

Speaker Bio Mary DeJoseph DO

Dr. Mary DeJoseph works with the NJ/ NE FASD Education and Research Center and is an adjunct faculty member at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is licensed in Family Medicine in PA with clinical practice experience in General Practice and Geriatrics. She serves on the New Jersey and Philadelphia Task Forces on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and served on the National FAS/ FAE Task Force. She is a listed author on the CDC and National Task Force publication “Preventing Alcohol Exposed Pregnancies”. She consults with the Mental Health Association in NJ and does workshops on a variety of addiction and mental health topics. She is currently on SAMHSA’s FASD Center for Excellence Expert Panel, the NJ Governor’s Council for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities and the Citizen’s Advisory Council to the NJ Division of Addiction Services. Dr. DeJoseph recently received an Ambassador Award in the area of Health Care from the NJ Governor’s Council on Mental Health Stigma. Dr. DeJoseph is a member and regional coordinator in the SAMHSA Birth Mother’s Network.

Speaker Bio Stephen DeJoseph

Stephen DeJoseph is a 23 year old student at the Atlantic County Community College in NJ in their Culinary Arts Academy. He graduated from the Burlington County Institute of Technology in 2005 with honors. He worked for the ARC of Burlington County doing direct patient care. He has done workshops for the Mental Health Association in New Jersey in their “Essential Skills in Recovery” Series on nutrition and cooking skills. He has done work in the catering and restaurant field for five years. Stephen is an avid skateboarder and snowboarder, poet, writer, reader, and history buff. He loves to travel, owns and cares for reptiles, and practices Buddhism. He is an accomplished speaker, and does workshops and presentations on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, how he and his family have been affected, and the diverse strategies he has used to cope with a variety of challenges. He looks forward to sharing his life experiences with the hope that he can help people understand what it is like to grow up and live with prenatal alcohol exposure.

Speaker Bio Christina DeJoseph

Christina is a highly successful 17 year young high school student. She is in honors classes, plays varsity soccer as a captain, and is her class president. She is in Student Council, Environmental Club, German Club, Book club, Interact, Big Brother Big Sister mentorship, and is a junior director at one of our community theater companies. Although she has not experienced overwhelming academic or social challenges from her prenatal exposure to alcohol, she certainly has some anxiety to manage and sibling challenges.

This past winter she spent 6 months living in Vermont to follow her snowboarding dreams. She attended Mount Snow Academy to snowboard every day and continue her studies. In her first year of competing, she made it to Nationals and placed third in the Halfpipe event. Her hopes of having a career in International Affairs focusing on Environmentalism, Animal Conservation, and Diplomacy are second to her aspirations of revolutionizing women’s snowboarding and winning gold in the Olympics. She is looking forward to coming to Utah to share her experience of prenatal exposure to alcohol and its effect on her family.