



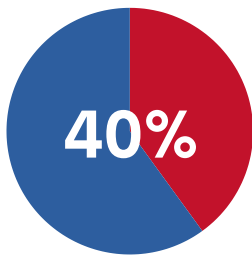
FASD stands for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, a range of disabilities caused by prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE).

To learn more, visit FASDUnited.org

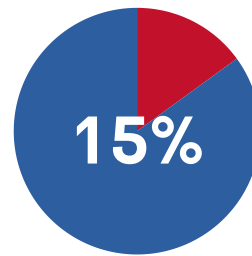
In the United States, 15.2% of pregnancies are exposed to alcohol.¹



Currently, California only asks about third trimester alcohol use in the MIHA, so overall rates of prenatal alcohol use for the state are unknown. However, **7.3% of pregnancies in CA were exposed to alcohol in the third trimester.**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 CA are unintended⁴



of people in CA 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 **1,967,765 people** in CA have an FASD.⁷

CA has 14 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 California Department of Public Health website includes information about FASD. Sharing this information can improve awareness across communities.

Students with FASD deserve support.

Students with FASD may qualify for an IEP under "Other Health Impairment," or "OHI." California is one of three states in the country that explicitly names FASD as a condition under OHI for special education services.

Take action to support people with FASD:

Expand the FASD-informed services in your state.

Support your local FASD United Affiliates: Center for Better Beginnings, FASD Network of Southern California, FASD Network of Northern California, Healthy Native Nation, and FASD NorCal. 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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