



8th International Research Conference on
Adolescents and Adults with FASD
Review, Respond and Relate

Vancouver , BC, Canada
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**LIVING ACCOMMODATION
FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
FASD - A study carried out
by our organisation
FASD Deutschland e.V.**

First Thoughts

- **What happens when a person with FASD turns 18?**
 - **new "adult" legislation**
 - **children age out; care orders are automatically revoked**
- **What if someone who has FASD wants to leave home - or has to?**

Questions

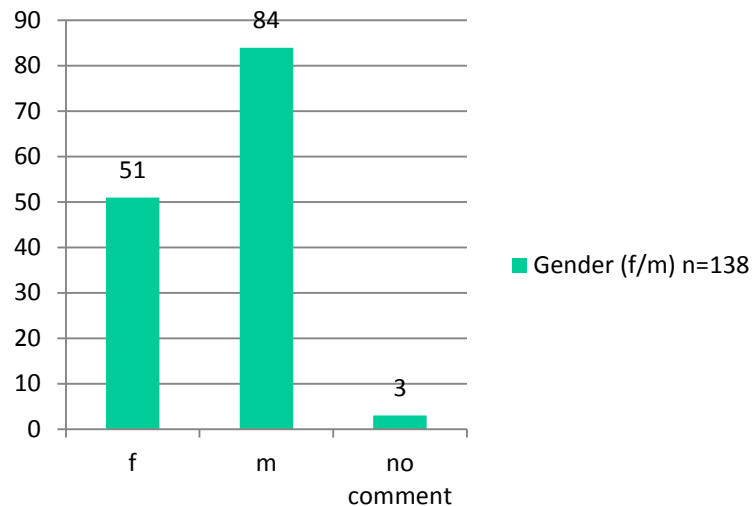
- **Where do adolescents and adults with FASD live at the moment?**
- **Are there suitable forms of accommodation that meet the individual needs of someone who has FASD?**
- **What is it that makes accommodation suitable (or unsuitable) for an individual with FASD?**

The Survey

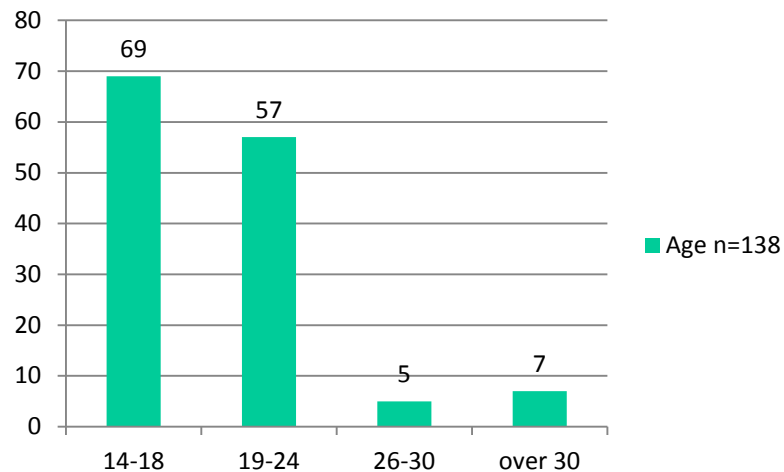
- **anonymous, on-going since 2014**
- **20 questions (both open- and closed-ended)**
- **available**
 - **online - download from our website**
 - **printed - distributed at our annual national FASD conference, 4 consecutive years (2014 - 2017)**
- **target group: individuals with FASD and/or immediate caregiver, minimum age: 14**
- **138 questionnaires evaluated 09/2014 - 12/2017**

► Subjects

Gender (f/m)



