



Are you the caregiver of a child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder FASD?

We need your help!

Researchers at the University of Queensland are doing a study to understand the experiences of children with FASD. We are looking to gather information from children with FASD between the ages of 5 and 18 years and their caregivers.

Most of the research so far has investigated the impacts of prenatal alcohol exposure on the developing brain, but there has been very little research about what challenges children with FASD experience, what strengths they possess, and how these impact on their participation in daily activities.

With your help, our study hopes to fill in the gaps and learn more about the day-to-day lives of children with FASD and their families. Ultimately, this will help to develop interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals with FASD and their families.

Who can be in the study?

Children diagnosed with FASD aged 5-18 years and their caregivers.

What is required?

Children with FASD between the ages of **10-18** years will be asked to take **photographs** of their daily activities and environments (e.g., home, school and community activities) and participate in an **interview** about the photos and their experiences.

Children with FASD between the ages of **5-10** years will be asked to allow a researcher to **observe** them participating in their daily activities (e.g., home tasks, attending kindergarten or school, attending extra-curricular or community activities). These observations will occur over two (2) days for a period of 3-4 hours at a time (e.g., one morning session and one afternoon / evening session).

Caregivers will be asked to participate in an interview to discuss their child's daily activities, strengths, challenges, and needs for interventions.

How do I join the study or find out more?

Contact the investigator, Kelly Skorka, at Kelly.skorka@uqconnect.edu.au

