

A Road Map to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Services in Our Community

Awareness and knowledge of the services that are available to assist in working with the issue of FAS, has been a key factor in our Communication Campaign. Service providers needed to know where they could go to receive useful services and so the Network undertook to develop a road map to community services for FAS.

Initially, we generated a collective map at one of our workshops. This was however, extensive and looking at it one would think we had tremendous services available in our community. We knew that this was not the case however and one of the parents, Sherry Godyn, undertook to contact each agency, presenting as a parent, which she is, and requested services. Based on their answers she was able to determine whether the agency had actual FAS related services or not and if they did the organization was put on the map.

This task required a tremendous amount of energy however it proved very useful for ensuring that parents and service providers would receive the best response to their inquiries. It was also a means of communicating to the community what services were available and where there were possible gaps.

It is recommended to those communities starting out in developing a community initiative that you facilitate some form of documentation of services that can be readily available to members of the community and service organizations. We have recently updated our roadmap and published it in a laminated format for all medical and social service organizations.

Here is the [printable version of the Road Map](#) (2001).