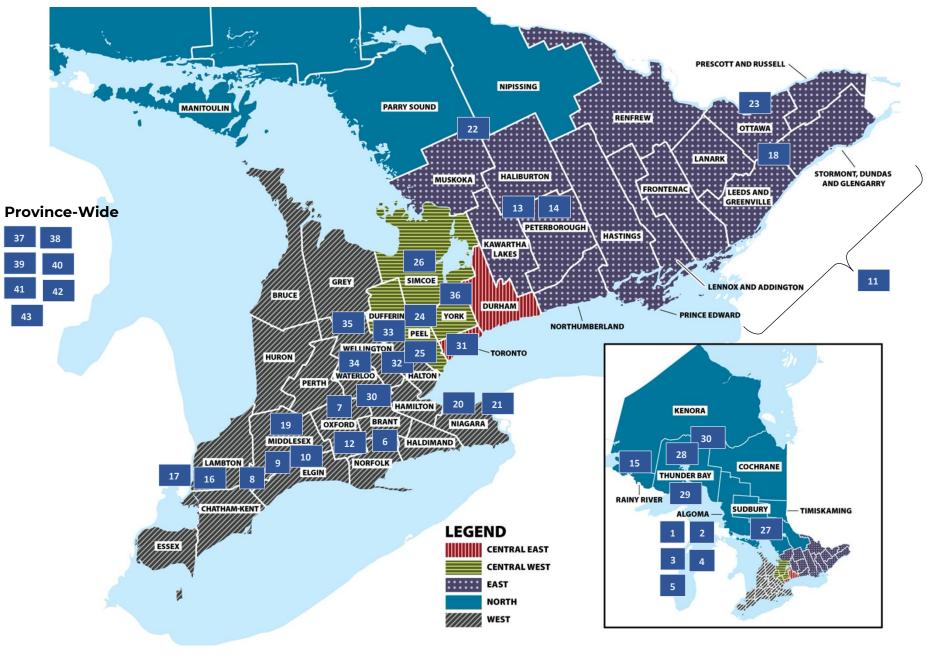
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Family/Caregiver Support Group **Funded Group List 2023-24**



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1.	
Group Name	Algoma FASD Kid's Group: Embracing Ourselves
Agency/Organization	THRIVE Child Development Centre
Location	Algoma
Group Representatives	Andree Labonte
Telephone	705-759-1131 ext. 263
Email	alabonte@kidsthrive.ca
Group activities	This group connects children with FASD/Possible FASD providing co-regulation, fun, and therapeutic activities.



2.	
Group Name	Garden River Social Group
Agency/Organization	Garden River First Nation Jordan's Principle
Location	Algoma
Group Representative	Kim Duguay
Telephone	705-946-5710
Email	kduguay@grhc.ca
Group activities	This program will allow children to practice social skills within the community.



3.	
Group Name	Algoma Family/Caregiver of Children, youth with FASD (or possible FASD)
Agency/Organization	Algoma Family Services
Location	Algoma
Group Representative	Kimberly Cavanagh
Telephone	705-297-2805
Email	kcavanagh-dillane@algomafamilyservices.org
Group activities	Safe space for caregivers/family/support persons of children and youth with FASD (or possible FASD), in which to receive and provide mentorship in a supportive and culturally relevant way.



4.	
Group Name	Algoma Wellness Retreat for Indigenous Children/Youth Families and Caregiver affected by FASD
Agency/Organization	Algoma Family Services
Location	Algoma
Group Representative	Kimberly Cavanagh
Telephone	705-297-2805
Email	kcavanagh-dillane@algomafamilyservices.org
Group activities	Based on concepts provided by the Medicine wheel, the family wellness retreat will incorporate traditional and western approaches to wellness in supporting the families, caregivers, youth and children along the complex journey of FASD.



