



EVALUATION OF FASD PREVENTION AND FASD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Participant Outcomes:
Safe Housing**

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Introduction

Presented below is a chart containing examples of outcomes, indicators, outputs, and data collection methods and tools related to Safe Housing. Following this chart are examples of tools and/or survey/questionnaire items that have been used in evaluations to assess these participant outcomes, as well as references for the evaluation-related resources used to create the chart below.

We recognize that every program and every program evaluation is unique - differing as a function of a program's specific goals, setting and resources, as well as the community's context, history, and so forth. Thus, every program evaluation will have its own ideas about the outcomes, indicators, data collection methods and tools that are most appropriate and feasible – and you need to decide what is best for you.

Examples of program activities related to this outcome:

- Providing or arranging access to emergency shelter services
- Providing or arranging access to supported housing
- Providing education/information/lifeskills about being a tenant and/or about housing options
- Providing housing advocacy
- Providing rent subsidies and/or micro loans

¹ “Safe housing means a place of residence which provides access to trash removal, cooking facilities, heat and running water, and in which the individual has not experienced (had a confirmed incidence of) abuse/neglect or experienced other serious safety risks.” The Center for What Works (nd). *Candidate Outcome Indicators: Transitional Housing Program*. Washington DC: The Urban Institute.
www.urban.org/center/met/projects/.../Transitional_Housing.pdf

Safe Housing – Participant Outcomes and Indicators

Participant Outcomes				
Early positive response (participation, increased knowledge)	Intermediate active engagement, attitude change, behaviour change	Long term desired outcome	Outputs/Indicators	Data Collection Methods and tools
Participants' housing, needs and preferences are assessed	Participants find and are able to keep safe housing	Participants remain in safe, stable housing ²	# /% participants with housing concerns	(Pre/post) interviews/ Focus groups with:
Participants learn about safe housing options	Participants move to (more) stable housing	Participants do not require emergency housing services	# /% of participants assisted to find housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants Families/caregivers; Program staff/managers; Community partners
Participants learn about how to manage themselves in different housing options	Participants needing assistance with finances or tenancy issues access support/advocacy	Participants establish a safe living environment for themselves and their children	# group sessions re: safe housing options; #/% participants / group	Participant self ratings
Participants (and their children) have access to safe housing		Participants experience less social isolation	# /% participants who access emergency shelter	Staff ratings of participant outcomes
Participants have safety plans for themselves (and their children)			# /% participants who access (emergency) funding for housing	Documentary review
			# /% female participants referred to transition homes	Output data
			# months safe housing (per participant)	<i>Knowledge of Services Scale</i>
			# /% participants report feeling safe (re: housing)	
			# /% participants who move to permanent housing	

² Stable housing includes: rental house or apartment, social housing, supported or assisted living, homeownership, living with family or friends.

Possible Data Collection Tools and Sample Survey/Questionnaire Items

1) Participant Outcomes Survey

Source: KPMG (2012). *Edmonton FASD Network: Network Evaluation Report*. Edmonton FASD Network. P. 80

	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/don't remember	Does not apply
I learned new skills through this program							
The support I have received has helped keep me safe							
The support I have received has helped me to experience stable housing							
The support I have received has helped me to experience less disruptions/crisis in my daily life							
As a result of the supports I have received from this program, I have a decent place to live							
As a result of the supports I have received from this program, my ability to live on my own has improved							

2). Intake questionnaire

Source: Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP). Addiction Severity Index Intake Interview v.3. (2011). University of Washington, Seattle, WA: p. 15. <http://depts.washington.edu/pcapuw/manual-and-forms/evaluation-forms>

How would you describe your current housing situation? __ _

- 01 - Permanent/stable
- 02 - Transient, emergency shelters
- 03 - Living w/ friend/relative temporarily
- 04 - Homeless (without shelter)
- 05 - Long-term jail or prison
- 06 - Trans. drug-free housing
- 07 - Drug/alcohol treatment facility
- 08 - Other (Please Specify): _____

How many times have you moved in the past year? __ __

Indicate if homeless or too many moves to count.

Usual living arrangements (past 3 years) __ __ (if evenly split amongst a number of these options choose the most recent)

- 01 - With sexual partner & children
- 02 - With sexual partner alone
- 03 - With children alone
- 04 - With parents
- 05 - With family
- 06 - With friends
- 07 - Alone
- 08 - Controlled environment (e.g. prison, hospital, treatment facility)
- 09 - No stable arrangements

How long have you lived in these arrangements? __ __ / __ __
If with parents or family, since age 18. Yrs / Mos.

Are you satisfied with these living arrangements? __
(generally likes)
 0 - No
 1 - Indifferent
 2 - Yes

3) **Exit Interview** - Community Services Section related to housing (adapted)
 Source: Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP). Addiction Severity Exit Interview v.3. (2011). University of Washington, Seattle, WA: p. 23. <http://depts.washington.edu/pcapuw/manual-and-forms/evaluation-forms>

Have you used this service during the last year or are you using them now? and, How is this service working for you?*(or your child(ren) or family living with you, depending on item)*

	Services Used	Connection with Services
	Services used code 0 - No, but needed 1 - Yes 3 - On waiting list 8 - Not needed, N/A	Connection with Services Codes 1 - Good 2 - Acceptable 3 - Poor 4 - Good/acceptable, but problem with access 8 - N/A
Public Housing <i>Specify: _____</i>		
Supported Housing		
Emergency Housing <i>Include shelters</i>		

<i>Specify:</i> _____		
Emergency funds for rent deposits, utilities, etc. or, rent, bills paid by Income Assistance		

4) Family Feedback Forms (initial and Follow-up)

Source: Cailleaux, M. and Dechief, L. (2006). *'I've found my voice': Wraparound as a Promising Strength-based Team Process for High-risk Pregnant and Early Parenting Women*". University College of the Fraser Valley Research Review - Volume 1 Issue 2. <http://journals.ucfv.ca/rr/RR12/article-PDFs/found.voice.pdf>

Family Feedback Form

It is important for us to hear directly from you, your thoughts, feelings, and opinions concerning your family's current situation. Your comments at this time will help us to measure outcomes for you / your family when service has been completed. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

1 = Content with current situation	2 = Some concern /needs	3 = Quite concerned	4 = Very concerned	5 = High Risk/ Situation is critical
HOUSING 1	2	3	4	5
How do you feel about your housing situation? GOALS:				
SAFETY 1	2	3	4	5
How do you keep yourself safe? GOALS:				

5) Knowledge of Services Scale

Source: Tool is adapted from Motz, M., Leslie, M., Pepler, D., Moore, T. & Freeman, P. (2006). Breaking The Cycle: Measures of Progress 1995-2005. *Journal FAS International*; 4:e22 - Special supplement. P. 83

As a result of my involvement in the program:

	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/don't remember	Does not apply
I am more informed about programs in the community							
I am better able to access help from other organizations and agencies							
I am better able to meet basic needs such as food and housing							
I feel more connected with programs that I could use							

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For more tools and resources related to evaluating community-based FASD prevention programs for women including pregnant women and recent mothers, supportive intervention programs for adults and older youth with FASD, and FASD programs in Aboriginal communities, please visit: **www.fasd-evaluation.ca**