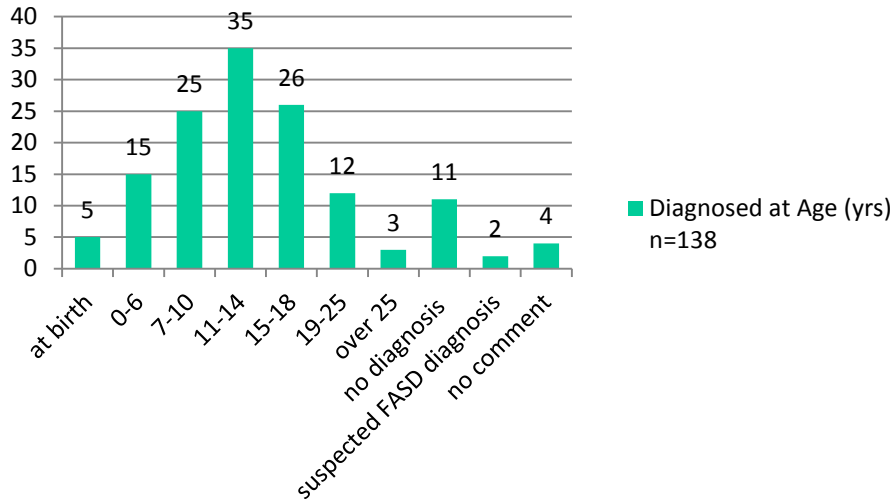
Age (yrs)



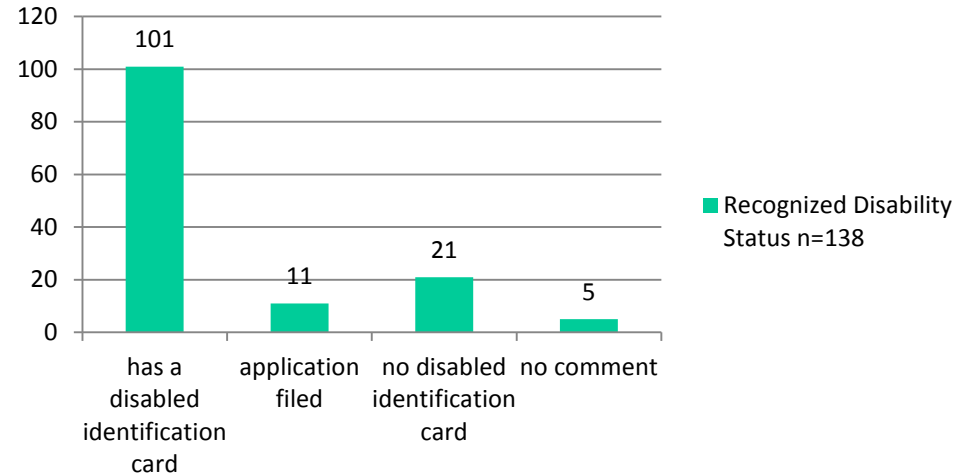
► **Diagnosis?**

► **Disability Status?**

Diagnosed at Age (yrs)



