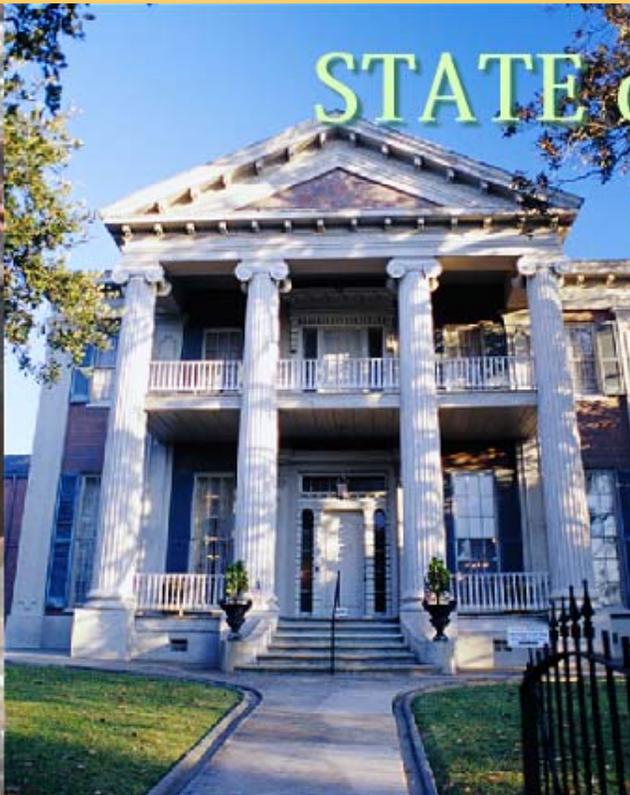
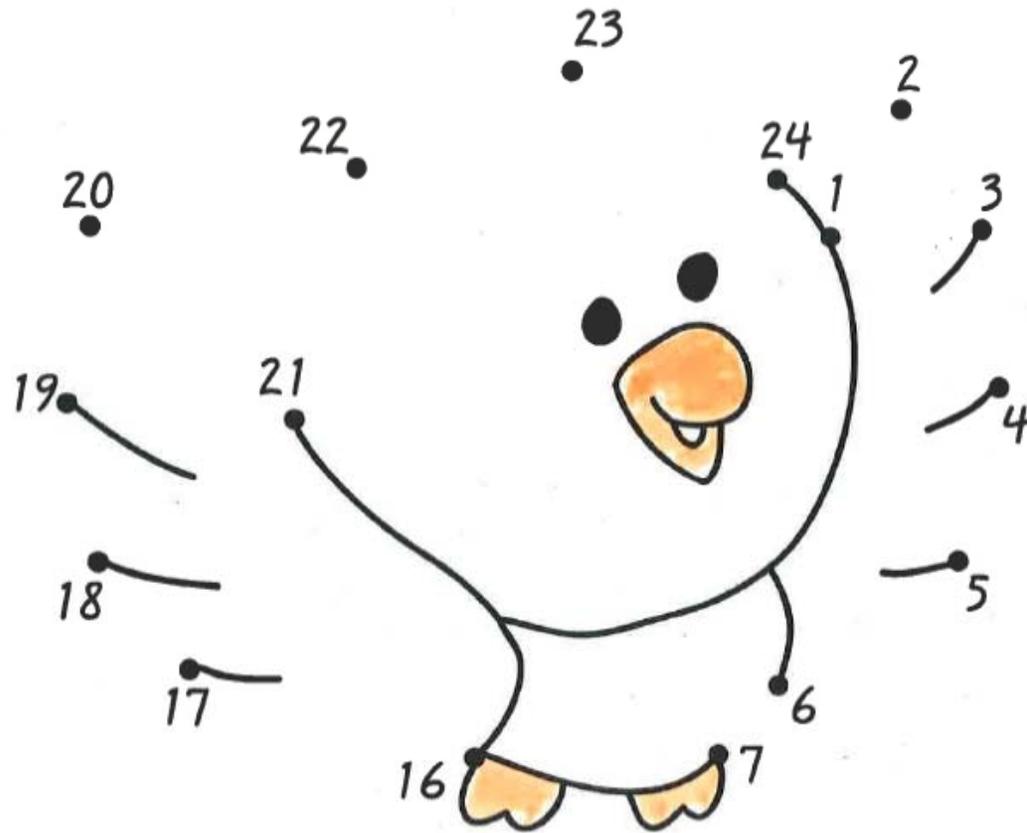


CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY – *The Mississippi Experience*



Connecting the FASD Sustainability Dots



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Ya Gotta Have Dots

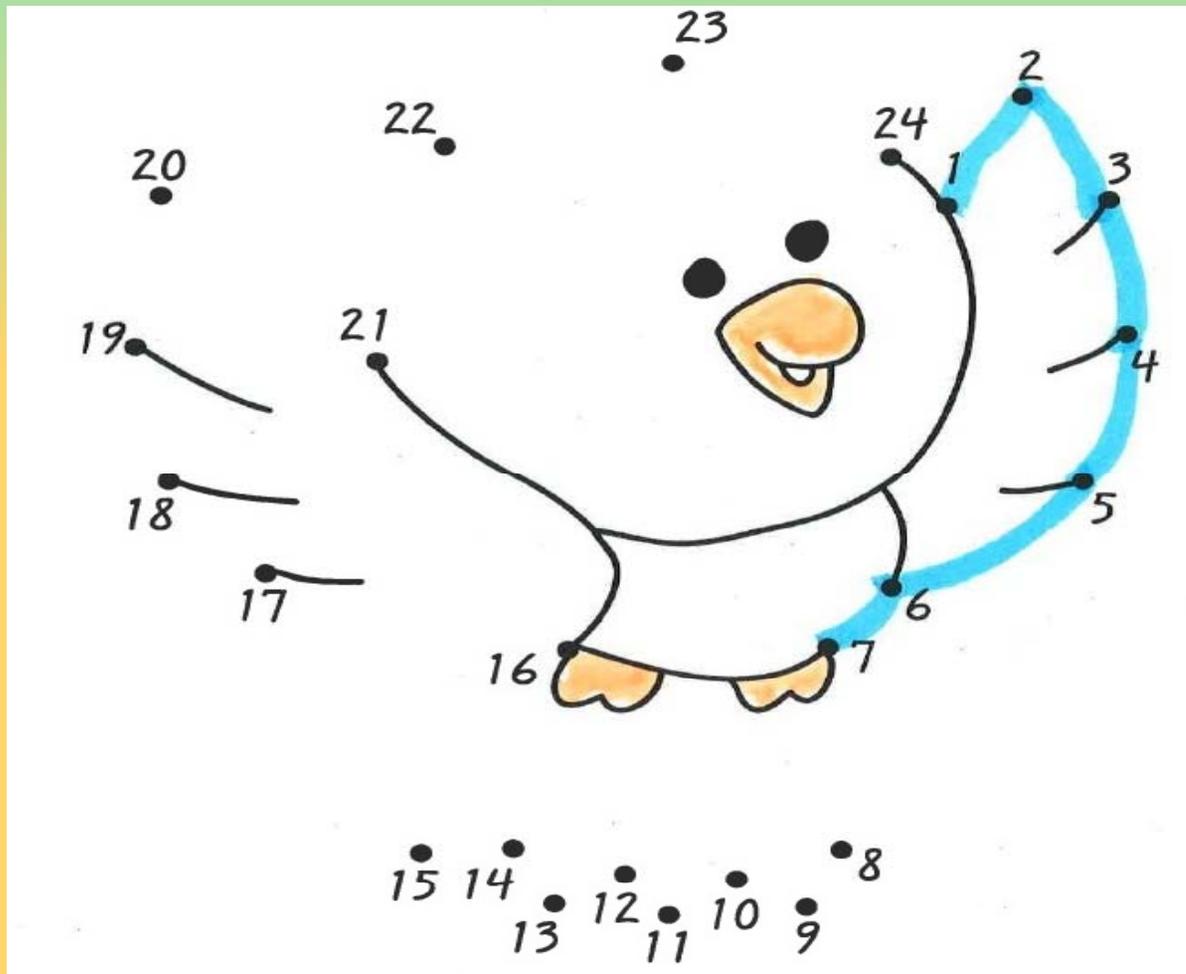
- Mississippi has Dots
- What are YOUR Dots?

