

Parenting with FASD: Challenges, Strategies and Support Issues
Adults Living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: In Search of Justice
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Employment: Supporting Adults with FASD on the Job

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The main objectives of these three inter-connected research and video production projects were: to examine the accomplishments, challenges and support needs of adults with FASD, particularly in relation to parenting, employment, and the legal system; and to identify alternative policies, programs and practices that better address needs and improve the quality of day to day living for adults with FASD.

In the interest of making our project's findings as accessible as possible, another important project goal was to produce an educational videotape on issues associated with parenting, employment, and the criminal justice system.

"Parenting with FASD" focuses on issues associated with parenting given prenatal exposure to alcohol, including parenting strengths, challenges, experiences with the child welfare system and perceived barriers to support. Highlighted as well are a variety of parenting supports, resources and strategies that adults with FASD and their support people have identified as effective, along with recommendations for positive policy and practice-related change.

The video and companion booklet "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Employment" featured six adults living with FASD. The project explored some of the challenges and barriers that individuals with FASD face regarding employment. These challenges stem from both the primary and secondary effects of FASD, as well as from society's lack of understanding of and inappropriate expectations for those living with this invisible disability. Highlighted as well are strategies and approaches that FASD-affected adults, their support people and employers have found to be effective both on and off the job.

A primary focus of "Adults Living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: In Search of Justice" was to examine the challenges, accomplishments and support needs of adults with FAS/E in relation to the legal system. The research has examined FASD-affected adults' experiences with the legal system, as well as the perspectives of their support people/advocates regarding the current system and potential alternatives.