6.1.3 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – The Facts

It is estimated that 1 to 3 per 1,000 babies born in Canada have fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is estimated to affect approximately 1% of the population. Some communities in Canada report prevalence rates as high as 190 per 1,000 live births.¹

¹ Robinson GC, Conry JL, Conry RF. Clinical profile and prevalence of fetal alcohol syndrome in an isolated community in British Columbia. CMAJ 1987;137:203–7

Implications
FASD cannot be cured. It can have lifelong effects on individuals, their families, and their communities. There is a need to develop a better understanding of risk factors associated with FASD.