

MOUNTAIN H.O.P.E.

Admission Criteria

West Virginia resident male

Ages 14 - 16

IQ or functioning level of 70 +

Smaller in physical stature

Low incidence of
aggressive / violent behavior

Low potential for disruption of
current resident
population / programming

Statistics

The prevalence of fetal alcohol damage is 1-3 per 1,000 live births in the general population, and as high as 15 per 1,000 in high risk populations.

It is projected that 99% of children with FASD and other alcohol related neurological disorders (ARND) remain undiagnosed.

85% of children diagnosed with FASD are eventually in out-of-home foster care and residential placement.

FASD/ARND is the leading cause of developmental disabilities in the western world.

FASD is 100% preventable

MOUNTAIN H.O.P.E.
"Home of Opportunities to Promote Empowerment"



The Children's Home of Wheeling, Inc.
MOUNTAIN H.O.P.E.

A residential treatment program for children diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD)



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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

(FASD) is the umbrella term used to describe varying degrees of neurological brain damage caused by a mother's drinking of alcohol prior to knowing or while she was pregnant.

"We must move from viewing the individual as failing if she/he doesn't do well in a program, to viewing the program as not providing what the individual needs in order to succeed."

-Dan Dubovsky, 2000
FASD Center for Excellence

Our Mission

To foster a compassionate and therapeutic environment that provides specialized residential treatment for children ages six to eighteen, who have been removed from their caregivers due to severe abuse and neglect...

...who also have been diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) and other alcohol related neurological disorders (ARND).

Our Project

The ten bed FASD residential treatment program at The Children's Home of Wheeling has been funded through a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) contract with Northrop Grumman IT Health Solutions.

The Children's Home of Wheeling has been subcontracted to research, develop, integrate and provide treatment outcomes to the United States Congress.

The relevance of this project to the needs of children with FASD in West Virginia have been confirmed through the project's completed statewide needs assessment.

When this important project is completed, our specialized FASD residential treatment program will be used as a model for other residential programs to replicate.

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."

- Anonymous

Services

Screening & Diagnostic
Crisis Intervention
Clinical Evaluation
Psychiatrist
Psychological Exams
Advocacy
Education Coordination
General Medical
Case Management
Service Planning
Supportive Counseling
Individual & Group Counseling
Art Education
Life Skills Training
Behavior Management

"Try different...not harder"

Programming

Programming is based on key strategies for working with children with FASD:

- ~ Consistency
- ~ Repeat
- ~ Simplicity
- ~ Structure
- ~ Routine
- ~ Specific
- ~ Concrete
- ~ Supervision