



Rajani FASD Assessment & Diagnostic Clinic Training Services

LINKS: A Newsletter for Alberta FASD Diagnostic Clinics

Without a sense of caring,
there can be no sense of community.

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Winter finally has retreated and I know many of us look forward to spending time outdoors, enjoying summer vacations and participating in community events. Whether you live in a large, urban centre or a remote or rural community, there are so many reasons why people come together to celebrate special events, or to show appreciation for issues that affect each community. Many FASD clinics participate in these local events by showcasing their services and to provide FASD education and awareness messages. Hosting mocktails; having a presence at trade shows, early learning, and health and wellness fairs; or presenting at municipal or town council meetings can encourage community awareness and the dialogue around supporting individuals and caregivers impacted by FASD.

Whenever I travel, I have opportunities to ask about alcohol and pregnancy, get a sense of the level of awareness, and people's opinions. Often, I'm encouraged by responses and am struck by the level of engagement. Recently, while travelling in France and Belgium, I had a conversation about what I do in Canada. The B&B owner was interested and pointed me to the image that is on every alcohol bottle sold in France. It is a small image, and one that I hadn't noticed until she pointed it out. France has acknowledged their reality through messaging on liquor bottles. We have yet to reach this messaging in Canada, partly due to many logistical challenges. Each of Canada's 13 provinces and territories has a liquor board or commission that oversees the control, distribution and sale of beverage alcohol in its jurisdiction. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, there will be consensus on labelling with a similar message in Canada.



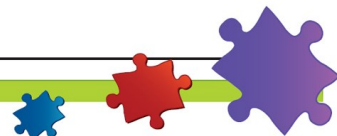
Please take time to read and forward this Links edition to your other clinic team members. Information on the upcoming Annual Clinic Coordinator Meeting is on the "Save the Date".

HAPPY SUMMER!

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Neurodevelopmental Domains: Adaptive Behaviour, Social Skills, or Social Communication

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This domain is a blend of related skills. The concept of adaptive behavior refers to the capacity to independently manage the activities of daily life. It includes practical skills such as organizing and managing time, money and a typical home environment; academic and conceptual skills such as memory and judgement; and social skills such as understanding what another person is communicating, thinking or experiencing.

Adaptive behavior is most often measured indirectly using rating scales completed by significant others. When rating scales are used it is important to look for agreement between multiple raters, and it is sometimes difficult to find respondents who have sufficient first-hand knowledge of the client to complete all of the items. There are also some objective tests available for use with adults, and it is possible to infer a deficit in adaptive behavior using interview and historical data, etc. According to the Appendix 1 of the Canadian Guidelines, "The deficits in adaptive function should be consistent with deficits in the other 9 domains. This domain is intended to function as an additional indicator of overall disability related to neurodevelopmental impairment" (page 34). With this in mind, it is also possible to infer a deficit in adaptive behavior based on the presence of other deficits. For example, if an older teen or adult client presents with severe impairments in multiple domains such as cognition (intelligence), memory, attention and academic skills (i.e., is completely illiterate with respect to reading, writing and numeracy), it would follow that they would also be deficient in adaptive behavior. In this example, the domain of adaptive behavior would not be needed to support the presence of severe and pervasive brain dysfunction because there are already 4 domains that are significantly impaired. However, such a client would not be expected to manage money, read or sign a lease, or take prescription medication properly. Thus, consideration of adaptive behavior is particularly relevant when it comes to recommending suitable supports and interventions.

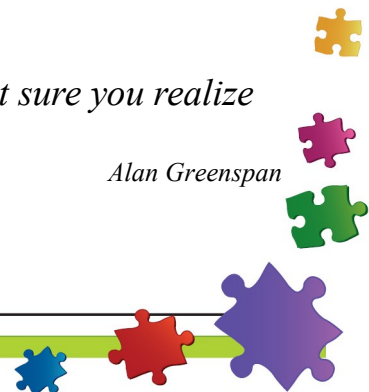
Like adaptive behavior, social skills are most often measured indirectly by using rating scales completed by individuals who know the client well. Indeed, social skills are one of the three areas evaluated under the broader category of adaptive behavior. Social communication can be directly assessed by administering objective tests that evaluate a number of skills including accurately interpreting tone of voice, inflection, and other nonverbal information such as facial expressions, hand gestures, and body language.

Making inferences and comprehending irony or sarcasm also represent important aspects of social communication. The phrase "I love shopping for shoes" can have several different meanings depending on the context and how it is stated. Similarly, the phrase "that's just what I needed" can be interpreted in more than one way, and misunderstanding what was intended by the speaker can have significant consequences in interpersonal situations.

"I know you think you understand what you thought I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

Alan Greenspan

*Our Vision~ We envision a region with no new FASD births
and where currently affected individuals are well supported.*



Youth Justice Program

Submitted by: Chris Leptich
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What is the FASD Justice Support Program for Youth?

The FASD Justice Support Program for Youth ("the Program") is a partnership between Alberta Justice and Solicitor General (JSG) and Calgary and Edmonton Youth Criminal Defence Offices. The program organizes case conferences to assist young persons with diagnosed FASD in conflict with the law, which are ordered by Youth Justice Court judges under Section 19 of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (YCJA).

The program convenes a conference including the young person's personal and professional supports, such as a parent or guardian, probation officer, child welfare representative, FASD Justice Program representative and the FASD assessment and diagnostic team. During the case conference, the young person's FASD assessment is reviewed, current supports and supports to assist the young person to improve his/her life course and to avoid criminal involvement are identified, and recommendations are made to assist the young person to successfully complete their sentence.