5.	
Group Name	From Mountains to Stairs: Algoma FASD Caregiver Support Group
Agency/Organization	THRIVE Child Development Centre
Location	Algoma
Group Representative	Taylor Hayward-Murray
Telephone	705-256-9340
Email	thayward-murray@kidsthrive.ca
Group activities	The intention for Algoma FASD Caregiver group is to promote connections, instill hope, build awareness and provide a safer/welcoming space for caregivers/families who are raising individuals with or possible FASD.



6. **Group Name** Brant FASD Caregiver Support Group Agency/Organization Contact Brant Location Brant Linda McFayden **Group Representative** Lyndsey Campbell Telephone 519-758-8228 linda@contactbrant.net Email lyndsey@contactbrant.net Peer to peer support for parents/caregivers of children and youth with or suspected of having FASD **Group activities** with opportunities for education on FASD, and group activities/events.



7.	
Group Name	London's FASD Family Explorers Empowered Group
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton, Middlesex, Oxford, Waterloo, Virtual
Group Representative	Jessie Jones
Telephone	519-902-5377
Email	jessie@jessjonesrecreationaltherapy.com
Group activities	To enhance social interaction, belonging, and support exchange for individuals and families affected by FASD within the community.



8. Mindfulness with Horses/Animals **Group Name** Agency/Organization N/A Location Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford **Group Representative** Sherry-Lynne Kirschner Telephone 519-494-5675 sherkirschner@gmail.com Email A full two-day mindfulness training for children ages 9-12 using horses and farm animals as **Group activities** facilitators to help participants lower anxiety, control anger and build meaningful relationships and improve overall emotional resiliency.



9.	
Group Name	Mindfulness/Yoga with Horses for Teens
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford
Group Representative	Sherry-Lynne Kirschner
Telephone	519-494-5675
Email	sherkirschner@gmail.com
Group activities	A full two-day mindfulness training for teens using horses and farm animals as facilitators to help lower anxiety, make meaningful connections with other teens and improve overall emotional resiliency.



10. **Group Name** Team LOVE London - Family Connections Agency/Organization N/A Location Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Wellington **Group Representative** Darlene Durand Telephone 519-619-7687 Email teamlove@execulink.com This group will meet in person once a month for 6 months, providing peer support for both the **Group activities** caregivers and their children.



11.	
Group Name	FASD Parent Action Group of Southeastern Ontario
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Frontenac, Hastings, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Group Representative	Niki Marshall
Telephone	613-770-6664
Email	fasdpag@gmail.com
Group activities	Group designed for peer-to-peer and community support for caregivers and their family members effected by FASD.



12. **Group Name** London's Game to Grow: FASD Edition Agency/Organization N/A Haldimand-Norfolk, Middlesex, Oxford, Waterloo, Virtual Location **Group Representative** Jessie Jones Telephone 519-902-5377 Email jessie@jessjonesrecreationaltherapy.com Critical Core (Game to Grow) is an innovative tabletop role-playing game (RPG) designed to support kids with disabilities including FASD. It offers a unique and inclusive gaming experience that **Group activities** promotes social interaction, communication skills, creativity and problem-solving abilities.



13.	
Group Name	Peterborough and City of Kawartha Lakes Caregiver Support Group
Agency/Organization	Canopy Support Services
Location	Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough
Group Representative	Alysha Drobot
Telephone	705-740-3039
Email	adrobot@canopysupport.ca
Group activities	Our caregiver support group fosters connections with parents and caregivers across a wide catchment area and includes activities for children and youth to be family focused and reduced barriers to participation.



14. **Group Name** Peterborough FASD Adult Support Group Agency/Organization **Canopy Support Services** Location Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough **Group Representative** Brittany Thompson Telephone 1-705-876-9245 Email bthompson@canopysupport.ca This group offers a safe, open space for adults with, or suspected to have FASD to feel heard, grow **Group activities** and try new things.



15. Kenora Rainy River District FASD Peer Support Group **Group Name** Agency/Organization FIREFLY Location Kenora, Rainy River Alex Gosselin **Group Representative** Braiden Lesichow Telephone 807-467-5417 agosselin@fireflynw.ca Email bleischow@fireflynw.ca **Group activities** Facilitate peer connections across our diverse region.



