**September 2024 PHAC Ontario Region Updates**

**Update on CAPC and CPNP**

In our previous communications to you, we had advised that a proposal application process would take place this fall, beginning in October 2024. We are writing to let you know that the proposal application process will now take place during the winter of 2025. The proposal application period will take place over eight (8) weeks.

This delay will provide more time to roll out the webinars we are offering to current CAPC/CPNP funding recipients to help prepare for the proposal application process. These supports will begin in fall 2024.

The shift in timing is the only change to the details that were communicated previously. The proposal process will still be non-competitive and open only to existing CAPC and CPNP funding recipients\*, and recipient organizations will be invited to submit proposals at current funding levels.

We will continue to keep you updated with more details as the date of the proposal application process approaches. In the meantime, please watch your email for more information about the upcoming webinar series.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration.

*\* Funding recipients that are in good standing - i.e., up to date on their financial and performance reporting requirements.*

This information can also be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/index.php/node/814>

**Capacity Building Support Webinars**

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) announced a series of webinars to support current funding recipients of the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) and the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) in preparing to apply for funding under the new program (for funding from April 2026 to March 2030).

There have been some changes to the webinar series:

* What has not changed: The webinars are still happening. The sessions will cover needs assessments, collaborative partnerships and proposal development. Recipients will be able to ask follow-up questions on all the topics. The sessions are completely voluntary and will not impact decisions related to the CAPC/CPNP funding you receive from PHAC.

* What has changed: The webinars will not be live events. They will be pre-recorded and self-paced. As such, there will be no registration needed. There will no longer be five webinars in the series, there will be three (needs assessments, collaborative partnerships, application process and proposal requirements). PHAC is aiming to release the Capacity Building Support Webinars in Fall 2024.

Providing capacity supports is an important part of our response to what we heard from recipients during the recent engagements on the renewal approach. While these changes were unforeseen, they reflect the shift to a targeted and non-competitive application process and are more aligned with the types of information that recipients have asked for.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to supporting you in preparing for the new program.

This information can also be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/index.php/node/815>

**Progress Report template**

PHAC Program Consultants have shared a hard copy of the Progress Report template for your awareness. Please note: frequency of submissions for the Progress Report is based on Appendix C of your Contribution Agreement with most having to submit at a minimum in October for the period of April to September. Should you have any questions or did not receive the email, please reach out to your Program Consultant.

The Progress Report template can also be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/node/795>

**2024-2025 ART**

PHAC Program Consultants have shared a hard copy of the Annual Reporting Tool for FY 2024-2025 which will help you collect the data during the reporting year to fill in this report. Should you have any questions or did not receive the email, please reach out to your Program Consultant.

The 2024-2025 ART can also be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/node/779>

**ART deck and corresponding National placemats for FY 2022-2023**

The National CAPC/CPNP Placemats for 2022-2023 have been shared. We should receive the regional placemats shortly and will share those once they are available.

This is an important snapshot that highlights the impacts of the programs despite the many challenges faced by communities and organizations.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to the well-being of families and children in your communities.

The National placemats for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 can be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/node/778>

**Eligible Expenditures companion document**

Please note that a revised eligible expenditures companion document was sent out to everyone as well posted on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/node/747>

**PHAC SPONSORED TRAINING/RESOURCES UPDATES**

**NOBODY’S PERFECT**

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)**

**International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day:**

Join PHAC on September 9th for a virtual information sharing event from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. E.D.T. to celebrate International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day.

Every year, in September, FASD Awareness Month and International FASD Awareness Day is observed to raise awareness about the risks associated with drinking alcohol during pregnancy, highlight prevention activities and support efforts, and encourage individuals to learn more about FASD and its impacts.

This event, “FASD National Strategic Projects Fund: Project Showcase and Information Sharing Event”, will provide an opportunity for the Public Health Agency of Canada’s FASD National Strategic Projects Fund recipients to share key project findings in order to promote knowledge sharing on key resources, promising practices and lessons learned, as well as to increase awareness on FASD and prevention efforts.

This bilingual event will be hosted virtually on Zoom. To register, please follow the link below:

<https://baldwinav.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_04pHdavXQQiwWQ-9aAIPZg>

We hope to see you on September 9th!

