

Common Misinterpretation of Normal Responses in Children with Gestational Exposure to Ethanol

Behaviour	Misinterpretation Blaming the individual	Accurate Interpretation Accurate Assessment and Diagnosis
Noncompliance Refusal Shut-down	Willful, attentional misconduct Attention seeking Stubborn Passive-aggressive	Difficult translating verbal directions into action Does not understand Expectations too high Fear and/or anxiety
Repeatedly making the same mistakes	Willful misconduct Manipulative	Can not link cause to effect Can not see similarities Difficulty generalizing Expectations too high Fear and/or anxiety
Often late Often early	Lazy, slow Poor parenting Willful misconduct	Sequential Processing and temporal deficits Needs assistance organizing Internal attention deficits Fear and/or anxiety
Not sitting still Leaving area without permission	Seeking attention Bothering others Willful misconduct	Neurologically based need to move while learning Sensory overload Expectations too high Fear and/or anxiety
Poor social judgement	Poor parenting Willful misconduct Abused child	Not able to interpret social cues from peers Does not know what to do Expectations too high Fear and/or anxiety
Overly physical Poor personal space	Willful misconduct Deviancy	Hyper or hypo-sensitive to touch Does not understand social cues regarding boundaries Expectations too high Fear and/or anxiety
Does not work independently	Willful misconduct Poor parenting	Chronic memory problems Can not translate verbal directions into action Expectations too high Fear and/or anxiety