

FASD and the Criminal Justice System

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<p>FOR EVERYONE</p> <p>The Lawyer's Brief says almost everything I need to say. The paper entitled "Mistakes" (links at right) is my account of my awakening to fetal alcohol...it is a now generic list of the mistakes every professional makes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawyer's Brief • Mistakes I Have Made • Several Languages of Law • Honouring Our Past
<p>For Judges, Lawyers, Police, Corrections, and Probation</p> <p>FASD accounts for our most difficult and most frequent users of the legal system. Persons with fetal alcohol do poorly in our system, and I offer here some specifics that work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Judges & Lawyers Need to Know • What Legal Pros Need to Know • Identifying Youth at Risk • Criminalization of FASD • FASD and the Law • Aboriginal Justice Workers and the Law
<p>For Teachers, Social Workers, and Psychologists</p> <p>Here are some papers for those unacknowledged first responders to fetal alcohol. Teachers and social workers can have the biggest impact - if they recognize what they have is non-comprehension, <i>not</i> non-compliance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Languages of Law • Mistakes I Have Made • What a Lawyer Learned from Diane Malbin • Teachers and Fetal Alcohol • Interviewing
<p>For Families</p> <p>Families have the heart-breaking reality of never being able to walk away from this brain-based birth defect. It is a life-time task and here is some trenchant advice on what to do and how to prepare for court.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawyer's Brief • Mistakes I Have Made • Several Languages of Law • Honouring Our Past • What Parents Need to Know • The Way Forward • Interviewing

If you have any questions after reading some of these materials, please do not hesitate to contact David at dmboulding@shaw.ca.