This information can be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/index.php/node/811>

**FASD Training Survey:**

As you may be aware, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is working with the Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network (CanFASD) to develop and pilot an online FASD training course tailored to the needs of Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) projects.

To inform the development of the online training course, CanFASD would like to invite you to participate in a short FASD Training Needs Assessment Survey aimed at better understanding the training needs and preferences of CAPC and CPNP program staff related to FASD.

The survey will be open until September 13th, 2024 and your responses will be kept confidential. The link can be found here: <https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1YuaIotWBpHVJvE> .

Your input is essential in helping create a more effective and beneficial training experience for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact CanFASD (Emma and/or Kathy). Their contact information, alongside more information on FASD and the training project, can be found below. Thank you.

This information can be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/index.php/node/810>

Background on Training Project Information:

In recent years, CAPC and CPNP program recipients have identified the need for more resources to better support the many children and families in vulnerable situations who are navigating the challenges related to FASD.

By developing new resources to support frontline children’s program workers, this project will help to build community capacity around the primary prevention of FASD, as well as support more positive outcomes for children and families who are already affected. This includes increasing knowledge on FASD to promote FASD prevention and awareness; reducing stigma and supporting culturally appropriate, trauma informed care; supporting workers in understanding their role in supporting families; and increasing awareness of available interventions and the diagnostic process.

This training will be designed to build on and complement existing training already available through CanFASD and other organizations, and include information tailored to CAPC and CPNP project needs.

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**Assessment on FASD:**

PHAC is working alongside the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences to do an assessment of FASD in Canada. There are many consultation sessions that occurred around the Country.  A report is being created.

For more information, please click on the following link:

[Assessment on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder | Évaluation sur le trouble du spectre de l’alcoolisation fœtale – Canadian Academy of Health Sciences | Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé (cahs-acss.ca)](https://cahs-acss.ca/assessment-on-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-evaluation-sur-le-trouble-du-spectre-de-lalcoolisation-foetale/)

**5th Annual Simcoe York FASD Conference** Wednesday October 9th, 2024.

“Stigma, Addiction, Healing and Courageous Conversations” [Simcoe York FASD & Stigma Conference Tickets, Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/simcoe-york-fasd-stigma-conference-tickets-941380192497?aff=oddtdtcreator)

**5th Annual London and Region FASD virtual conference** October 22 & 23, 2024

“Neurodiversity Throughout Development: From Misperceptions to Understanding”

[FASD 2024 – VOCPRI](https://vocpri.ca/fasd/)

**FATHER INVOLVEMENT**

**Online Fatherhood Summit on September 26-28, 2024!**  
What is the Fatherhood Summit Series?

A series of two virtual events designed to connect, equip, and inspire dads to care for themselves and their families. Join us for expert-led sessions that deliver short, impactful talks with practical guidance. The speakers have just been announced, information is available on dadcentral’s website.

Hosted at <https://dadcentral.ca/online-fatherhood-summit-info-registration/>

Dates:

Part 1: September 26-28, 2024 (Health & Self-Care, Parenting & Relationships)  
Part 2: January 3-4, 2025 (Finances + Breaking the Cycle BONUS DAY & Coaching Call)  
  
Details:  
FREE to access the entire 4 days of the summit (with email registration)  
Talks are all 30 minutes or less for immediately actionable insights  
Access daily speakers for 24 hours during the summit  
  
This information can be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/index.php/node/812>

**FAMILY VIOLENCE**

Training opportunity called [*Being Trauma Aware*](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.beingtraumaaware.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CHamid.Pazhwak%40phac-aspc.gc.ca%7Ce251fe61f35346f092c608da27b26e30%7C42fd9015de4d4223a368baeacab48927%7C0%7C0%7C637865944540641608%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OnxChxytAM%2Bp8m2bJzWYec6gPfIcAtVEyESgjiwTRmY%3D&reserved=0) *-*Being Trauma Aware is a FREE e-learning course.  For some resources on family violence go to [Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre](https://www.lunacentre.ca/resources)

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING/EVENTS/RESOURCES**

**Reminders:**

* Sydney Bell - CAPC/CPNP Network newsletters and please register with Webconnects to keep updated on all training and knowledge sharing that is available.