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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
Ontario Network of Expertise

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada Calls to Action that refer to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

[The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#) report was produced in 2015. In the report, the following calls to action referred specifically to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD):

33. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to recognize as a high priority the need to address and prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and to develop, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, FASD preventive programs that can be delivered in a culturally appropriate manner.

34. We call upon the governments of Canada, the provinces, and territories to undertake reforms to the criminal justice system to better address the needs of offenders with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), including:

i. Providing increased community resources and powers for courts to ensure that FASD is properly diagnosed, and that appropriate community supports are in place for those with FASD.

ii. Enacting statutory exemptions from mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment for offenders affected by FASD.

iii. Providing community, correctional, and parole resources to maximize the ability of people with FASD to live in the community.

iv. Adopting appropriate evaluation mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of such programs and ensure community safety.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ontario Network of Expertise (FASD ONE) endorses the [Consensus Statement: Eight Tenets for Enacting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #33](#) created in May 2017 at a *Dialogue to Action on the Prevention of FASD*.

FASD ONE believes reforms to the criminal justice system (as detailed in Call to Action 34 above) are required to better address the needs of offenders with FASD.

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