

Biography

Diane Black



Diane Black is the adoptive mother of three children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. She was one of the founders of the European FASD Alliance in 2011 and has been Chairperson since that time. The goals of this nonprofit organization are to support member associations in various European countries in their efforts to prevent FASD and improve the quality of life of persons living with FASD. She is a member of the board of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Foundation of the Netherlands, whose activities include a Dutch-language website, newsletters, distribution of folders to professionals for use in counseling pregnant women, and maintaining a Dutch-language mail group for parents of children with FASD. She is also one of the founders of FASD Global. One of her main interests is the role of nutrition in management of FASD. She has given presentations on this topic, and started an e-mail discussion group on Nutrition for FASD. She holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University (1986), and previously held various positions as researcher at the University of San Diego, Hoefer Scientific (San Francisco), INSERM (Strasbourg) and Marion Merrell Dow Research Institute (Strasbourg). Since the adoption of her three handicapped children, she has devoted her time to her children and other FAS-related activities. She speaks fluent English, Dutch and French.

www.fasstichting.nl

www.eufasd.org

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FASgroep/>

[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Nutrition for FASD/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Nutrition_for_FASD/)

www.fasdglobal.org

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Member of Scientific Planning Committee, 3rd European Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Rome, Italy, 20-22 October, 2014.

Member of Campaign Committee for the International Campaign to Raise Awareness of the Risks of Drinking in Pregnancy, launched 9 September 2014, ongoing.

<http://www.eufasd.org/awareness/network.php> and <http://www.tooyoungtodrink.org> .

Member of Scientific Planning Committee, 2nd European Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Barcelona, Spain, 21-24 October, 2012.

Chair and main organizer of 1st European Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Kerkrade, the Netherlands, 3-5 November 2010.

FAS-RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS Add book chapters and check dates, etc. Add award R. Preto

Presentation: "Building strong networks for the prevention of FASD and care of FASD children and families," **Conference on Child Psychiatry**, University of São Paulo, Riberão Preto, Brazil, 27 February 2018.

Publication: Bazzo S, Black D, Mitchell K, Marini F, Moino G, Riscica P, Fattori G. 'Too Young To Drink'. An international communication campaign to raise public awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. *Public Health*. 2017 Jan;142:111-115.

Presentation: "The European FASD Alliance," **City Hospital, Bucharest, Romania, July 8, 2017.**

Presentation: "The Role of the European FASD Alliance," **Cartagena, Spain, September 2016.**

Publication: Roozen S, Black D, Peters GY, Kok G, Townend D, Nijhuis JG, Koek GH, Curfs LM. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): an Approach to Effective Prevention. *Curr Dev Disord Rep*. 2016;3(4):229-234.

Interview on Russian National TV: <http://www.ntv.ru/novosti/1273843/> . Begins at minute 40. 13 December 2014.

Presentation: "Raising children who have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders." VIII Congreso Internacional AFIN, De adopciones, acogimientos y nacimientos: 'diversidades' y 'normalidades,' Zaragoza, Spain, 23-25 October 2014.

Presentation: "Life with FASD." First Baltic Conference on FASD, Vilnius, Lithuania, 26 September 2014.

Presentation (pre-recorded): "Increasing FASD knowledge in Europe." Aikuisuuden kynnyksellä - vuotuisen FASD-päivän seminaari, Helsinki, Finland, 9 September 2014.

Presentation: "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders – Current State of Knowledge and International Approaches to Prevention." IV Simpósio de Atualização em Saúde Mental e Psiquiatria de Infância e Adolescência do HC-FMRP-USP, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, 6 September, 2014.

Magazine interview: "Risk almayin, hamile iken alkol kullanmayin" ["Do not take risks, do not use alcohol while pregnant"]. Interview for the magazine of the Turkish Green Crescent, Yeşilay, no. 957, October 2013. http://issuu.com/yesilay/docs/yesilay_ekim_2013_gebelikvebagimlilik

Presentation: "Prevention in Europe: An Overview," First International Conference on Prevention of FASD, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 23-25 September, 2013.

Presentation: "Risks associated with Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol", at the Policy Debate: Protecting the unborn baby from alcohol, European Parliament, Brussels, on 17 September, 2013.

Presentation: "A gluten-free casein-free diet can be beneficial for persons with FASD," Second European Conference on FASD, Barcelona, Spain, 21 to 24 October, 2012.

Presentation: "FASD in the Netherlands," First European Conference on FASD--Fetal Alcohol spectrum Disorders: Growing Awareness in Europe, Organized by the FAS Foundation of the Netherlands, Kerkrade, 3 November 2010.

Presentation: "Alcohol can harm your unborn child," 4th European Alcohol Policy Conference--A Call for Action, Organized by Eurocare, Brussels, 22 June 2010.

Presentations and radio interview: "Alcohol and Pregnancy," organized by the Estonian Temperance Union, Tartu and Tallinn, 7 and 8 April 2010.

Presentation: "J'ai adopté des enfants atteints du syndrome d'alcoolisme foetal," Formation Alcool et Grossesse, SSMG, Brussels, 28 November 2009.

Presentation: "Risks associated to prenatal exposure to alcohol," Alcohol and Pregnancy Conference, Europarliament, Brussels, organized by Eurocare, 9 September 2009. Presentation can be viewed at http://www.eurocare.org/library/press/eurocare_events/alcohol_and_pregnancy_conference_9_september

Workshop: "Nutrition for FASD," The 3rd International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Integrating Research, Policy and Promising Practice Around the World: A Catalyst for Change, March 11-14, 2009, Victoria, BC, Canada

Presentation: "Alcohol and pregnancy: what everyone should know," Evening reception on Alcohol and Pregnancy, Europarliament, Brussels, organized by Eurocare, 9 September 2008. Presentation can be viewed at http://www.eurocare.org/library/files/diane_black_pres.

Presentation: "Personal testimony: the lives behind the statistics," Conference on An Alcohol Strategy for Europe, Europarliament, Brussels, organized by Eurocare on 30 November

View presentation here:

http://www.eurocare.org/library/press/eurocare_events/eurocare_seminar_ep_an_alcohol_strategy_for_the_eu/diane_black_s_speech

Workshop: "Nutrition for FASD" at the Summer Meeting for families dealing with FAS, August 1-3, 2008, Kuggaviksgården, Sweden.

Magazine interview: "Levenslang: Geboren met een alcoholshade" ["Lifelong: born with alcohol damage"]. Interview on FAS and the role of nutrition in the Dutch health magazine, *Gezond Nu*, no. 6, June 2008.

Presentation: "Prenatale blootstelling aan alcohol: effect op gedrag, rol van voeding" ["Prenatal exposure to alcohol: effect on behavior, role of nutrition"]. Invited talk at the congress *Voeding & Gedrag* [Diet and Behavior], October 27, 2007 in Utrecht.

Web article: "Nutritional Interventions Can Help Your Child with FASD" posted on various websites in English, German and Dutch.

Radio interview: "Coping with the effect of FAS--five years on." Interview heard on Radio Netherlands Worldwide. April 30, 2007.

Many other presentations to schools, foster care organizations, midwives, and other parent and professional groups.

Other

Numerous research publications from my earlier career in DNA and protein analysis.