ADDRESSING FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PREVALENCE

Population-based prevalence study of children born in 2002/2003 in the Fitzroy Valley in the Kimberley (Lililwan Study)

210 cases
All cases 0.26 per 1,000
Aboriginal cases 4.08 per 1,000
Non-Aboriginal cases 0.03 per 1,000

Review of cases of FASD reported to the WA Register of Developmental Anomalies (WARDA) 1980 – 2010

108 assessed FAS/pFAS 120 per 1,000

National Disability Insurance Agency
Develop a functional severity index
Assist planners re level & type of services & supports workforce requirements

Banksia Hill FASD Study
Management strategies for young people
Workforce training for DCS staff & training academy

Alert Program®
Randomised controlled trial - school based therapeutic model for children with neurodevelopment impairments

FASD Resources for justice professionals
Website
Videos
On-line CPD module for lawyers
FASD information for Bench Book

PREVENTION

Kimberley & Pilbara FASD Prevention Strategy

Implement and evaluate a community designed FASD prevention strategy to reduce alcohol consumption in pregnancy to ‘Make FASD History’

Midwives Survey
19 maternity sites across WA
166 participants
99.4% advised not drinking in pregnancy is the safest option
64.2% informed women about effects on the fetus and child of drinking alcohol during pregnancy
70.4% offered brief intervention for alcohol consumption during pregnancy when indicated
47.5% assessed alcohol consumption using AUDIT-C screening tool
93.2% asked pregnant women about alcohol consumption in pregnancy

Use of AUDIT-C
To assess the acceptability and effectiveness of the AUDIT-C instrument and the training resources with midwives delivering the intervention, and, the acceptability of the AUDIT-C instrument among pregnant women receiving the intervention

Breastfeeding
Evaluating the awareness and utilisation of the NHMRC alcohol and breastfeeding guideline (2009) by health professionals and breastfeeding women.

ALCOHOL, PREGNANCY & FASD RESEARCH PROGRAM
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