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Kia ora tātou

***IT’S HERE!***  New Zealand now has its own **FASD Action Plan**, launched last night by Hon Peter Dunne. It also comes with a budget of **$12 miilion** to support it over the first 3 years of implementation.  [Click here to view the Plan](http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/taking-action-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-2016-2019-action-plan) or [Read Peter Dunne’s launch speech](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/launch-taking-action-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-2016-2019-parliament-buildings-wellingto).

Claire Gyde, Chairperson of FASD-CAN spoke about the Plan from a family’s perspective in an 8.40am [interview for RNZ Morning Report](http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=201812470).

It is exciting to see the much needed ‘Whole of Government Approach’ has begun to take shape.  Thanks to you all for keeping the faith and keeping it real on the front lines to get us this far and to the Ministries and Government who responded to the call! There is a lot of hard work ahead where goodwill and collaboration will be needed more than ever.  Bring it on !!

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**But wait there’s more…!**

As part of its Te Kete Purangi Inclusive Education Guide for Schools, the Ministry of Education yesterday also launched online its much anticipated [**Guide Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Strategies to Support Student**](http://inclusive.tki.org.nz/) <http://inclusive.tki.org.nz/>

This is such an important step forward.  Congratulations for a job well done to all involved!

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