

Fetal Alcohol & Drug Effects (FADE)

FADE is an education-based approach to FASD prevention, intervention, and support.

What is FASD?

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) describes the full range of physical, cognitive, and behavioral challenges that may occur as a result of prenatal alcohol exposure, including Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

FASD is the leading known cause of intellectual disabilities in the United States.

Prevention *prevention*

FASD is 100% preventable if women do not consume alcohol during pregnancy. There is no known “safe” time, type, or amount of alcohol for a pregnant woman to consume. FADE prevention services include:

- Classes for high school and college students
- Public awareness and community initiatives
- Outreach to health and human service providers



Intervention:

Individuals with FASD are at greater risk for mental health concerns, disrupted school experiences, substance abuse involvement, trouble with the law, and employment difficulties.

Research shows that the risk of these lifelong secondary disabilities can be prevented or significantly reduced with effective early intervention.

FADE intervention services include:

- Programming for high risk women in treatment and transition
- In-service training for educators, healthcare professionals, and human service providers
- Consultations and referrals to the education, medical, addiction and legal systems

intervention

Support:

The FASD Family Support Group meetings and events give caregivers and individuals with FASD the opportunity to share experiences and learn from each other.

Being able to reach out to caring and knowledgeable FADE educators via in-person, on-line, or telephone contact helps to reduce the feelings of isolation often experienced by families.

FADE support services include:

- The WNY FASD Family Support Group in collaboration with Dr. Luther K. Robinson of Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo
- Family advocacy for Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings
- Foster and adoptive parent training

People born with FASD have great potential for success—knowledge is the key that unlocks it.



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