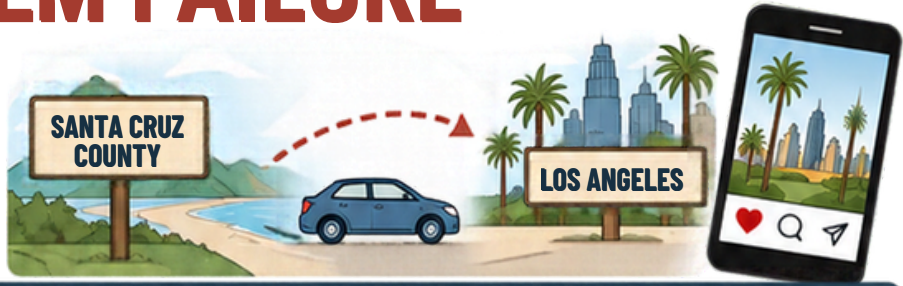


FASD AND SYSTEM FAILURE

Example: Probation

A young man on probation was told he could not leave Santa Cruz County. Later, he went to Los Angeles and posted pictures of the trip all over social media.



WHAT DID HIS BRAIN NEED TO DO TO FOLLOW THE RULE?

1

TAKE IN AND STORE THE CONDITION

Could he attend to the instruction, process it, and store it in memory?



- Attention
- Processing
- Encoding
- Memory

2

UNDERSTAND THE MEANING

What does "leave Santa Cruz County" actually mean?



- Language
- Concrete understanding
- Comprehension

3

UNDERSTAND THE BOUNDARY

Did he know where Santa Cruz County ended?



- Practical knowledge
- Spatial understanding
- Abstract concepts

4

REMEMBER THE RULE

When the trip came up, did the condition come back to mind?



- Memory retrieval
- Working memory
- Executive functioning

5

APPLY THE RULE TO THIS SITUATION

Could he connect going to Los Angeles with the rule?



- Generalization
- Working memory
- Abstract thinking

6

CHANGE COURSE

Could he stop, shift plans, and figure out how to get back?



- Flexibility
- Inhibition
- Problem-solving
- Adaptive functioning

7

ANTICIPATE CONSEQUENCES

Could he connect leaving the county with violating probation and future jail?



- Future thinking
- Cause and effect
- Judgment

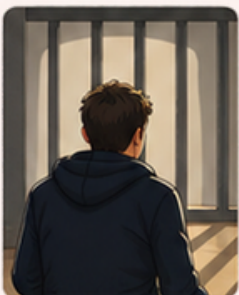
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UNDERSTAND THE SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

Did he realize posting pictures could document the violation?



- Judgment
- Foresight
- Generalization
- Cause and effect



He violated probation and...

He went back to jail.

From the outside, this can look like obvious defiance. But each step required brain functions that may have been assumed rather than understood.

MOST FASD IS UNIDENTIFIED

Recognizing FASD can change what happens next:

You can make a difference.



better
assessment



appropriate
supports



more effective
probation
planning



possible
Regional Center
referral

Recognizing FASD, knowing the signs, reviewing history, and using appropriate assessment can help identify where breakdowns may occur and what support is needed to prevent them from happening again.