



FASD

the INVISIBLE disability

- One in twenty or 5% of the US population has FASD (this excludes Foster care)
- FASD is seen at a much higher rate in foster care and adoption populations
- The American Academy of Pediatrics advises "no amount of alcohol intake is safe" at any stage of pregnancy
- Over 50% of pregnancies are unplanned, many people don't realize they are pregnant until 6-8 weeks into pregnancy



When FASD is recognized and appropriate support is given early, people with prenatal exposure to alcohol can succeed.

With lack of recognition, service providers use standard interventions which often fail without the adjustments necessary for someone with FASD. This can lead to treatment that does harm to the individual and their family, resulting in poor outcomes.

Understanding = Success