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Whitecrow Village FASD Intensive Workshop



FASD Awareness Day 9/9





Name: James and Michelle L.

City: Eagle River

Brain Injury: James has FAS

Explanation of Mask: James and mom choose colors for different emotions. Red – angry, mad, frustrated, black – chaos + sadness, orange = happy and pink = calmness/ calming down.

James painted the mask with what he was feeling today about himself + being special. It has been a big hard day for him. The challenges he faces daily and today look like this mask.



Name: Miss McWhit

City: Anchorage

Brain Injury: Mother drank during pregnancy. Diagnosed with static encephalopathy (brain damage from Etoh) Aquired TBI – not her fault, damaged before birth. Small in size, short, low weight all her life. FASD...? TBI

Explanation of Mask: The mask is covered in hearts peace signs, symbols of love, because this is what my daughter is to me. The feathers show she can fly, do whatever she wants to do. The red eyes are for her anger, my anger, her red hot drive to be successful in life. She is successful a single mother of 2, one is a diabetic since birth. As her mother I am guilty of drinking when I was pregnant with her. I was an OB nurse -> in the 1970's we did not yet know about FASD.... Now we do and NO One should consume Alcohol when pregnant. I am sad about what my daughter had to suffer. I regret what I took from her, making her life harder... She is now 37 years old, beautiful, educated, and working to help other families who have children with disabilities. We have survived, but now I know – If I had to do over again I would never drink when pregnant.

FASD Conference 9/9



Strategic Plan

- Comprehensive, collaborative statewide Five Year Plan
 - Priority Areas:
 - Prevention
 - Screening & Diagnosis
 - Early Intervention & Education
 - Systems Transformations: Youth and Adult
 - Community Outreach & Education

Strategic Plan

Next Steps:

- Meeting #2 – October 4th!
- Continue to compiling background information

Partners for Strategic Plan

Ak Center for Resources

GCDSE

Southcentral Foundation

ANTHC

Stone Soup Group

FASDx Services

FACTS

Alaska Mental Health Trust

Frontier Community Services

Center for Behavioral Health Research & Services (CBHRS)

Ak Center for Children and Adults

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QUESTIONS ?