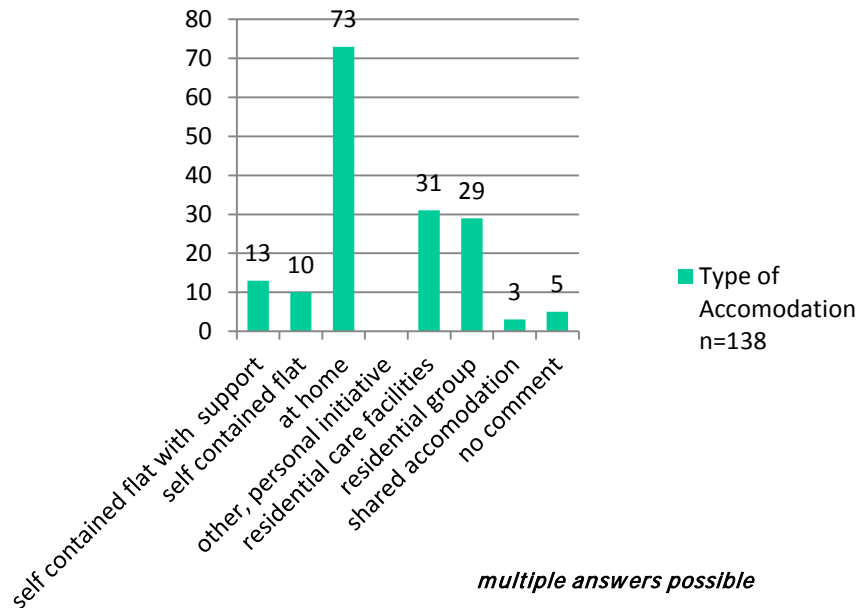
Recognized Disability Status



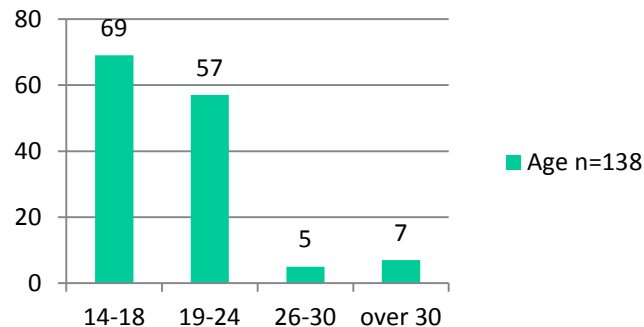
► Current Accommodation

A reminder about age!!

Type of Accommodation



Age



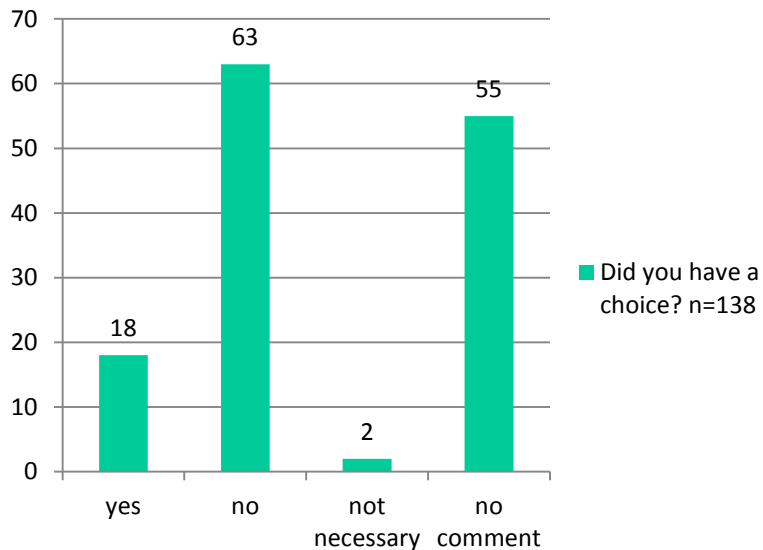
▶ Q: Why Live Here?

▶ A: Top 4 Reasons

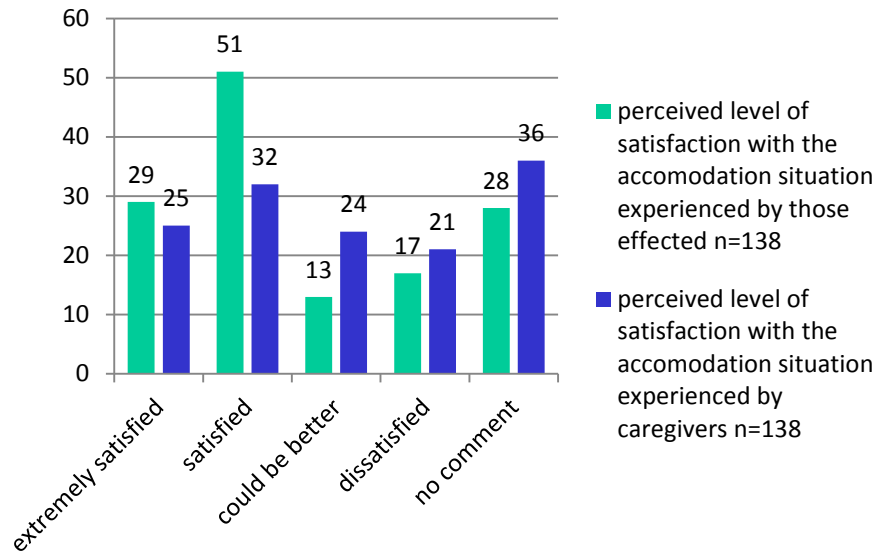
- "Can't cope with everyday life (school, vocational training, work) living outside the family home"
- "Still heavily reliant on the family environment"
- "Because of/thanks to my partner"
- "Has previously been frequently expelled or has run away"