16.	
Group Name	A Whole Me – Support Group for Adults with FASD
Agency/Organization	Lambton County Developmental Services
Location	Lambton
Group Representative	Amy Burrows
Telephone	519-882-0933
Email	aburrows@lcds.on.ca
Group activities	A space for adults living with FASD to learn, grow, and experience a fun but supportive environment together.



17. **Group Name** Sarnia-Lambton FASD Support Group Agency/Organization Pathways Health Centre for Children Location Lambton **Group Representative** Karen Holland Telephone 519-542-3471 ext. 1304 Email kholland@pathwayscentre.org The Sarnia-Lambton FASD Support Group provides FASD informed supports and services to **Group activities** parents/caregivers and the community through effective partnerships, community engagement, and resource sharing.



18. FASD Youth group of the Ottawa and Surrounding Areas **Group Name** Agency/Organization ABLE2 Location Leeds and Grenville, Ottawa, Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Virtual **Group Representative** Michael Song Telephone 613-761-9522 ext. 231 Email fasd@able2.org Learning life skills while providing youth the opportunity to be in an environment where they feel **Group activities** safe, not judged and supported.



19. **Group Name** A Night Out with Friends - London, ON Agency/Organization Navigating Onward Middlesex Location **Group Representative** Dr. Ashley Bildfell Telephone 519-319-5321 Email a.bildfell@navigatingonward.com A safe, supportive, and stigma-free environment for youth living with the effects of prenatal alcohol **Group activities** exposure to learn and practice an evidence-based social skills intervention and for caregivers to connect with others with the same lived experience.



20. **Group Name** Niagara Indigenous FASD Support Circle Agency/Organization De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre Location Niagara **Group Representative** Marcella Blanchard Telephone 905-651-8586 Email mblanchard@dahac.ca A trauma-informed, FASD-aware, inclusive and adapted drum circle for self-identifying Indigenous **Group activities** children and youth with neurodiversities and their caregivers.



21. Linkages Niagara – Niagara Region **Group Name** Agency/Organization Family Counselling Centre (FCC), Niagara Location Niagara, Virtual Cathy Gales **Group Representative** Jeannie Hostetter Cathy 905-937-7731 ext. 3535 Telephone Jeannie 905-937-7731 ext. 3266 cathy.gales@fccniagara.on.ca Email jeannie.hostetter@facsniagara.on.ca Foster & Kinship Support Services (FKSS) offered through the Family Counselling Centre (FCC), Niagara offers supports for caregivers of children with FASD (continuum of support include: **Group activities** consultation, workshops, individual/group, resources). The Ontario Nexus funding adds to this support by providing a focus on children/youths, caregivers and families, as well as professionals.



22.	
Group Name	Near North FASD Parent and Caregiver Support Group – Nipissing, Parry Sound, Muskoka
Agency/Organization	One Kids Place Children's Treatment Centre
Location	Nipissing, Parry Sound, Muskoka, Virtual
Group Representative	Laurie Braidwood
Telephone	705-476-5437
Email	laurieb@onekidsplace.ca
Group activities	Our group provides a safe space to support family stability, wellbeing, and a sense of community through supportive engagement while also providing education and resources.



23.	
Group Name	Increasing Knowledge and Support of FASD in Eastern Ontario
Agency/Organization	St. Mary's Home (SMH)
Location	Ottawa, Virtual
Group Representative	Kathleen Cummings
Telephone	613-749-2492 ext. 732
Email	kathleencummings@stmaryshome.com
Group activities	This will be a new group for SMH, and we will be providing it for youth parents with FASD and youth parents of children with FASD. It will be a pilot to determine the need for this service ongoing.



24.	
Group Name	Cooking with Mentors for Youth with FASD Peel
Agency/Organization	Blocks & Bridges a Fetal Alcohol Support Initiative
Location	Peel
Group Representative	Ruth-Ann Charles
Telephone	647-648-6080
Email	ruth.charles@blocksandbridges.ca
Group activities	FASD Connection Peel is a community of caregivers and educators with a mission to encourage and equip others living and supporting individuals with FASD in the Region of Peel.



