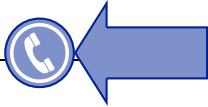


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**Fetal Alcohol  
Spectrum Disorders**

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**in a child's life....**

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## CARE'S FASD ACHIEVE SERVICES CAN HELP

Confusing Behaviors?  
Developmental Delays?  
Constant Impulsivity?  
No concept of cause and effect?

The missing piece of the puzzle could be a spectrum of disabilities due to prenatal alcohol exposure called Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

### CARE's FASD ACHIEVE services can help

#### Step 1 **Early Diagnosis**

If you are concerned about a child's development and confusing behaviors — The first step is to schedule a **no cost Screening** with CARE FASD staff.



WHY? As parents we do not want to label our child, however, early diagnosis empowers parents to understand the FASD behaviors.

Early diagnosis and interventions helps the parent and professional understand the child's unique behaviors, enjoyment, learning styles and strengths. Parents and professionals can use strategies and techniques to empower the child with skills to understand, excel and flourish in their family, social and educational environment.

#### Step 2 **Diagnostic Evaluation**

CARE FASD Staff will assist all children/family receiving a positive FASD Screen in scheduling a full **diagnostic evaluation** with an FASD Diagnostic clinic.

CARE FASD Staff will:

- Assist family in filling out the necessary paperwork for the diagnostic clinic
- Maintain contact with the family during the diagnostic period
- Provide additional community resources as needed
- In case of a positive diagnosis refer family to the FASD case manager. (Step 3)

#### WHAT IS IT?

The FASD diagnostic evaluation consists of a team of professionals, including a pediatrician looking at the physical aspects of FASD; a psychologist testing or analyzing brain function, and other occupational therapists looking for any sensory issues or speech/language delays.

#### Step 3 **Case Management**

Your child has a diagnosis and recommendations from the FASD clinic - What is the next step?

Families can benefit from **case management services** for the family and the child diagnosed with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.



#### CARE's FASD Case Manager will:

- Work with the family to address all of its needs
- Work with the family to develop an individualized service plan based on specific interests, strengths and the diagnostic recommendations
- Assist the family in obtaining services
- Visit the family on a need basis
- Provide support to the family during Individualized Education Plan meetings