Understanding the Needs of Families
Raising Individuals with FASD

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Needs Assessment

• A substantial body of literature exists regarding FASD etiology, and the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure.

• Little is know about the needs of families raising individuals with FASD, and their experiences in accessing support services.

• “What is” vs. “What should be”.
Learning Objectives

• Describe the families’ needs related to accessing support services.

• Describe the procedure for an adequate needs assessment related to FASD.

• Describe potential gaps in the existing support system.
Methods

- Participants: 25 families of individuals with FASD (aged 5-19 years old.)
- Recruitment through Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, Key Worker Program.
- 4 geographic areas of Fraser Valley, British Columbia, Canada.
- Family Quality of Life Survey - 2006 to measure concepts of Importance, Opportunities, Initiative, Stability, Attainment, and Satisfaction in domains such as Support from Disability Related Services, Health,
- Semi-structured interviews or focus groups.
Conclusions

• Insights into the availability and accessibility of services, including satisfaction with services.

• Information on potential gaps between existing services and the needs of families.

• Information to assist service providers with designing new procedures for the adequate needs assessment.
Questions?

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