



Fetal Alcohol Support Society

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# FASS Newsletter

## Special Interest Items:

Neuropsychological Assessments WHY VALUED

- [www.faslink.org](http://www.faslink.org)

The National and "ITA" Charitable FASD Society, website & forum.

- Our ongoing need is to raise money for Neuro-psychological assessments and Diagnoses, help with housing, food, education and daily needs of our Special People

FASS refers and consults with the Canadian FASD Diagnostic and Training Centre Edmonton, AB [www.fasdcanada.com](http://www.fasdcanada.com)

FASS is Parent driven Support Group that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, at NOON at our office, Room 103, Building A at The Community Village. We can assist you with referrals, housing and accessing AISH or AWIS

TO SAVE A CHILD IS TO SAVE A COMMUNITY

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## Living with FASD

### WHAT KIND OF ASSESSMENT SHOULD YOU GET?

FASD is BRAIN and CNS (central nervous system) impact/damage that is lifelong and permanent

**Neuropsychologists** are highly trained professionals specializing in the study of brain and behaviour relations using techniques that go beyond the standard psychological evaluations.

Neuropsychologists are able to make inferences about presence or absence of brain dysfunction, including strengths and weaknesses, which assist in the treatment selection and planning, employability status and modifications needed for learning or daily living environment.

A **neuropsychological assessment is the most "accurate and valid" means** to determine the extent of cognitive (mental comprehension) impairment and the detection of neuropsychiatric disorders and dysfunctions Would you let your lawyer, even the best, operate on your brain?

Standard psychological and psycho-educational evaluations using standardized test batteries, while useful, are not sensitive to the effects of brain damage and are not designed to identify systemic change in a person's neurocognitive functioning over time and do not go beyond a simple determination of I.Q or academic level.

Neuropsychological Assessment is complemented by a Neurological (medical) evaluations but offers more detailed information about higher cognitive functioning

## Projects for the future :

### Recycle Plus Fundraiser

Drop your recyclables off throughout the year at either Recycle Depot Clearly mark your bag or box with "FASD ID # 1537-7624 Report donations to the cashier

"Help save a child"

### Penny Donation Drive

It is **October** and we are still seeking pennies – even from spooks!!!!!!.

Phone **FASS** office at 780 – 532 - 4156 prior to drop-offs (we are part-time) or email: Carmen at [fass@telus.net](mailto:fass@telus.net) for pick-up of your pennies

### FUNDRAISER REPORT

**Aquatera \$6,204.45**  
This has enabled two of our people to access neuropsychological assessments which will result in them accessing AISH and enable them to keep their home

Thank you AQUATERA

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2012

**Coin boxes at all co-op locations including gas bars throughout the region**

Jan 2013

**Co-op FASS BELLS**

### FASD DAY

We want to heartily thank all that supported FASD DAY and Special Thanks to the Soup Kitchen Crew who dished up the BREAK-FASD BRUNCH  
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### FASS Mission Statement

*To advocate on behalf of persons with FASD and their families throughout their lifespan*  
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Most of our income is from fundraising and donations made from the generosity of your hearts.

To find out how you can further support us, please check our website [www.fassalberta.ca](http://www.fassalberta.ca) or e-mail us at [fass@telus.net](mailto:fass@telus.net)