This information is summarized in a "Section 19 Report" which is submitted to the sentencing judge, who may choose to draw on the report in making decisions about sentencing.

What is Section 19?

The YCJA is federal legislation that governs the justice system for youth who committed an offence between the ages of 12 – 17 years. The YCJA stresses rehabilitation over incarceration, and states that "communities, families, parents and others concerned with the development of young persons should, through multi-disciplinary approaches, take reasonable steps to prevent youth crime by addressing its underlying causes, to respond to the needs of young persons, and to provide guidance and support to those at risk of committing crimes." The Act stipulates that special considerations need to be made for young persons with special needs, including FASD, to prevent or reduce re-offending.

A Section 19 conference provides relevant information to the Youth Justice Court to assist in designing, implementing, and monitoring a support system for a young person who faces serious challenges in life and is at high risk of re-offending. Young people with FASD usually need continual life supports such as structured living environments, income assistance, mental health treatment, and ongoing mentorship and supervision. A comprehensive support plan usually requires the involvement of the non-profit sector, child and family services, mental health, education, and other provincial systems.

What role can clinics and networks play in the Program?

Both clinics and networks play a vital role in consulting, supporting and facilitating the development and monitoring of a plan that identifies community resources and connects each young person with supports that may reduce the likelihood of further involvement with the criminal justice system.

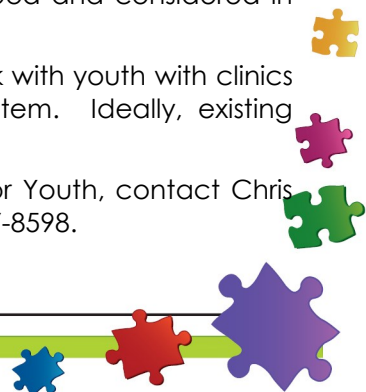
What is next for the Program?

Research indicates that the Program is effective in preventing crime and reducing recidivism, should be widely replicated and could be identified as a "model" crime prevention initiative in Canada and around the world. As a result, JSG is working to expand the Program throughout the province.

JSG will be looking to engage clinics and networks on the newly developed FASD Justice Support Program for Youth implementation guide to ensure that concerns and aspirations are understood and considered in the guide.

Additionally, JSG will be looking to connect 20 regional probation officers who work with youth with clinics and networks in their regions to act as FASD Champions within the justice system. Ideally, existing committees and networks can be leveraged.

If you would like more information regarding the FASD Justice Support Program for Youth, contact Chris Leptich, FASD Initiatives Coordinator, at christopher.leptich@gov.ab.ca or at 403-297-8598.



SAVE THE DATE!



THE FUTURE OF CHILD WELFARE IN CANADA

9TH Biennial PRAIRIE CHILD WELFARE CONSORTIUM GATHERING

OCTOBER 23-26, 2018, Calgary, AB

Sheraton Cavalier 2620 32 Ave NE

Hosted by:

Prairie Child Welfare Consortium (PCWC);
Provincial and Territorial Directors of Child Welfare, and;
Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary

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Rajani FASD Assessment & Diagnostic
Clinic Training Services

Annual FASD Diagnostic Clinic Coordinator Meeting

Wed, September 19, 2018

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Best Western Suites Downtown
1330-8 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2R 1B6

**The meeting provides opportunity for coordinators to network, discuss issues that are specific to coordinator roles. We look forward to your attendance!

RSVP no later than September 4, 2017 to clinictraining@lcfasd.com

Hotel Booking @ [Best West Suites Downtown](#)

or contact [Rohan](#) [email] or call @ 403.209.3433

- ⇒ Free complimentary parking for hotel guests
- ⇒ Full agenda will be sent out a few weeks prior to the meeting
- ⇒ Due to limited space, this meeting is intended for clinic coordinators only

Lakeland Centre for
FASD
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder



AB FASD FAQ CARD Updates

Clinic Coordinators:

It's time to do an update for the 2 sided clinic contact cards, which have been widely distributed over the past 2 years. If your contact information or clinic names are different than what's listed on the Clinic Contact page in this newsletter, please email: clinictraining@lcfasd.com with changes. The new cards will be available for download and printing on the Can FASD research network site over the next few weeks. High resolution 8.5"x5.5" cards PDF can be downloaded [here](#) and printed by your preferred printer.

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COMMENTARY

Response to “A critique for the new Canadian FASD diagnostic Guidelines”

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This Clinical Commentary is a response to the critique Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Canadian guidelines for diagnosis, written by McLennan and Braunberger (McLennan & Braunberger, 2017).

Is FASD 100% Preventable?

Summary article by CanFASD posted by the Prevention Conversation that delves in the subject matter of FASD prevention and the numerous social determinants of health that contribute to alcohol use during pregnancy vs the former 'Baby vs Bottle' awareness and prevention strategy

Article

Ten-year experience of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;
diagnostic and resource challenges in Indigenous children

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Background: Although fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) can have a disproportionate impact in some Indigenous communities, there is a paucity of literature on its epidemiology.

Working Paper Series

This paper discusses Indigenous children with disabilities in Canada and examines their experiences with federal and provincial jurisdictional and funding disputes. It explores Canada's adversarial legal and policy techniques to delay implementation and funding of Jordan's Principle, the effects of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decision, and the recommendations of a recent independent Canadian research project.

Welcome!

Jolene Gramlich, husband, and big sister
Sydney announce the arrival of
Paige Omelia on February 25.
Jolene is Clinic Coordinator for
the Onion Lake Clinic.



When you think about
community, collaboration
really is part of a
community action.



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Please check your clinic contact information in this issue. Thanks!



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