► Q: Satisfied?

Did you have a choice?

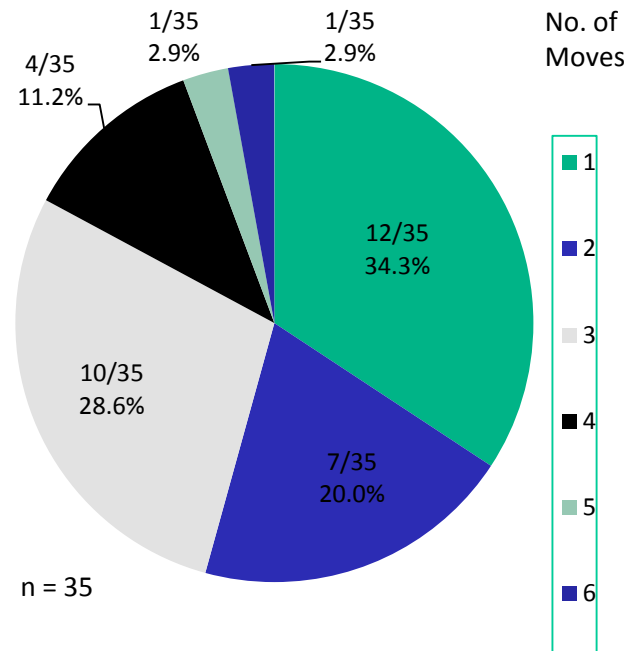
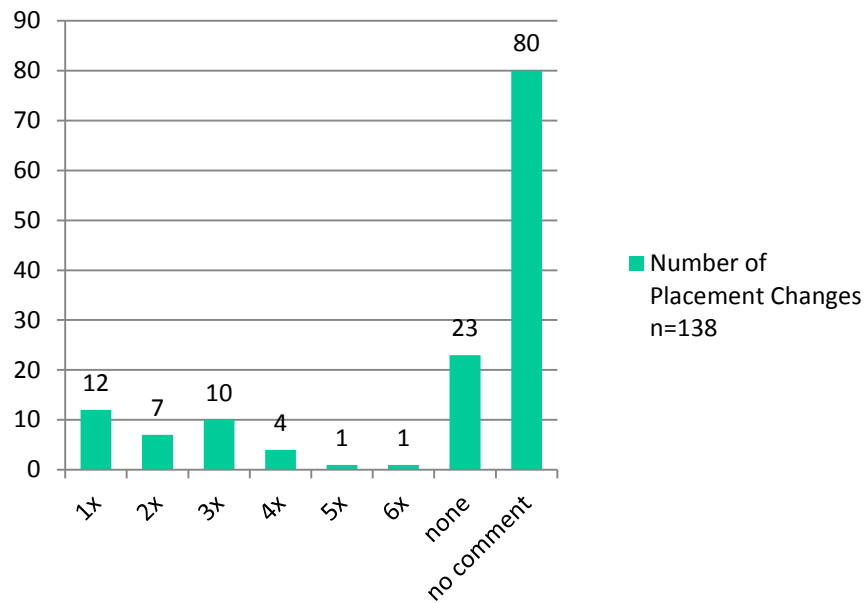


