

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FASD

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

IDENTIFY SUPPORTS. If you think an individual might be affected by FASD, ask if they carry a card with the name of a mentor or advocate.

THINK YOUNGER.
People with FASD usually function like a person much younger.

SLOW DOWN.
Explain things slowly. When gathering information allow more processing time. Wait for an answer. Do not rush—this will cause stress and further problems.



ACCOMMODATE NEEDS. Talk in a quiet place without distractions. Give space and avoid physical confrontation.

COMMUNICATE DIFFERENTLY. Use simple direct language. Ask them to explain what things mean or show you what happened. Avoid leading questions.

STAY CALM. Individuals may struggle to manage their emotions and situations can quickly escalate. Your calm and relaxed manner can influence them and will help to de-escalate the situation.

If you suspect an individual or family is affected by FASD and you want to do more, contact the FASD Support Network of Saskatchewan.

Toll-free 1-866-673-3276
In Saskatoon 975-0884
fasdnetwork@sasktel.net
www.skfasnetwork.ca



When you contact the Network, a staff member can discuss effective approaches, offer ideas for family support, suggest referral agencies, offer telephone support to families, answer questions about FASD or provide educational print materials.

In Saskatchewan, we also have a provincial Cognitive Disabilities Strategy. Through the strategy, funding may be available for children, youth or adults living with FASD and other cognitive disabilities. Supports like respite and mentoring can help individuals live safer and healthier lives and reduce involvement in the justice system. Call the Network for regional contact information or for help with accessing the Cognitive Disabilities Strategy.