

# Consequences for children affected by maternal drug & alcohol usage ...a series of conferences

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“Binge drinking, which is so common in the UK, is particularly harmful to the developing baby... Damage to the brain is the most devastating and can occur at any point during pregnancy.”

*Professor Edward Riley (Neurodevelopmental Brain Expert from the USA (2007) speaking at Parents for Children's Conference Consequences for Children Affected by Maternal Drug & Alcohol Usage, Sheffield, 24th May 2007).*



## FACT (Foetally Affected Children's Team) Project – To Place Children Affected by Maternal Substance Misuse

The use of drugs and alcohol by women when pregnant is a serious problem that research has shown to be on the increase. Experts estimate around 7,000 children living in the UK were born with lifelong incurable problems caused by their mother's drinking during pregnancy. Some local authorities are reporting that 60 to 70 percent of children needing adoptive families have drugs in their background.

Parents for Children have recently set-up a major action research project, in response to the increasing number of children, who are disabled, or severely damaged, by their mother's use of drink and drugs whilst pregnant. The objective of the project is to establish the needs of these children, find families for them if required, and support them throughout their childhood.

We have selected a multi-disciplinary team of advisors for the project, including; Dr Raja Mukherjee, Consultant Psychiatrist, Professor Ed Riley, International FASD Neurodevelopmental Brain Expert from the US and Dr Mary Mather, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust. The team also includes a psychologist, speech and language expert, education adviser and an occupational therapist.

Local Authorities or Children's Guardians are invited to refer children and benefit from this important project, which is run in conjunction with Childlink Adoption Society.

To refer children to the project, please contact: Jacky Gordon or Jacqui Le Vaillant, Development Managers on: Tel: 0207 520 2881 Email: [jacky@parentsforchildren.org.uk](mailto:jacky@parentsforchildren.org.uk), [jacqui@parentsforchildren.org.uk](mailto:jacqui@parentsforchildren.org.uk) or see our website [www.parentsforchildren.org.uk](http://www.parentsforchildren.org.uk)



Parents for Children is a unique children's charity, who specialise in finding foster and adoptive families for children with special needs. For over 30 years, Parents for Children have been successful in finding families for some of the UK's most vulnerable children – children with profound emotional, learning and physical disabilities.



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### Conference 1 Monday 8th September 2008 **Binge Britain: Significant Harm for the Unborn Child**

Edge Hill University, Liverpool

Keynote Speakers:

**Professor Ian Gilmore MD**

MD, PRCP, President, Royal College of Physicians

**Professor Moira Plant**

Professor of Alcohol Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol & Director of the Alcohol & Health Research Trust

**Professor Edward Riley**

International FASD Neurodevelopmental Brain Expert, US

**Dr Raja Mukherjee**

Consultant Psychiatrist, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust

**Julie Gelo**

BSHS/M, Mother of 8 children diagnosed with FAS and related conditions, Executive Director for the Washington State affiliate to the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS Washington State) and the co-founder of the FASt Friends FASD Community Support Network, US

### Conference 2 Thursday 11th September 2008 **Drugs & the Unborn Baby**

Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield

Keynote Speakers:

**Professor Edward Riley**

International FASD Neurodevelopmental Brain Expert, US

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### Conference 3 Tuesday 16th September 2008 **The Cycle of Drugs & Alcohol: The New Perspective**

London House, Goodenough College, London

Keynote Speakers:

**Dr Mary Mather**

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**Kevin Williams**

Chief Executive, TACT

Conference 4 Wednesday 17th September 2008

### **Children Affected by Substance Misuse: Optimising their Future**

London House, Goodenough College, London

Keynote Speakers:

**Dr Mary Mather**

Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust, Chair of the BAAF Health Group 2000-2005

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**Celia Dawson**

Headteacher, Cricket Green Special School, Surrey

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