

Government of Gouvernement des Northwest Territories Territoires du Nord-Ouest

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Oral Question 956-19(2): People Parenting with FASD

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Questions you raised on March 1, 2022 regarding People Parenting with FASD.

Due to the low numbers of individuals in these categories, disclosure of parental status could act as a personal identifier and compromise confidentiality, therefore this information cannot be provided.

It is anticipated that approximately 11 Adult FASD assessments will take place during the 2022/23 fiscal year.

 Adult assessments are currently held only in Yellowknife, however, offering assessments in regional centres or clients' communities is currently being considered for the upcoming fiscal year.

Twenty Youth FASD diagnostic assessments are funded for the 2022/23 fiscal year.

- Youth clinics are primarily held in Yellowknife but have been successfully offered in the Tlicho, Dehcho and Beaufort-Delta regions
- The location of youth clinics is dependent on:
 - The home communities of children referred
 - The availability and coordination of the multidisciplinary assessments required for diagnosis, which include neuropsychology, paediatrics, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology

Numbers provided previously in the House were totals since the adult and youth clinics were initiated, not annual numbers.

Thank you.

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