The Annual FASD Symposium

Dot 9/9/11

- 2011 will be Mississippi's 8th Annual FASD Symposium...still a record!
- 2010 ... we had problems!!
- We won't make that mistake again

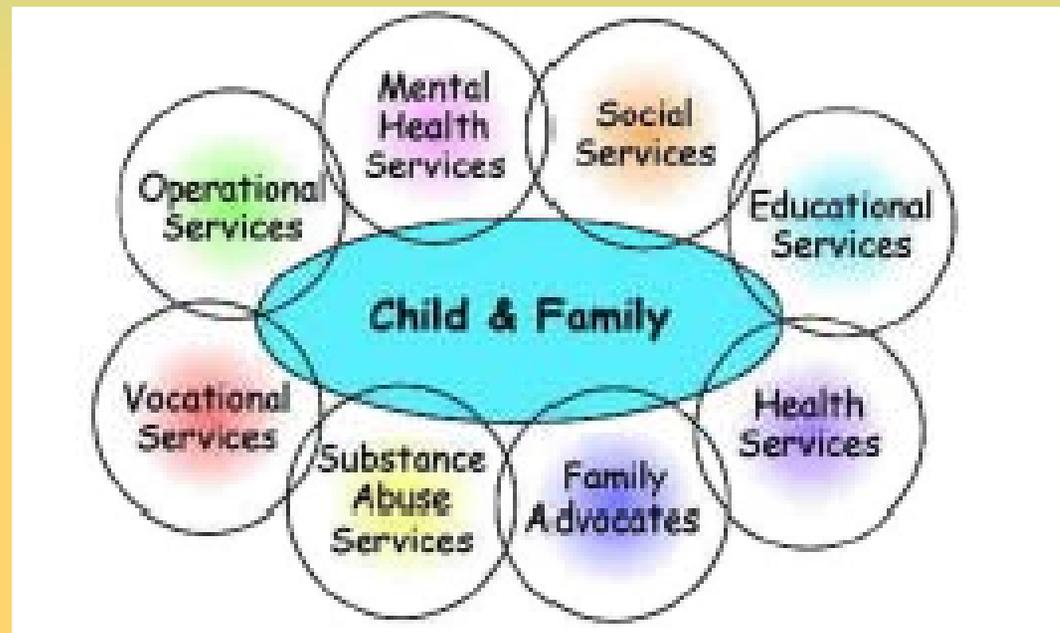
System of Care Dots



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Mississippi FASD System of Care (SOC)

- A key to our sustainability
- Over 10 years in the making
- Includes both policy changes and legislation



System of Care Dots

- MAP Teams are a major dot in our system of care
- MAP Teams are a required standard for certification as a Community Mental Health Center in Mississippi
- In 2010, we had 40 MAP Teams...so far in 2011, we have 46 MAP Teams active or planned

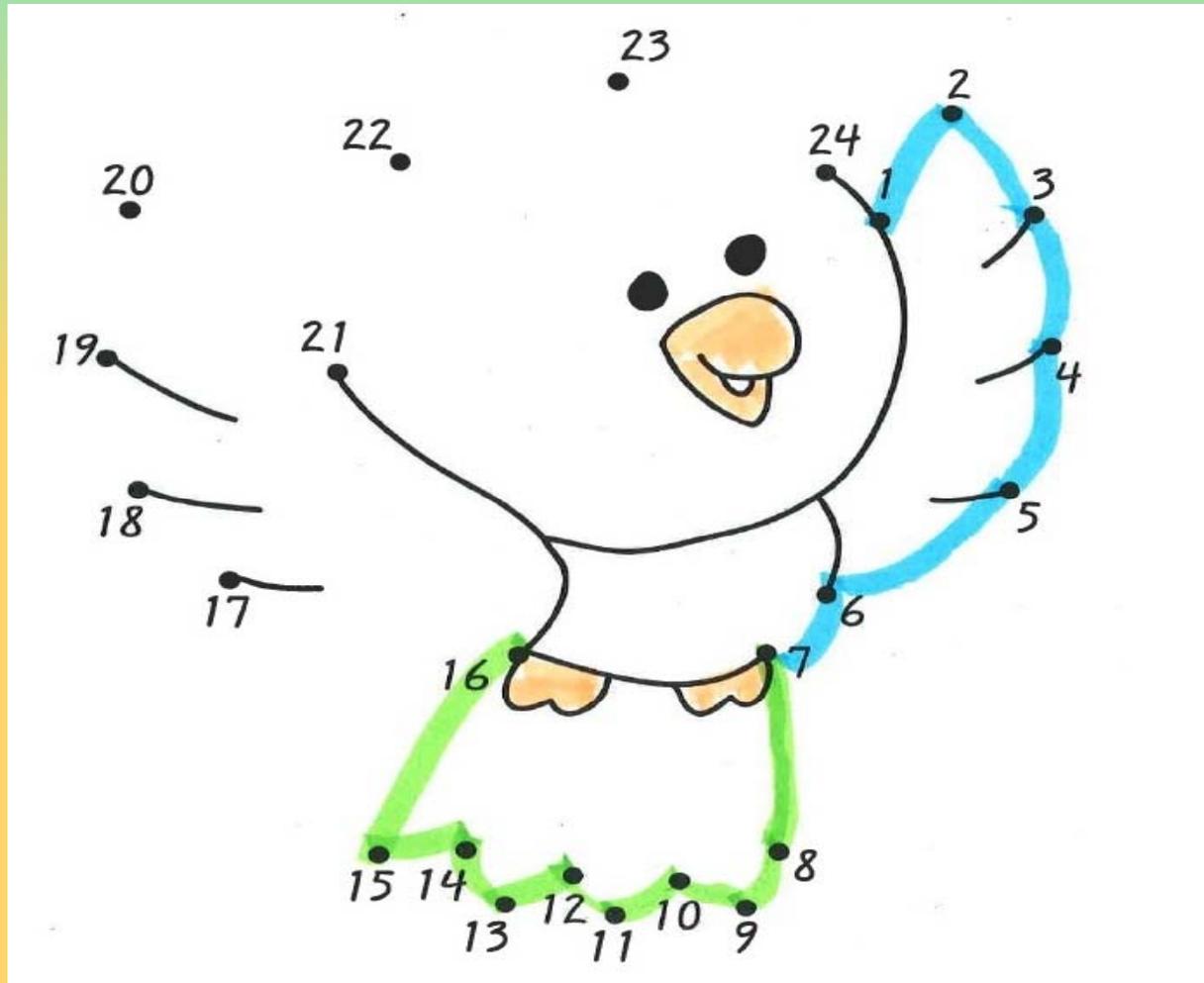
System of Care Legislative Dots

- State level SOC responsibility is legislated
- Levels of participation, organizational structure, and other key elements are specified in legislation
- SOC approach is applied to a growing number of target groups

Expanding Target Group Dots

- MAP Teams...they're not just for children with SED anymore!
- FASD prevention...making the connection with our Division of Prevention Services

Strategic Planning Dots



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DMH Strategic Plan Dots

- State legislation in Mississippi requires a comprehensive ten-year mental health strategic plan
- FASD awareness and service objectives were in the 2010-2011 plan

Strategic Plan FASD Dots

We Got an FASD LOGO!!!



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Strategic Plan FASD Dots

We Got an FASD Brochure!

FICTION OR FACT?

- FICTION:** FASD is a childhood disorder, people outgrow it.
FACT: The damage caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol is permanent.
- FICTION:** FASD can be passed on genetically.
FACT: Unlike genetic disorders, FASD has a direct behavioral cause.
- FICTION:** Children are negatively affected by alcohol only if a mother drinks early in her pregnancy.
FACT: Alcohol can affect an unborn baby at anytime during the pregnancy. There is no 100% safe time or amount to drink during pregnancy.
- FICTION:** FASD is specific to certain races or communities.
FACT: The damaging effects of prenatal alcohol exposure happen in all races and communities if women drink when they are pregnant.

Supporting a Better Tomorrow... Today
DMH
Mississippi Advisory Council on FASD



**ONLY YOU CAN
PREVENT FASD!**

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is the leading known cause of preventable mental retardation. It can also cause birth defects and learning and behavioral disorders.

In Mississippi, more than 450 babies are born each year with FASD.



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Strategic Plan FASD Dots

We Got an
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Bookmark!



Let's Prevent FASD!

