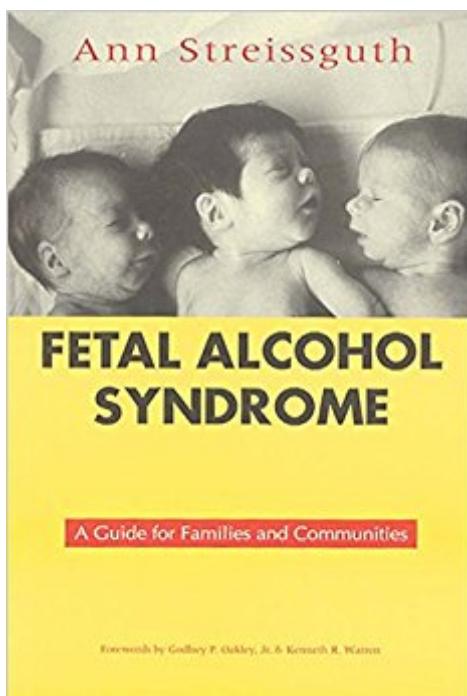


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# Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: A Guide For Families And Communities



## **Synopsis**

Readable and easy to understand, this book conveys urgent information about medical and social issues surrounding fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). Compassionately written by the expert psychologist who conducted some of the earliest examinations of children with FAS more than 20 years ago, this guidebook presents an overview of FAS and explains how to identify the disorder, how to work with children (and adults) who have it, how to talk to parents about it, and how to prevent its occurrence through sensitive education of prospective mothers and society at large. Photographs and case studies lend personal perspective while revealing the physical and behavioral manifestations of FAS, particularly in children. For parents, families, educators, pediatricians, psychologists, adoption workers, lawyers, judges, social workers, nurses, and child care providers, this timely work speaks to everyone, promoting understanding and awareness of the challenges faced by the children who have this entirely preventable disability.

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"This book is a significant resource for the study of FAS, presented in an easily read style." -- The Union SignalStreissguth has given families much in this book to help them understand FAS and FAE more completely. -- Journal of Studies on Alcohol presents a comprehensive overview of the field that is aimed at professionals, families, and communities. -- Child Development Abstracts & Bibliography this book would be an excellent resource for health professionals, educators, and community leaders... --Family & Community Health

In 1973, psychologist Ann Streissguth was shocked by the lack of scientific documentation on the impact of alcohol on the unborn child. She sought to fill that void by dedicating her professional career to the study of fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and fetal alcohol effects (FAE). In this compassionate volume, Dr. Streissguth draws on her life's work, writing with wisdom and authority on essential issues surrounding these alcohol-related problems. Using compelling case studies, photos, illustrations, and validated empirical research, the author highlights the cultural, racial, and economic diversity of FAS. A completely preventable disability, FAS still changes the life course of thousands of babies each year. This book will help physicians, psychologists, social workers, educators, advocates, and families of children and adults with FAS work toward an educated community, a supportive network of legislation and programs, and better futures for people living and growing with FAS.

Excellent, I recommend it to anyone who is looking for information about FAS. Very thorough examination of the effects of alcohol on the brain with many examples.

This is a very good book except that 3 pages were missing that had important information I was wanting to read.

Although nothing will "fix" my adopted son. This book helps me understand why he does the things he does. Sad

This book is chalked full of the information about FASD! From the beginning of awareness in the public till now! Recommended reading for all who deal with FASD.

Written by one of the leading behavioral experts in the field. A must for anyone with a problem child, in medicine or psychology, social or justice work...it is a recognized primer for the topic of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

After reading Dr. Streissguth's book on fetal alcohol syndrome, I feel this book should be given to every parent or caretaker who receives this diagnosis about their child. This is the most thorough book I have found on this subject. Dr. Streissguth's knowledge in this area is so extensive and her book offers a step by step approach and guidelines on what you will need to know to in raising a

child with FAS. I truly recommend her book and am so grateful for her insights.

Dr. Streissguth's Book is the best explanation of the effects of alcohol on the unborn child, that I have ever found. For years, I did not know what was wrong with the beautiful little girl that my husband and I adopted. Twenty-seven doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, school counsellors, guidance counsellors, religious leaders, police or addictions counsellors over the past 16 years never once, suggested that FAS/E was the problem. For every person in those positions dealing with troubled children, "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: A Guide for Families and Communities" should be compulsory reading! I cried over and over while I read the book when I saw how my community, my family and I had let my daughter down, because we didn't know. I wrote to Dr. Streissguth and thanked her personally, and I am doing my best to help my daughter and to educate others, so no one has to fail their child the way we did. Thank you again, Dr. Streissguth!

Dr. Streissguth is one of the pioneers in the identification and treatment of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the entire spectrum of congenital damage arising from in-utero exposure to alcohol. 25 years after the identification of this common and devastating disability, most efforts in the academic community still focus on definition and diagnosis, with relatively little attention paid to treatment. Dr. Streissguth stands atop the heap in extending her basic science research into the actual lives of affected individuals, their families, and the communities in which they live. I consider her the foremost authority in the academic community on exploring pragmatic options for helping affected individuals, families, and community. This little volume is jam packed with useful information.

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