



SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Database: *Linking Science to Service through Web Technology*

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Presentation Overview



- Background on FASD Center for Excellence
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 - › Center Mandates
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- FASD Resource Database
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 - › Development and Maintenance
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SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence



Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

- › A range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy
- › Effects may be physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities
- › Not a diagnostic term
- › Refers to conditions that include:
 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 - Alcohol-related Neurodevelopmental Disorder
 - Alcohol-related Birth Defects



SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Legislative Mandates

- Study innovative clinical interventions.
- Identify exemplary community systems of care.
- Provide technical assistance to communities.
- Provide training on FASD.
- Develop innovative prevention techniques.
- Respond to recommendations by the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Activities



- Support the identification and replication of promising practices in prevention and treatment of FASD.
- Facilitate State FASD efforts:
 - › Building FASD State Systems annual meeting
 - › Creation of the National Association of FASD State Coordinators (NAFSC)



SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Activities (cont'd)

- Provide training and technical assistance.
- Develop publications:
 - For the Web site
 - For journals
 - For Native American publications
- Operate the Information Resource Center.

FASD Center for Excellence: Web Site



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/index.cfm>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, Home, Search, Favorites, History, Mail, Print, Edit, and Discuss. The website content features the SAMHSA logo in the top left corner. To its right, the text reads "SAMHSA's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders" in purple and "Center for Excellence" in green italics. Below the logo is a diamond-shaped menu with four options: "The FASD Center", "Grab and Go", "FASD Links", and "Information Resource Center". To the right of the menu, there are links for "What's New" (with a yellow star icon) and "Press Room" (with a newspaper icon). A "Printer Friendly" link is also present. A "Tip" box contains the text: "If you have a friend who is drinking during pregnancy, encourage her to stop." The main content area welcomes visitors to the SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence Web site, describing it as a Federal initiative devoted to preventing and treating FASD. It lists goals such as advancing the field of FASD and promoting best practices. The text provides links for "resources", "request training and technical assistance", and "materials".

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Address <http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/index.cfm> Go Links

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[Printer Friendly](#)

 [What's New](#)  [Press Room](#)

Tip

If you have a friend who is drinking during pregnancy, encourage her to stop.

Welcome to the SAMHSA Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Center for Excellence Web site. The FASD Center is a Federal initiative devoted to preventing and treating FASD. The Center's goals include advancing the field of FASD and promoting best practices. This Web site provides information and [resources](#) about FASD. For more help, you can [request training and technical assistance](#). We also provide [materials](#) you can use to raise awareness about FASD.

FASD Center for Excellence: Web Site Features



- FASD Links
- Information Resource Center
- Upcoming Events
- Press Room



FASD Center for Excellence: Unique Web Site Features

- Tips of the Day
- Grab and Go
- Request Training and Technical Assistance
- Resource Database

FASD Resource Database



- Component of Information Resource Center
- Searchable database of over 3,000 items related to FASD

Who Are Intended Users?



- Family Members
- Educators
- Service Providers
 - › Juvenile Justice
 - › Social Service Providers
 - › Respite Care
 - › Physical Therapy
- Researchers

What Can Be Found in the Database?



- Teaching Tools
- Tips for Educators
- Children's Literature
- Case Studies
- Reference Books
- Conference Proceedings
- Educational Games
- Journal Articles
- Magazine Articles
- Curricula
- Posters
- Slide Shows
- Videos
- Books
- Popular Press
- Pamphlets

What Topics Are Covered?



- Etiology
- Diagnostic and Screening Methods
- Characteristics
- FASD Prevalence
- Prevention and Treatment
- Cost of FASD
- Legal Issues
- Personal Stories
- Educational Resources for Public
- Professional Resources
- Cultural Issues

Unique Features of the Database



- Comprehensive resource
- Caters to lay and professional audiences
- All documents related to FASD

Development Process



- Conducted environmental scan
- Determined scope of record
- Created collection development guidelines
- Developed Web-based system
- Prepared quality control procedures
- Performed usability testing on search interface

Database Record



- Citation
- Description
- Keyword
- Function Type/Category
- Media Type
- Availability
- Language



Keywords

Cover FASD issues and topics, such as

- Etiology
- Related Disorders and Syndromes
- Treatment and Prevention
- Services
- Tests
- Legal Issues
- Pregnancy Related Topics

Ongoing Development



- Collection development
- Keyword maintenance
- Search enhancements

Search Tips



- Search by Keyword
 - › Title
 - › Keyword
 - › Description
 - › Author
 - › Function Type/Category
- Search by Media Type



Resource Database: Summary

- Comprehensive database
- Range of document types
- Ongoing updates

Database URL:

www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/search/

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For more information, go to:
www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/

Check Web site often. Look for additions:

- Spanish version of Web site
- Recommended reading lists
- Online tutorial on FASD