



The New Zealand
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Te Rōpū Mātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa

The New Zealand Psychological Society is proud to host:

Working with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

presented by:

Dr Valerie McGinn & Sarah Goldsbury

Wellington 10 April, Christchurch 11 April, Auckland 16 April 2019,
9.00am - 4.30pm

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a permanent brain injury, which has lifelong consequences for individuals and their whānau. FASD is a diagnostic term used to describe significant impacts on the brain and body of individuals exposed to alcohol in pregnancy.

Prenatal alcohol exposure is a leading cause of disability in children and the effects last into teenage and adulthood. Intellect is lowered but not always in the intellectually disabled range. Children and adults with FASD tend to be socially immature, naive and easily led, egocentric, impulsive and do not stop to think through to the consequences of their actions. Individuals with FASD may experience challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, emotional regulation, and social skills. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges.

Individuals with FASD can be found in all fields that psychologists are working in. Those with FASD experience an increased risk of mental health conditions, as well as other adversities such as coming into care, school exclusion and entering the criminal justice system. Often the neurodisability goes unrecognised and as a result the most helpful and effective services may not be provided.

FASD needs to be treated differently to other disabilities. We know that with FASD-informed practice and the appropriate disability supports, individuals with FASD can become emotionally settled and make good progress. However, without these supports provided lifelong, they struggle to reach their potential.

This workshop will inform participants about FASD, including what to look for and how to work differently with those who may be affected. It will include updates in recent research and practice, and will be valuable to those working with children, young people and adults across a range of areas including education, child development, mental health, care and protection and justice.

Dr Valerie McGinn is a Clinical Neuropsychologist and Clinical Director of the FASD Centre, Aotearoa where she is part of a multidisciplinary FASD diagnostic and treatment team. Most of the children and young people referred to the Centre are, or have been in state care with high and complex needs. Many have been excluded from school or have offended due to their disability needs not being recognised. By using FASD informed practice methods developed by Dr McGinn the life course of many have been changed for the better. Since her first FASD training in Canada in 2008 Valerie has diagnosed and advised in the management of hundreds of at-risk children and adolescents with FASD. She has also provided over 100 FASD assessments to the New Zealand Courts resulting in FASD now being widely recognised and accommodated within the legal system. She presented FASD evidence at the Privy Council resulting in a murder conviction based on a false confession being overturned after 22 years. Dr McGinn is a founding and board member for FASD-CAN, New Zealand's organisation to support and advocate for people with FASD and their families and caregivers. She provides FASD-informed workshops, diagnostic training, supervision and advisory services.

Sarah Goldsbury is a registered Clinical Psychologist of Ngati Porou and Te-Aitanga-A-Hauiti descent. Sarah is based in Gisborne, but works for The FASD Centre Aotearoa completing assessments based in the cities and towns outside of Auckland and Northland. Sarah also completes Youth Forensic court reports in Gisborne and Hawkes Bay. Sarah's past roles have included Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Child Development Service, Ministry of Education Learning Support (Behaviour Service) and Regional Youth Forensic Service. Sarah has particular interests in Māori models of wellbeing and psychology, as well as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and neuro-disabilities.



Venues

Wellington: Fusion Meetings & Events, Level 4, 85 The Terrace

Christchurch: BreakFree on Cashel, 165 Cashel Street

Auckland: St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill

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PAYMENT

All prices are GST Inclusive
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NZPsS Member	\$210.00
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Cost (incl. GST) covers:

- m/tea, lunch, a/tea
- workshop materials

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