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Kia ora FANNZ

It is a pleasure to share further excellent FASD learning opportunities plus a chance to have your say about FASD in the New Zealand Health Strategy Update.

**Next week**

ABC 4 Corners features a documentary on FASD which screens in Australia on Monday 2nd Nov.  Keep an eye out for online access [https://www.facebook.com/abc4corners/](https://www.facebook.com/abc4corners/%20)

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**Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Conference features FASD this January**

FASD specialist Professor of Paediatrics Dr Liz Elliott from University of Sydney, will be a guest speaker at the International Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Conference on **26 & 27 January 2016** in Auckland.

**Early Bird Rate only available until 12 December - $550.00  + GST per person.** Book online [www.positivepath.co.nz](http://www.positivepath.co.nz).  Group bookings can be made direct registrations@positivepath.co.nz  with a 10% discount for 10 or more delegates from the one school / agency / cluster.

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**A series of FASD workshops with Canadian FASD Intervention experts in February**

In collaboration with Fostering Kids and FASD-CAN, Alcohol Healthwatch is thrilled to announce **4 ‘FASD: Moving Forward’ workshops for New Zealand this coming February.** It is our privilege to host FASD intervention specialists, University of Alberta Associate Professor Dr Jacqueline Pei and Tracy Mastrangelo, Project Leader of the Wellness Resiliency and Partnership project (WRaP), an innovative school-based programme for students with FASD.

Workshops will be held in **Whangarei on Tues 16 Feb, in Rotorua on Thurs 18 Feb, in Nelson on Tues 23 Feb and in Christchurch on Thurs 25 Feb.**

Service providers will be charged $50.00 per person to attend a workshop and those living with FASD and their parents and caregivers can attend at no charge.   **Registration is essential for all.**

Fuller details will be available shortly; Meantime **SAVE the DATE** to attend an FASD workshop coming to a town near you!

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**NZ Health Strategy Update specifies action on FASD**

Submissions on the [update of the New Zealand Health Strategy](http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/new-zealand-health-strategy-consultation) are now open for public comment.  One of the identified priority actions in the ’Road to Action’ document is to ***“Lead the development of a plan to improve the health system’s response to children and families who are living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.”*** (included under Action 6 - ‘A great start for children, families and whānau’.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/new-zealand-health-strategy-consultation> ) **Submissions close 4 December.**

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**And last but by no means least a ‘must read’ for all parents, teachers - all of us!**

***‘I am THAT Parent’*** *is a* post by Karen Copeland dedicated to those who are “THAT” parent and to everyone else it is time to be more curious about “THAT” label <http://championsforcommunitywellness.com/2014/11/15/i-am-that-parent/>

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