

HOW TO ACCESS OUR SERVICES:

Assessment and Diagnosis

Children and youth aged 0-19 years. The Ministry of Health has funded assessment services for FASD. The Asante Centre is contracted to provide assessment services for residents in Fraser Health Region. Physician referral to your health region is required.

Youth Justice Program: Referrals are made by probation officers in Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Regions only. Probation officers obtain guardian consent for the youth to participate. Funded by MCFD.

Private assessments for children, youth, and adults. Individuals and families can contact the Asante Centre directly. A doctor's referral is required. Fee-for-service.

Aboriginal Communities with designated project funding. Please contact the Asante Centre to arrange for assessment services. Fee-for-service.

Intervention & Support

For information please contact the Asante Centre or download our *Services Booklet* from our website. Guardian and self-referrals are welcome. Some services funded.

Professional Training & Education

Contact the Asante Centre for information.

What is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) ?

FASD is an umbrella term that describes the full range of symptoms and effects that can occur in a person whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. FASD is not a diagnostic term. Someone with FASD may exhibit some of the following:

- Growth deficiencies at birth and/or over time
- Characteristic facial features
- Impaired brain development and function that can lead to difficulties with learning, communication, attention, memory, reasoning, adaptive and social skills, and behaviour.

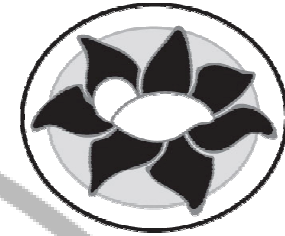
Everyone with FASD is unique. An FASD assessment can provide more specific information about an individual's strengths and challenges. To learn more, please contact us.

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THE ASANTE CENTRE
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*Providing Services for
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Who We Are...

The Asante Centre is governed by the Greater Vancouver Fetal Alcohol Society (GVFAS), a not-for-profit society, that envisions compassionate and knowledgeable communities that work together to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and support persons and families affected to reach their full potential.

Our professional team includes pediatricians, psychologists, speech-language pathologists, clinical counsellors, social workers, nurses, family support workers, and researchers.

We bring our extensive knowledge, expertise and hands-on experience to all aspects of our work.

We Care About Families...

- We are family-centred
- We recognize that an individual with FASD has a disability
- We recognize diversity and multiculturalism
- We are multidisciplinary
- We are community minded and collaborative.
- We promote ongoing learning about FASD
- We focus on prevention

Individuals with FASD and their families experience a multitude of difficulties that persist throughout life. We believe that services must be adapted to meet their special needs.

OUR SERVICES:

Diagnosis, Assessment & Family Support: Referrals for children, youth and adults are received from individuals, parents, social workers, physicians, and the Fraser Health Assessment Network. Family support is provided before, during and after assessment.

***Outreach:** The assessment team is available to provide assessment services in remote communities.

Counselling, Speech-Language, Consultation, & Group Therapy: Services include speech and language therapy, individual counselling, therapy groups, and consultation with families and schools.

Professional Training: Multidisciplinary diagnostic team training and in-service training for teachers, probation officers, social workers and other service providers is available upon request.

Educational Workshops & Seminars Educational workshops and consultation for families, schools, government agencies, and community service providers is available upon request.

Prevention: Key activities include the development and distribution of prevention materials and support for women whose children are clients of the Centre. Check out our store at www.asantecentre.org for prevention resources. We present at conferences, and participate in conference planning activities. We also host a community event every September 9th to recognize International FASD Awareness Day.

Research Program: We utilize research findings that contribute to best practices, participate in coordinated research program planning with community agencies and academic institutions, and conduct research studies.

Youth Justice Program: We provide assessment, diagnostic and family support services for youth in trouble with the law who are suspected of having FASD and who live in the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Regions. Youth are referred to the program by their probation officers. Our program partners include PLEA Community Services Society of BC and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

Assessment Services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other Complex Developmental and Behavioural Conditions: The Asante Centre has been contracted by the Fraser Health Assessment Network to provide assessments for these children. Physician/Pediatrician referral to Fraser Health.

The staff and assessment team at the Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome greatly appreciate the dedication, commitment, generosity, and passion of our board of directors and our many benefactors, supporters, and community partners. You make a difference!