25. **Group Name FASD** Connection Peel Agency/Organization Blocks & Bridges a Fetal Alcohol Support Initiative Location Peel **Group Representative** Ruth-Ann Charles Telephone 647-648-6080 Email ruth.charles@blocksandbridges.ca FASD Connection Peel is a community of caregivers and educators with a mission to encourage and **Group activities** equip others living and supporting individuals with FASD in the Region of Peel.



26. **Group Name** Simcoe County FASD Family/Caregiver Support Group Agency/Organization Catulpa Community Support Services Location Simcoe **Group Representative** Carolyn Walsh Telephone 705-321-2149 Email cwalsh@catulpa.on.ca The support group sessions will provide a safe space where individuals can talk about their emotions **Group activities** and shared circumstances with others who may know how they feel (a space where participants will experience no judgement, alongside access to relevant FASD resources and information).



27.	
Group Name	Sudbury Sharing and Caring FASD Parent Support Group
Agency/Organization	Shkagamik-Kew Health Centre
Location	Sudbury, Virtual
Group Representative	Krysta Laffrenier
Telephone	705-675-1596 ext. 204
Email	klaffrenier@skhc.ca
Group activities	Our support group offers caregivers of families affected by FASD a supportive and comfortable forum to assist and educate as well as have a sense of community with other caregivers.



28.Group NameGeraldton FASD Support GroupAgency/OrganizationThunderbird Friendship CentreLocationThunder BayGroup RepresentativeLori WeichenthalTelephone807-854-1060 ext. 202Emailfinance@thunderbirdfriendshipcentre.caGroup activitiesA place to support and provide the community education and awareness of FASD.



29.	
Group Name	Thunder Bay FASD Building Resilience with Anishnawbe Mushkiki
Agency/Organization	Anishnawbe Mushkiki
Location	Thunder Bay, Virtual
Group Representative	Wendy Carroll Michael Hardy
Telephone	807-623-0383
Email	wcarroll@mushkiki.com
Group activities	Creating opportunities for life skill building while creating a support group and supportive network for clients with FASD or caregivers of children with FASD.



30.	
Group Name	Ontario Support Group for Birth Mothers Raising Their Children with FASD
Agency/Organization	Sunbeam Developmental Resource Centre
Location	Thunder Bay, Waterloo
Group Representative	Karen Huber
Telephone	519-635-1317
Email	k.huber@sunbeamcommunity.ca
Group activities	A support group for birth mothers raising their children with FASD.



31. **Group Name** Gathering Spaces Toronto FASD Support and Discussion Group Agency/Organization Surrey Place Location Toronto Chelsey Mikulic-Frye **Group Representative Courtney Farrow-Lawrence** Chelsey: 416-859-8896 Telephone Courtney: 647-355-2363 chelsey.mikulic-frye@surreyplace.ca Email courtney.farrow-lawrence@surreyplace.ca A space where families can come together to help build on their strengths, and lean on one another **Group activities** to support their challenges.



32.	
Group Name	Halton FASD Support Group for Parents/Caregivers of Adults with FASD
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Toronto, Dufferin, Peel, Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Virtual
Group Representative	Brenda Pinkus
Telephone	905-523-9835
Email	fasdhaltonadult@gmail.com
Group activities	The group offers support & provides information/resources/education for parents & caregivers of adults 16+ with (possible) FASD to assist them with challenges they face daily.



33.	
Group Name	Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Toronto, Peel, Simcoe, Brant, Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Waterloo, Wellington
Group Representative	Mark Courtepatte
Telephone	416-300-4146
Email	hamilton.fasd@gmail.com
Group activities	Our vision is to provide support to parents, caregivers and individuals with FASD so that thry can achieve their best capabilities.



