

Bruised Before Birth

Alcohol affected children in care:
strategies, support and ways forward

**Prof. Ed Riley, World Expert on FASD
coming to Edinburgh for one day only**

10 March 2011 – Edinburgh Training Centre, St Mary's Street

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Professor Edward Riley, International FASD Neurodevelopmental Brain Expert, USA

Dr Maggie Watts, Chair of the Scottish Association of Alcohol Action Teams and Consultant for Ayrshire and Arran NHS

Dr Mary Mather FRCP, FRCPCH, Former Consultant Community Paediatrician, Chair of BAAF's Health Advisory Group and Medical Adviser for TACT Adoption Panel and TACT's Foetally Affected Children's Service (FACS)

Eileen Celder, Adoptive parent of children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

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Bruised Before Birth – Edinburgh

Bruised Before Birth is a one-day conference to educate professionals, parents and carers about the complexities faced by a child with FAS/D. It explains ways to deal with their challenges to maximise potential in their day-to-day lives.

A multi-disciplinary array of speakers, including national and international experts and carers of affected children, have been assembled for the conference programme.

Date: Thursday 10 March 2011

Time: 9.15am registration for 9.45am start – 4.00pm close

Venue: **Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue,**
16 St Mary's Street,
Edinburgh, EH1 1SU

Transport: Five mins walk from Waverley train station. **20% discount for parking at NCP St John's Hill car park.**

Who should attend?

The conference is designed to foster carers, adopters and those working within the field of alcohol; social workers and managers; youth workers; early years professionals; health and education professionals; barristers and lawyers involved in cases where children may be in need of compulsory measures of care; reporters to the children's hearings; children's hearings panel members; adoption, fostering and kinship panels; and anyone else working in children's services.

Delegates do not need specific knowledge of FAS/D prior to attending this conference.

1. The figure is based on a conservative estimate that 1% of the number of births (600,000 to 700,000 – figures from the Office of National Statistics) are foetally affected – the 1% is based on the internationally accepted prevalence rates.

Keynote speaker

**Prof. Edward P. Riley,
(Ph.D., 1974)
San Diego, USA**



Prof. Ed Riley is currently a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Director of the Center for Behavioral Teratology at San Diego State University. He is the author of over 200 scientific papers and reviews and was Chair of the National Task Force on FAS/FAE. He currently serves as the Steering Committee Co-Chair of the SAMHSA sponsored FASD Center for Excellence. He has received numerous awards for his scholarship and service, most recently the Research Society on Alcoholism Distinguished Researcher Award.

www.psychology.sdsu.edu/new-web/facultystaff/riley.html

Background

The misuse of alcohol in pregnancy is increasing in British society. Britain has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy in Europe and young women are binge drinking in increasing numbers. The use of alcohol in pregnancy is now known to affect the structure and function of the developing brain causing long term difficulties with the processing of information. It is estimated that at least 7000¹ children per year are born in

Britain with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). According to international statistics, one in 100 children are affected by Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), the umbrella term describing a number of birth defects that occur in a child whose mother drank alcohol in pregnancy. Many of these children will need long term substitute care.

Aims & learning outcomes

Aim of the conference: To provide an overview of the long term consequences for alcohol affected children in care and examples of strategies and support for their optimal development.

Learning outcomes:

- To increase understanding of the risks associated with drinking alcohol in pregnancy and the impacts on the brain.
- To learn about the likely prevalence of children and young people on the FASD spectrum in the care system and to provide practical examples of behaviour and challenges.
- To understand the long term consequences for the child, adolescent and family.
- To learn the complexities faced by alcohol affected children in care and the need for holistic support.
- To hear experiences from adopters and foster carers of alcohol affected children.
- To hear examples of day-to-day strategies and interventions to assist the long term development for the child.
- To be aware of the need for appropriate support packages for children and young people in care.

Booking form

Bruised Before Birth: 10 March 2011, Edinburgh

Please complete and return to:

FAO: Charlotte Lindsell, TACT Events & Press Officer, 303 Hither Green Lane, London, SE13 6TJ / c.lindsell@tactcare.org.uk or book online at bit.ly/gmPulo

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Cost:

- Full price: £140
- Early booker price: £110 if booked by 10 February 2011
- Concessions: £90 for voluntary organisations, charities and students. Charities, please provide registration number: _____
- Families/carers: £40

Total cost: £ _____

- Please tick this box if you qualify for discount for this booking (10% discount to groups of three or more from the same organisation; made at the same time of booking only).

Method of payment (tick the appropriate box)

- Cheque (send to our address opposite and make payable to The Adolescent and Children's Trust)
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(Tick the appropriate box)

- Email Flyer mail out TACT website
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Word of mouth

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Certificate of attendance and CPD accreditation

Certificates of attendance will be provided for CPD requirements.

Contact details

For more information or to book a place, contact Charlotte Lindsell, TACT Events & Press Officer:

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Terms & Conditions of booking

1. All payments to be received by 3 March 2011 for booking to be confirmed.
2. No refunds on cancellations made (in writing) after 3 March 2011.