

March Newsletter



Support Group Meetings

High Level support group meeting will be held in the Fahlman Building, buzz 08 to come up. We offer a luncheon from 12:00-2:00 and evening from 6:00-8:00. Childcare is also available for both with advance notice:) March 4, 2020

Chateh support group meeting will be held at the band office in Chateh on March 11, 2020

Fort Vermilion support group meeting will be held at the office beside the Parent Link Centre, luncheon from 12:00-2:00. March 18, 2020

La Crete support group meeting will held at the Pine Centre in La Crete from 6:00-8:00. March 25, 2020. Childcare is also available here upon request.

Caregivers are welcome to join in any of the groups in any communities if they would like :)

The FASD Diagnosis

We are going to begin a series through the newsletter about the diagnosis.

Why is an assessment for FASD important?

- * An assessment will show the strengths and challenges so that you can find the best ways to support a person with FASD and even help you to understand them better.
- * When you understand the developmental delays, challenging behaviors, and learning difficulties it will be easier to ask for help in that area, or help your person.
- * The diagnostic team will develop recommendations that will address the unique challenges and may provide community support organizations with strategies to build on strengths.

The Diagnostic Team

Who is the team for an FASD diagnostic clinic and what are their roles?

Social Worker: Provides information about social and environmental history of the child if involved in the child welfare system.

Doctor/Pediatrician: collects medical history, measures facial features and checks for other possible medical conditions. Participates in or leads the caregiver interview & signs the medical report

Psychologist: measures the strengths & challenges of the brain function. IQ, memory, attention, social skills and receives information on how your child is doing in school.

Occupational Therapist: measures motor ability (balance, strength, reflexes) and assesses sensory issues.

Speech Language Pathologist: measures language development, vocabulary and language skills.

Clinic Coordinator: oversees the activities of your child's diagnostic process, coordinating pre-assessment information including questionnaires from people who interact with your child on a daily basis as well as tell you about your timelines and appointments throughout the process. Gathers historical health information, including pre-natal. Interviews the mother for pregnancy history and collects all other relevant history (medical, social and educational).