34.	
Group Name	Waterloo Region – Adolescent Support Group
Agency/Organization	Lutherwood Children's Mental Health Services
Location	Waterloo
Group Representative	Rob MacDonald
Telephone	519-504-0695
Email	rmacdonald@lutherwood.ca
Group activities	2x 6-week group that will offer virtual sessions as well as in-person events for adolescents affected by FASD and their caregivers.



35. **Group Name** Dufferin Wellington Guelph FASD Youth and Siblings Group Agency/Organization **Dufferin Child and Family Services** Location Wellington Jennie Hilts **Group Representative** Tara Leskey Jennie: 519-941-1530 ext. 386 Telephone Tara: 519-941-1530 ext. 237 jennie.hilts@dcafs.on.ca Email tara.leskey@dcafs.on.ca **Group activities** Supporting siblings and families who have individuals with FASD or suspected FASD.



36.	
Group Name	York Region FASD Family/Caregiver Support Group
Agency/Organization	Catulpa Community Support Services
Location	York, Virtual
Group Representative	Carolyn Walsh
Telephone	705-321-2149
Email	cwalsh@catulpa.on.ca
Group activities	The family/caregiver sessions will provide a safe space where individuals can talk about their shared experiences with others who may know how they feel (a safe space where participants will experience no judgement, alongside access to relevant FASD resources and information).



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37.

Group Name	Team LOVE London – Backstage Crew
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Virtual
Group Representative	Darlene Durand
Telephone	519-619-7687
Email	teamlove@execulink.com
Group activities	This group will meet in person once a month for 6 months, providing peer support for both the caregivers and their children.



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38.

Group Name	Provincial Group for People Who Identify as Fathers Experiencing AFCCA
Agency/Organization	Adopt4Life
Location	Virtual
Group Representative	Julie Despaties
Telephone	1-888-274-6222
Email	julie@adopt4life.com
Group activities	This group will provide an opportunity for people who identify as fathers and are experiencing aggression in their home by their child or youth to learn evidence-based strategies from a Non-violent Resistance Advanced Practitioner as well as connecting with peers on a similar journey.



39. FASD Connections Across Ontario (FCAO) **Group Name** Agency/Organization Never Too Late Location Virtual **Group Representative** Kate Mannion Telephone 416-863-5333 kate.mannion@nevertoolatentl.ca Email hello@nevertoolatentl.ca NTL supports permanency parents who have welcomes youth 16+ into their families, including youth who have aged out of foster care without permanency, many of whom are navigating supporting young people living with FASD. Our group will be based on the feedback from permanency parents **Group activities** in the FASD community and will meet once a month for 7 months, including talks by lived experts with FASD, panels made up of experienced parents of youth with FASD, and supportive groups where parents and caregivers are making important connections and supporting one another.



40.	
Group Name	Anishinabek Nation FASD Caregiver Support Group
Agency/Organization	Anishinabek Nation
Location	Virtual
Group Representative	Michelle Irvine
Telephone	705-497-9135
Email	michelle.irvine@anishinabek.ca
Group activities	A support group for Anishinabek Nation caregivers who support individuals licing with FASD.



41.	
Group Name	Anishinabek Nation FASD Youth Support Group
Agency/Organization	Anishinabek Nation
Location	Virtual
Group Representative	Michelle Irvine
Telephone	705-497-9135
Email	michelle.irvine@anishinabek.ca
Group activities	A support group for youth living with FASD who are members of the Anishinabek Nation.



42. **Group Name** Ontario Caregivers of Black FASD Children Agency/Organization Parents Against Racism Simcoe County Location Virtual **Group Representative** Natasha Shakespeare Telephone 705-716-0370 Email natasha@parsc.ca Support caregivers needs of Black children with FASD to be heard, thrive, and become equipped to **Group activities** navigate the unique needs of Black children.



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43.	
Group Name	Online "Mindfulness with Animals" Course
Agency/Organization	N/A
Location	Virtual
Group Representative	Sherry-Lyne Kirschner
Telephone	519-494-5675
Email	sherkirschner@gmail.com
Group activities	6x 1 hour online sessions for group #1 (4-8 yea olds) and group #2 (9-12 year olds).