

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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