

# Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Interdisciplinary perspectives

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Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) have emerged as a major phenomenon within the education, health, criminal justice and social care systems of many countries. Current prevalence figures suggest that one in 100 children and young people have FASDs – similar to those for autistic spectrum disorders.

With contributions from leading academics, families and professionals from a range of disciplines around the world, this book offers an invaluable and cutting-edge contribution to how we understand and address the complex social, educational and health needs associated with this growing group of children and young people. The multidisciplinary and family perspectives and insights on FASDs create a rich knowledge base grounded in lived experience.

Any education, social care, criminal justice or health professional working with children and young people with FASDs and their families will find this book a seminal and authoritative resource.

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