

Early on Referrals for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Many children will be referred to Early On who potentially have an FASD-related condition. Very few of those children will be identified at birth, or even by the age of three, without the assistance of professionals at many levels to observe the children and identify issues or problems that are associated with prenatal alcohol exposure. Service coordinators must remember the confidentiality of the birth mother’s drug/alcohol use or misuse. A Protective Services worker, for example, can document in a referral that a newborn tested positive for drugs at birth but cannot include any information about the parent. Experts within the field of substance abuse indicate there is a high likelihood of alcohol use by those who use drugs. Any child who is known to have a positive toxicology screen should, at the very least, be monitored for an FASD. Referral sources include hospitals, physicians, Children’s Protective Services and Foster Parents. Foster Parents may refer a child who was just placed in their care, or at the recommendation of Protective Services if the child has been removed from the birth parents. “It is estimated that almost 70 percent of the children in foster care are affected by prenatal alcohol exposure in varying degrees.”

Addressing a Child's Developmental Delays Early On

Early On Michigan offers early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with developmental delay(s) and/or disabilities and their families. Research has shown that by addressing delays early on - especially between birth and age 3 - we can more effectively impact a child's development, even into adulthood. If you think your infant or toddler may have a developmental delay, contact *Early On* at 1-800-Early-On or complete the online [referral form](#). Unsure if your child has a developmental delay or disability? [Learn more here](#).



Even to adults, some sweets and medicines can look, smell or even taste alike. And if kids accidentally confuse an OTC medicine or sweet-tasting liquid for candy, Halloween can go from spooky to

**Capital Area Interagency Coalition
2016 Foster/Adopt**

PRIDE Training Schedule

November Meeting Location:

LSSM Lansing Office
Nussdorfer Center
1545 Keystone Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48911

RSVP to your CFC licensing worker to register for these training sessions

| Session | Date | Time |
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| 1-4 | Wednesday, November 9, 2016 | 8am - 5:30pm (breakfast provided; please bring sack lunch) |
| 5-7 | Thursday, November 10, 2016 | 8:30am - 5:30pm (breakfast provided; please bring sack lunch) |
| 8-9 | Friday, November 11, 2016 | 9am – 12pm (breakfast provided) |

Say This, Not That

Are you tired of being ignored? Feeling frustrated that your kids respond to you with grunts and “I don’t know?” Sometimes, the way we phrase things can make a big difference. It’s not always easy to remember what to say or how to say it, especially when your child is in the middle of a meltdown. So, here’s a quick reference guide for parents.

Say This

Not That

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| "Good Job!" | "That took a lot of patience!" |
| "I love you all equally." | "Your sense of humor brings joy to our family!" |
| "What do you want for a snack?" | "You may have an apple or a cheese stick for snack today." |
| "Why did you do that?" | "You really wanted the blue truck." |
| "What were you thinking?" | "When did things get off track?" |
| "Why are you crying?" | "You're feeling really sad right now." |

Read more examples...
www.imperfectfamilies.com



SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming children's Christmas party at the People's Church on **December 12, 2016** from 5:30-7:30pm

New Foster Parent Orientation:

Do you know someone who might be interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Orientations are held every other Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at CFC. The next dates of orientation are **Nov 14 & 28**. Contact Linda Rathbun at 517-882-4000 ext. 140 to RSVP.

Support Groups for You:

Foster Parent Support Group – 1st Thurs 6-8pm (free training credits!) RSVP to sue@childandfamily.org or at ext. 141

Adoptive Parent Support Group – 4th Monday 6:30-8:30 (free call ahead childcare) RSVP to koreywheeler@childandfamily.org ext. 133