



It is with great pleasure that we present our 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly newsletter which shares the good news happenings from our society and agency. This 1<sup>st</sup> publication is all about celebration...the celebration of the new name of our non profit society now called "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Society for British Columbia;" the celebration of awards given to honour the hard work of our board, staff and employees; and the celebration of the wonderful things that are happening at the Asante Centre and in the province. We hope you will take a moment, read the good news and look forward to future exciting issues! If you would like to receive a newsletter by email, please send your request to:

[newsletter@asantecentre.org](mailto:newsletter@asantecentre.org).

Audrey Salahub, Executive Director

**The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Society for British Columbia**

Introducing the 2007-2008 Board of Directors

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To read biographies please visit the Asante Centre website.

**Dr. Kwadwo Asante, receives Harry Jerome Award**

Dr. Kwadwo Asante, our Medical Director, received the Black Business and Professional Association's Harry Jerome Award for Health Sciences at the Toronto Congress Centre this past April. Dr. Asante was recognized for a lifetime of work educating physicians, other health professionals and the public about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).



Dr. Asante is a contemporary of Jerome but that is not where the similarity ends. Both lived in the Lower Mainland and won recognition from the Governor General of Canada: Jerome received the Order of Canada in 1971 while Asante received the Meritorious Service Medal in 2005. In addition, both Harry Jerome and Dr. Asante worked for the betterment of their communities, especially for the disadvantaged.

To read more: <http://hja2007.blogspot.com/2007/04/health-services-award-dr.html>



*Upcoming Events*

*Mark your calendar for the:*

**FASD Youth Justice Workshop**

*For individuals working with FASD. Sponsored by the Asante Centre. Look for upcoming details on the Asante Centre Website.*

*December 4th and 14th in New Westminster  
Contact the Asante Centre to register.*

**Community Parent-to-Parent Support Groups for Parents of Individuals with FASD**

*Please visit the Asante Centre's website for times and locations in your community.*

**Third National Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD**

FASD and Mental Health: The Wisdom of Practice

*Apr 10-12, 2008 at the  
Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites in Vancouver  
UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education*

The advance notice for the Third National Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder ( April 10th - 12th, 2008 in Vancouver, BC, Canada ) is now available online at [www.interprofessional.ubc.ca](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca).

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The Society would not be able to continue to affect the lives of people with FASD and those who support those individuals without continued support.

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Thank you!

## What is the Asante Centre doing now?

This non-profit agency provides diagnostic, assessment and family support services for individuals and their families affected by prenatal alcohol exposure. Office hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Services the Asante Centre provides:

- Diagnosis, Assessment and Family Support for FASD
- Outreach Diagnostic Services
- Professional Training
- Educational Workshops and Seminars
- Prevention Activities and Resources
- Speech and Language therapy
- Research Activities
- Youth Justice Program
- Assessment and Diagnostic Services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other Complex Developmental and Behavioural Conditions



The speech-language pathologist at the Asante Centre is now offering therapy to individuals with speech and language deficits. Please contact the Asante Centre for further information.

## Audrey Salahub Receives BC Community Achievement Award

Forty-five British Columbians representing 25 communities throughout the province were honoured at the fourth annual BC Community Achievement Awards ceremony held at Government House in Victoria, April 25, 2007.



Audrey Salahub, the Executive Director at the Asante Centre was acknowledged for her instrumental work in the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Her influence has spread from its small beginnings in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows to now reaching throughout BC. Audrey's vision, determination and advocacy lead to the opening of the Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in Maple Ridge in 2000, which is provincially recognized for its assessment, diagnosis and preventative education of FASD.

For more: <http://www.bcachievement.com/community/2007/>



How do I know if my child has FASD?

Only a medical doctor can diagnose FASD, but you can read more about FASD on the Asante Centre website. If you would like your child to have an FASD assessment, talk to your paediatrician about making a referral.

If you haven't visited the website lately check out our new look at:

[www.asantecentre.org](http://www.asantecentre.org)

Also coming soon: a new site for Youth and Adults with FASD

## What can you do?

Become a member of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Society for British Columbia!

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