

FASD and The Criminal Justice System

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol
Network Society



- 1. Have copies of your child's assessment and medical documents ready in case they have contact with the criminal justice system to provide to the police officers.**
- 2. Ensure that your child has an adult or legal representative with them when they are talking with a Police Officer.**
- 3. Make sure that your child's legal counsel is aware of their diagnosis or suspicion of FASD.**
- 4. Provide FASD assessment documents to your child's legal counsel if they have had an assessment.**
- 5. If possible bring the youth to the court room prior to their first court date for a tour and to see the environment .**
- 6. Attend court with your youth.**
- 7. Bring fidget toys or other quiet activities for the youth to work on while they are waiting for their turn to see the judge.**
- 8. Prepare the youth ahead of time on what to expect and talk about how to act in the courtroom. For example no hats or cell phones are allowed in the courtroom.**
- 9. Ask if your child can be a part of the Extrajudicial Sanctions Program if it's their first or second offense.**
- 10. Work with the Probation Officer if your child is placed under a Court Order. Make them your friend not your enemy.**
- 11. Keep all Probation appointments to the same time and same day every week.**
- 12. Attend Probation meeting if you are able to.**
- 13. Post copies of the Probation Conditions around the home for the youth to see.**
- 14. Praise the youth for meeting their Probation Conditions.**

