

FASD & Georgia

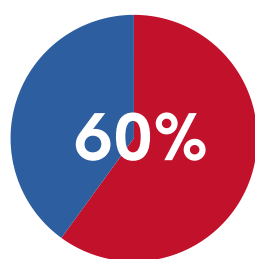
FASD stands for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, a range of disabilities caused by prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE).

To learn more, visit FASDUnited.org

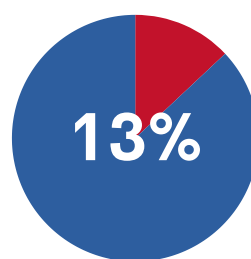
In the United States, 15.2% of pregnancies are exposed to alcohol.¹



It is unknown how many pregnancies in Georgia are exposed to alcohol. Although this information is tracked through PRAMS, it is not currently available.² Prenatal alcohol exposure can cause lifelong effects, including behavioral, learning, and physical problems, which vary in severity from mild to severe.³



of pregnancies in
GA are unintended⁴



of people in GA
binge drink⁵

Taking action to reduce binge drinking and prevent unintended pregnancy can result in improved health outcomes and reduce the rates of prenatal alcohol exposure.



1 in 20 Americans has an FASD.⁶

An estimated **565,137 people** in GA have an FASD.⁷

GA has 2 diagnostic providers/clinics for FASD.⁸

There are not currently enough diagnostic sites to meet community needs.

Despite the prevalence of FASD, resources are limited.



FASD is not named in the definition of developmental disability. It is also not a named condition for Medicaid waivers.

Although FASD is not a named condition, a person with FASD may still qualify. However, explicitly including FASD in legal definitions and statutes can help impacted people access meaningful resources more easily and accessibly.

Public health information on FASD needs to be shared.

The Georgia Department of Public Health website does not include information about FASD. Sharing this information can improve awareness across communities.

Support in education is limited.

Students with FASD may qualify for an IEP under "Other Health Impairment" or "OHI." However, because FASD is not a named condition, supports and services may not accurately reflect the needs of impacted students.

Take action to support people with FASD:

Expand the FASD-informed services in your state.

Support your local FASD United Affiliates: Adoptive Family Resources Inc. and Emory Center for Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development. Advocate for the creation of a state advisory committee on FASD. **Scan the QR code to get involved with FASD advocacy.**



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