



Let's Prevent FASD!

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

is the leading known cause of preventable mental retardation. It can also cause birth defects and learning and behavioral disorders.

There is only one cause of FASD - drinking alcohol. In Mississippi, more than 450 babies are born each year with FASD.



MATERNAL ALCOHOL USE CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

These checklist items can help decide if a child needs to be referred for an FASD diagnostic evaluation. If one or more items apply, please contact your local Community Mental Health Center for assistance or call the MS Department of Mental Health/FASD Initiative at 601.359.1288.

- Birth mother reports drinking 7+ drinks per week or 4+ drinks at one time in the past month
- Reliable informant (sister, social worker, spouse, parent) reports the mother drank while pregnant or has drinking-related problems
- Mother has received treatment for alcohol or drug abuse/addiction
- Mother has had one or more driving while intoxicated violations
- Mother has had a child removed from the home for reasons related to alcohol
- Mother has had alcohol- or drug-related job problems or legal problems
- Mother has ever had an injury or other alcohol-related medical problem when drinking

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