



You are invited to the FASD Justice Forum



With Special Guest Speaker

Judge Catherine Crawford, Children's Court Magistrate Western Australia

WHEN: Tuesday 19 May 2015 – 9.00am – 12.30pm

WHERE: Quality Hotel, Endeavour Room, 20 Gladstone Road, Parnell Auckland

Children adversely affected by permanent neurodisability resulting from prenatal alcohol exposure, are at increased risk of committing crime or being a victim of crime. Such outcomes are doomed to be repeated when there is systematic failure to identify and appropriately accommodate their disability across the lifespan.

The International Consensus Statement on Legal Issues of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder identified that the actions of people affected by FASD "*clash with assumptions about human behaviour at almost every stage of the justice system*". The recent Privy Council decision to quash the 20 year murder conviction of Mr Teina Pora provides a timely reminder of the implications of getting this wrong.

Judge Crawford is visiting New Zealand as part of a Churchill Fellowship to investigate how young people with FASD are accommodated within various judicial systems. In addition to knowledge gained in Australia, Judge Crawford will discuss what she has learned from services in the USA and Canada, where FASD is more readily accommodated as a matter of course.

You will also hear from Neuropsychologist and FASD Specialist Dr Valerie McGinn plus a team from Whakatakopai Child Protection Residence, sharing their experiences of working with children affected by FASD who have been in trouble with the law.

This Forum will be of interest to anyone working or living with vulnerable children, young people or adults who may be at increased risk of offending or reoffending due to their neurodisability.

PLEASE RSVP to christine@ahw.org.nz Ph: 09 5207037. No charge to attend.