



Highlighted Testimonials for speaking engagements

Program: March 2013

“The Perfect Storm” FASD and The Justice System

Atlanta, Georgia

Program: February 2013

“External Brain” on Four Paws-

A Case Study of the First Certified FASD Assistance Dog in the world

Vancouver, B.C., Canada

- Excellent course. Perfect for parents!
- Very insightful and expanded my knowledge of the benefit of service dogs. Super interesting - learned many unexpected things for my kid.
- Did not know what to expect from this session! Was awesome! Loved the presentation and can't wait to see the movie. An amazing Family!
- Outstanding! Great blend of information and very personal story. Clear, excellent presentation.
- Donnie was very knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and understanding. The mix of lecture, video clips and slides made her presentation very interesting.
- Awesome! I thought Donnie was engaging and gave hope for families. I had no idea service dogs were available for FASD kids. Definitely worth looking into!



Program: October 2012

“Thinking Outside the Kennel”

A Case Study of the First Certified FASD Assistance Dog in the world”

Alberta Conference

- Loved it - my favourite one of the conference. Well organized, great and passionate speaker, knowledgeable and good use of video, power point, and just speaking.
- Wonderful, insightful, powerful message of hope. My favourite of all the workshops!
- Best session I've ever attended. The use of animal therapy should be more available to children with FASD.
- Loved it! Inspiring story that I can't wait to share. We need more parents like you to advocate for their children. Loved this session! Great success and wonderful story.
- I loved the content and the presenter. Such a special presentation.
- Best session! Such a good idea!
- Amazing, amazing, amazing!!
- Excellent
- Fantastic!!
- This lady should be a main speaker at the next conference. Her room was packed and she knew a lot about her son's FASD. An amazing woman!



Program: April 2012,

You Can't See What You Don't Know: Understanding the Abilities of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders

Powell River, B.C. Canada;

sponsored by CC Duncan Executive Director of 4children.ca

“Being impressed with the whole concept of service dogs and their working with children with FASD had me wanting to connect with Donnie (Winokur) on so many levels. From our first conversations, we immediately clicked. Bringing her to Canada (and our community) to share what she has to offer was a no-brainer. Donnie’s so focused on sharing her talents, expertise and experience in a way we can’t help but feel compelled to join her in making the world a much friendlier place for the many other lyals (her son). Her personable nature, professionalism and experiential input made attendees feel understood, able to recognize their personal or work related experiences in the examples and stories she shared. The ability to bring an audience together on all levels is a gift. Thank you Donnie and I look forward to your return and hope many take that opportunity to nurture and grow in a mutual passion we share in improving the lives of those afflicted by the impact of FASD and towards eradicating the preventable disability through education.”



Program: April 21 -23, 2011 Ontario, Canada

Understanding the Hidden Abilities of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Sponsored by Linda Purdy Consulting

“I loved the information on the service dog and its impact on lyal, family and community. Donnie’s expertise in this area was terrific!

High School Special Education Teacher

“This was awesome. So much information! Thank you so much”

Parent of teen-ager living with FASD

“This was a great workshop. I gained a lot of important information.”

Social Worker from Toronto

Program: April 5, 2011

First International Conference on FASD and Sexuality - Speaker -

Juneau, Alaska Sponsored by Northern Light United Church

We were very pleased to have Donnie Winokur attend our third FASD Conference focusing on Sexuality in Juneau, Alaska on April 5th, 2011. Alaska has a high incidence of FASD and many who are incarcerated for sexual offenses. This conference was sponsored by Northern Light United Church as part of its social justice emphasis. It also involved several social service agencies, educators and law professionals working with children, youth and adults affected by fetal exposure to alcohol. Donnie brought another dimension by promoting the training and use of a service dog for someone with FASD. Many of the new approaches must be implemented in early childhood to insure success in adulthood. She presented a courageous and inspirational story of her family’s experience of parenting a child with FASD and autism. She is invaluable to the cause of educating people through her writing and activism.

Marion Gotschall, retired teacher, member of Northern Light United Church and Conference Committee



Program: September 3, 2010

“You Can’t See What You Don’t Know” - Keynote Speaker

7th Annual FASD Symposium Sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and the MS Advisory council on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Donnie:

You are such an inspiration to all those who meet you. Thank you for surrendering to this challenge and turning it into the opportunity it has become. I am thrilled to have had you in my home state.

Susan Davis

Mississippi Department of Education Division Worker

Program: January 18, 2010

**Critical Issues Facing Special Needs and At-Risk Children and Youth:
7th Annual Professional Seminar Series.**

Sponsored by: The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Suicide Prevention Program in partnership with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, and the Marcus Institute

Donnie, I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed your presentation yesterday. You and Chancer did a great job making FASD “real” for the audience. You are an awesome advocate and change agent for FASD. Thanks.

Iris E. Smith, Ph.D, MPH

Associate Professor

Behavioral Sciences & Health Education

Rollins School of Public Health

Emory University



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Donnie:

Thank you so much, although all the presentations were good, yours was truly excellent. In years of listening to lectures, I have to say that you did perhaps the best job I have heard on translating your son's label into what it means in day to day life. Your explanation of his trouble with grasping the passage of time and how that affects him was just what many of those people needed to hear in order to understand in a concrete way how life looks to the kids they work with.

Although I know that we can't ever understand God's plan, after hearing you speak, I bet I know why Iyal was meant to be part of your family.

Thank you so much for all your work in setting up the day's presentation on FAS I understand from the University of Georgia people that the reviews were very favorable. I am looking forward to reading your daughter's book and I will be happy to review it but I have to wait in line for my daughter who is 9 to finish it. Would you like her review as well?

Thanks again for all you help and your excellent presentation.

Kathleen Dumitrescu

Attorney with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation