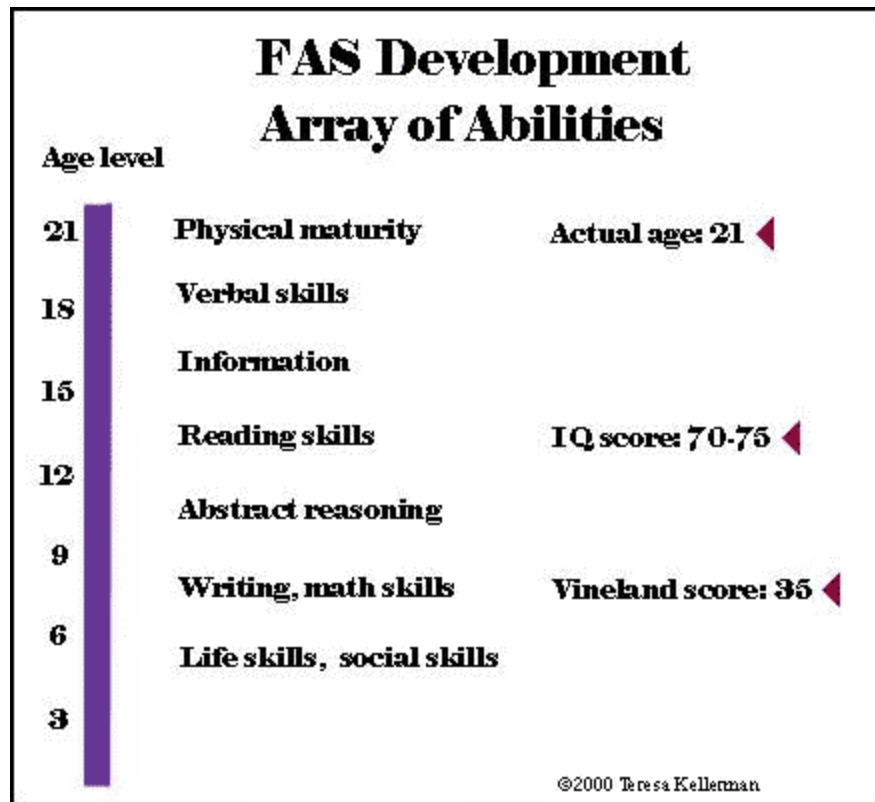


ARRAY of ABILITIES

In a person with typical FAS symptoms



These different levels of development occur in one individual at the age of 21. The person has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). These are actual results from a psychological evaluation that measures IQ, functional abilities, and adaptive behavior skills.

IQ score is about 70. Vineland (adaptive behavior scale) score is about 35. The person has good expressive language skills, which others use to judge intellectual abilities. For individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), the ability to function successfully in life is far below what is expected, based on appearances only. Teachers, law enforcement officials, and even parents may have higher expectations of the individual with FAS or FASD than the person can actually achieve.

The greatest obstacle individuals with FASD must overcome is the chronic frustration that results from the unreasonable expectations of others. This may contribute to the leading secondary condition associated with FASD: clinical depression with thoughts of suicide. Early recognition and understanding of FASD can help prevent the serious secondary effects associated with FAS and FASD.