Perceived Levels of Satisfaction



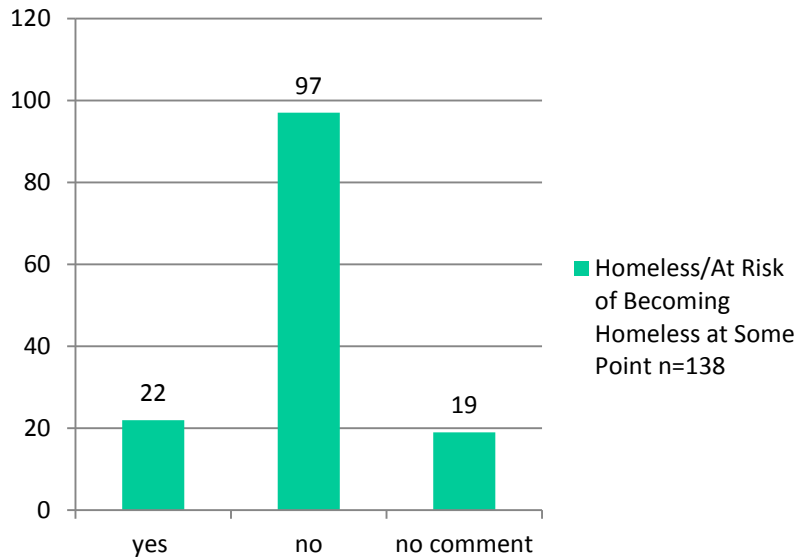
► Placement Changes

Number of Placement Changes

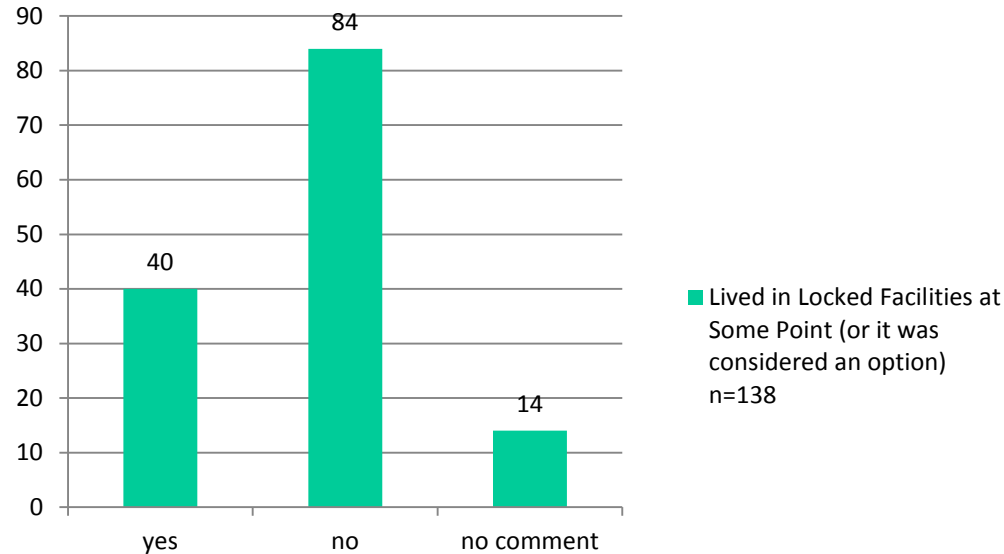


► Worst-Case Scenario

Homeless? Or at Risk of Becoming Homeless at Some Point?



Lived in Locked Facilities at Some Point? Or considered an option?



► Conclusions

What we have:

"SOME ..."

So whilst **some** facilities provide good services for individuals with FASD, there's room for improvement!

► Conclusions

What we need:

- Knowledge about FASD, increased awareness, diagnosis
- Open communication
- Legislation (support and further development of new housing concepts/types of accommodation suitable for individuals with FASD; modify existing programmes)
- Qualified employees in (residential) care facilities; person-centred approach - recognize and respect individual needs
- Institutions and facilities prepared to welcome people with FASD, to embrace their unique personalities and give them the opportunity to live as they would like to - with as little support as possible but as much as necessary.

Goodbye and auf Wiedersehen!



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