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**Policy:** Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH), which is the PIHP and Coordinating Agency for Barry, Branch, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties, in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the office of Substance Use, Gambling and Epidemiology (SUGE), will ensure that all substance use disorder treatment programs that serve women make Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) prevention education available as part of the treatment experience, ensure that all substance abuse treatment programs that have contact with children of women or men served screen those children for FASD as indicated, and, if appropriate, refer for further diagnostic testing.

**Purpose:** To describe the process for the screening and referral of children for FASD and the inclusion of FASD prevention in treatment programs that serve women.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all substance use disorder treatment programs that have contact with children of women served.

**Responsibilities:** All substance use disorder treatment programs that have contact with children of women served are responsible for assuring FASD education and screening are available when indicated. SWMBH will assure compliance through site reviews.

**Definitions:** None

**Standards and Guidelines:**

- A. FASD prevention activities will be a part of all substance use disorder treatment programs that serve women. Providers will incorporate education on the risks of drinking during pregnancy and FASD detection. It is recommended that programs who serve men with children also provide FASD prevention educational information.
- B. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) funds several organizations to develop and evaluate curricula for varied audiences about FASD. Information on the prevention programs developed can be found on the CDC web site ([www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/index.html)).
- C. The Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) through the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has funded the FASD Center for Excellence. The FASD Center for Excellence provides information and lists of resources on its website ([www.fascenter.samhsa.org](http://www.fascenter.samhsa.org)).
- D. FASD screening of children is required of any treatment program that interacts with children of women receiving services. Substance use disorder clinicians do not need to be able to diagnose a child with any disorder in the spectrum of FASD, but rather must be able to screen for the conditions of FASD and make the proper referrals for diagnosis and treatment.
- E. FASD services will be provided in a manner consistent with MDHHS, Substance Abuse Policy #11 – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
- F. If FASD screening shows a positive result, the clinician will assist individual and/or family in locating services that are available to them and consistent with their insurance coverage.

**Procedures:** None

**Effectiveness Criteria:** NA

**References:** Center for Disease Control (2010) FASD information ([www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/index.html))  
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**Attachments:** 11.09A FASD Pre-Screen Form



# 11.09 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

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