

Ask the student what will help and consider a learner profile

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Identify needs and how to provide support'
from the Guide: [FASD and learning](#)

Includes:

- Survey students about preferences
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Survey students about preferences

Ask students what supports their learning and what gets in the way.

I personally do a survey at the beginning of every class, every semester ... to get an idea of who is in the classroom to begin with and what they would benefit, or what they want to see in the class, what would work [and not work] for them.

Nancy Searcy

Source:

Student profiles – UDL supporting diversity in BC schools

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What to include in a learner profile

Discuss this list with the student and their whānau to identify what to include in their learner profile.

- ✓ Important people
- ✓ Cultural connections and experiences
- ✓ Languages spoken
- ✓ Things the student is good at
- ✓ Memorable life experiences
- ✓ How they like to unwind and relax
- ✓ Likes and interests
- ✓ Dislikes and things they avoid
- ✓ How they like to learn and what helps – beneficial teaching and learning approaches, technology needs and preferences
- ✓ Things that make it hard for them to learn – identify potential barriers to learning and wellbeing
- ✓ What they do when they need help
- ✓ Describe their aspirations and passions

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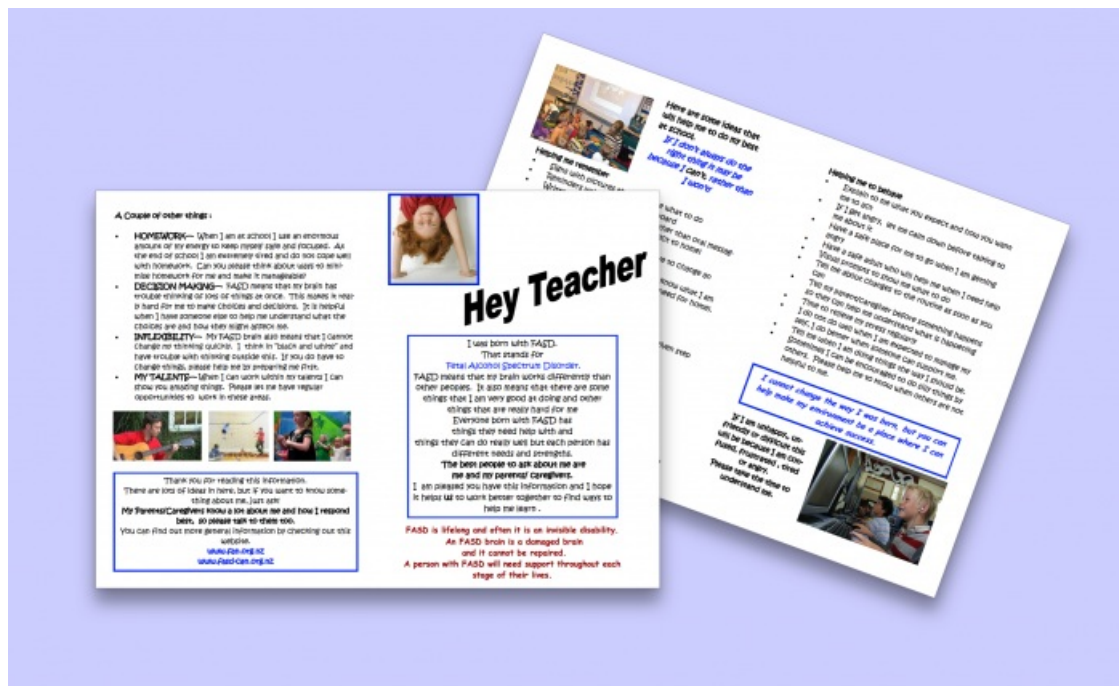
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Personalise learner profiles



Source:

[Fetal Alcohol Network NZ](#)

https://www.fasd-can.org.nz/caregiver_whanau_support#fasd-and-the-education-system

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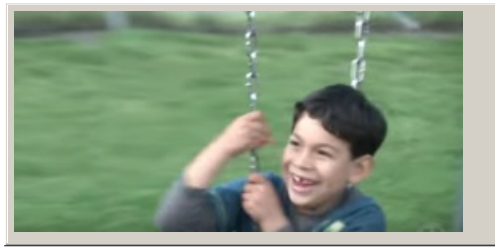
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Connect with parents and caregivers

Cooperation between parents, teachers, and community supports created a successful school experience for Alex.



Video hosted on Youtube http://youtu.be/fQdTMg_6VLU

Closed Captions

Source:

[POPFASD \(Canada\)](#)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWRoE1YnO371Fc_hWx6Pnhg

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Apply your understanding of FASD to student interactions

"Slow, same, simple, short"

Effective ways to communicate with people who have

"Ten second kids in a one second world"

People with FASD need more time than others to process and understand.

"Can't not won't"

Remember, FASD is caused by brain damage.

"Brain, not blame"

If you find yourself making unhelpful judgements, remember this phrase.

"Adapt the environment not the person"

Safe supportive environments are key for people with FASD to thrive.

"Gravel roads not highways"

Atypical neural pathways associated with FASD are easily disrupted.

Source:

FASD: Essential strategies – A resource for frontline professionals

<https://www.tepou.co.nz/initiatives/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-fasd>

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Useful resources

Template and guidelines for developing a learner profile.



Developing learner profiles

Read time: 3 min

This document provides general support and guidance when developing a learner profile. It includes prompts and questions, alongside purpose and benefits for students.

Publisher:

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About me

This learner profile template is a companion to "Developing learner profiles". It is an interactive PDF with questions for students to answer.

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Essential tips

Read time: 2 min

Ten tips for building a successful relationship and an environment to support a learner with FASD.

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