

SERVICES WE OFFER

Beacon Community Services offers a dedicated team who specializes in supporting children, youth and families living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or similar neurodevelopmental conditions.

Our FASD Support Services team consists of Key Workers and a Parent Support Program.



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A Glimpse into FASD



Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is an umbrella term referring to the wide range of effects that can be caused by alcohol use during pregnancy. Exposure to alcohol can impact a child's brain and body development; these impacts often result in behavioral symptoms that are easily misunderstood.

Because the effects of alcohol are not always physically visible, FASD can be referred to as an "invisible" disability. The effects of FASD are life long; children and youth do not grow out of the challenges caused by FASD. Children, youth and families therefore often require external community resources, understanding and support.

PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Offers an opportunity for caregivers to share their experiences in raising children and youth affected by FASD
- Provides a supportive, non-judgmental environment
- Creates opportunities for group education and information sharing
- Engages caregivers in exploring avenues for self care
- Increases access to the resources needed to support children and youth experiencing the effects of FASD

KEY WORKER PROGRAM

- Assists families and communities in understanding the effects of FASD
- Identifies the unique needs of each family
- Focuses on child, youth and family strengths
- Provides emotional and practical support to families
- Assists families in accessing resources and supports within their communities
- Works to adapt children's environments in response to their needs
- Supports and advocates for families within systems and organizations
- Empowers families to be their own best advocates
- Assists families in navigating the diagnostic process



“Coming together is a beginning;

Keeping together is progress;

Working together is success.”

- Henry Ford