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MATERNAL ALCOHOL USE CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

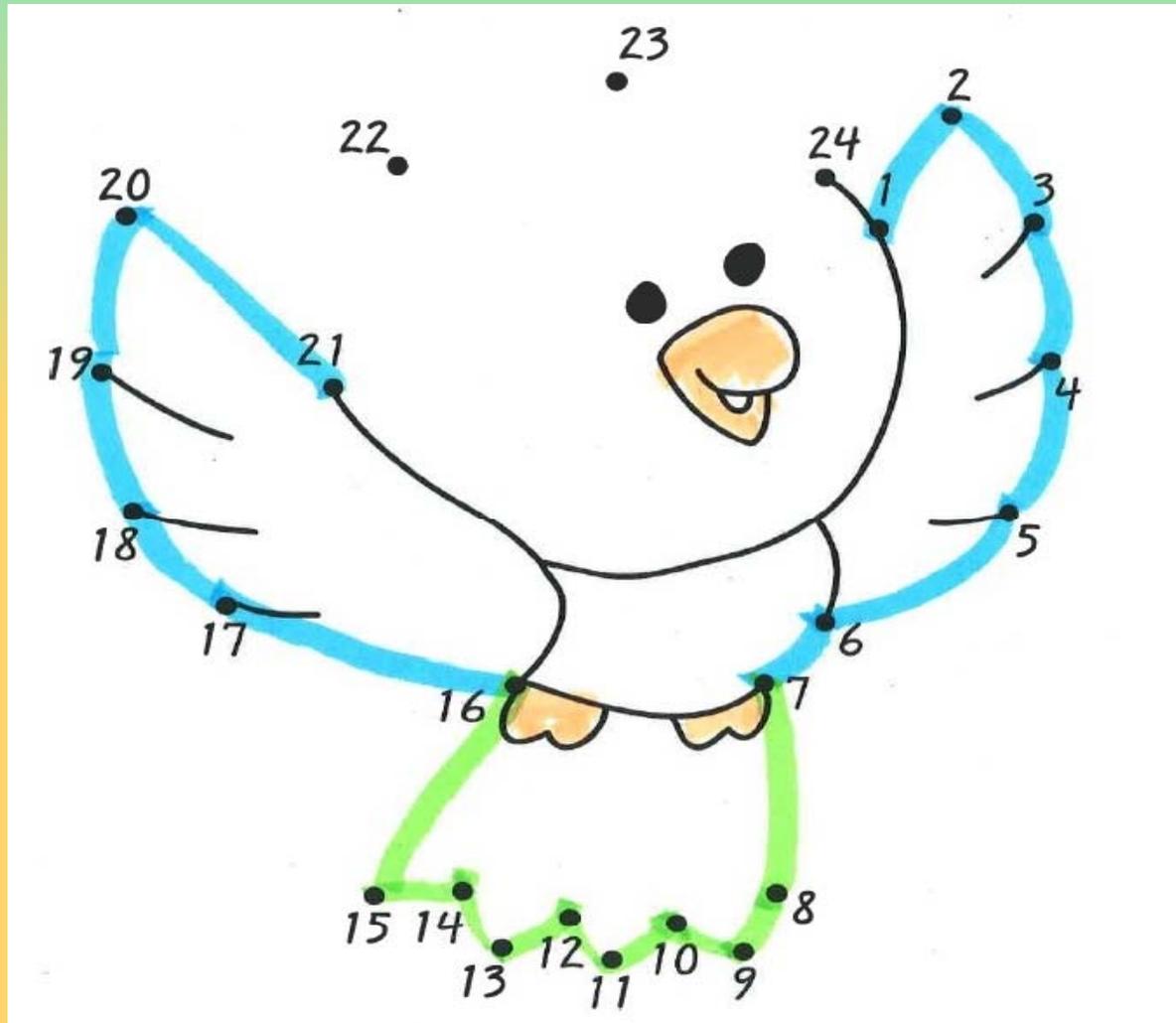
These checklist items can help decide if a child needs to be referred for an FASD diagnostic evaluation. If one or more items apply, please contact your local Community Mental Health Center for assistance or call the MS Department of Mental Health/FASD Initiative at 601.359.1288.

- Birth mother reports drinking 7+ drinks per week or 4+ drinks at one time in the past month
- Reliable informant (sister, social worker, spouse, parent) reports the mother drank while pregnant or has drinking-related problems
- Mother has received treatment for alcohol or drug abuse/addiction
- Mother has had one or more driving while intoxicated violations
- Mother has had a child removed from the home for reasons related to alcohol
- Mother has had alcohol- or drug-related job problems or legal problems
- Mother has ever had an injury or other alcohol-related medical problem when drinking

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FASD Advisory Council/FASD Plan Dots



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MS AC-FASD Dots

- Our FASD Advisory Council started in 2003
- In 2011, we still have about 75% of the same members we had then!
- Have a representative from every key group or entity including Mississippi's Choctaw Nation
- Newest member is Ex. Dir. of Arc/MS

MS AC-FASD Dots

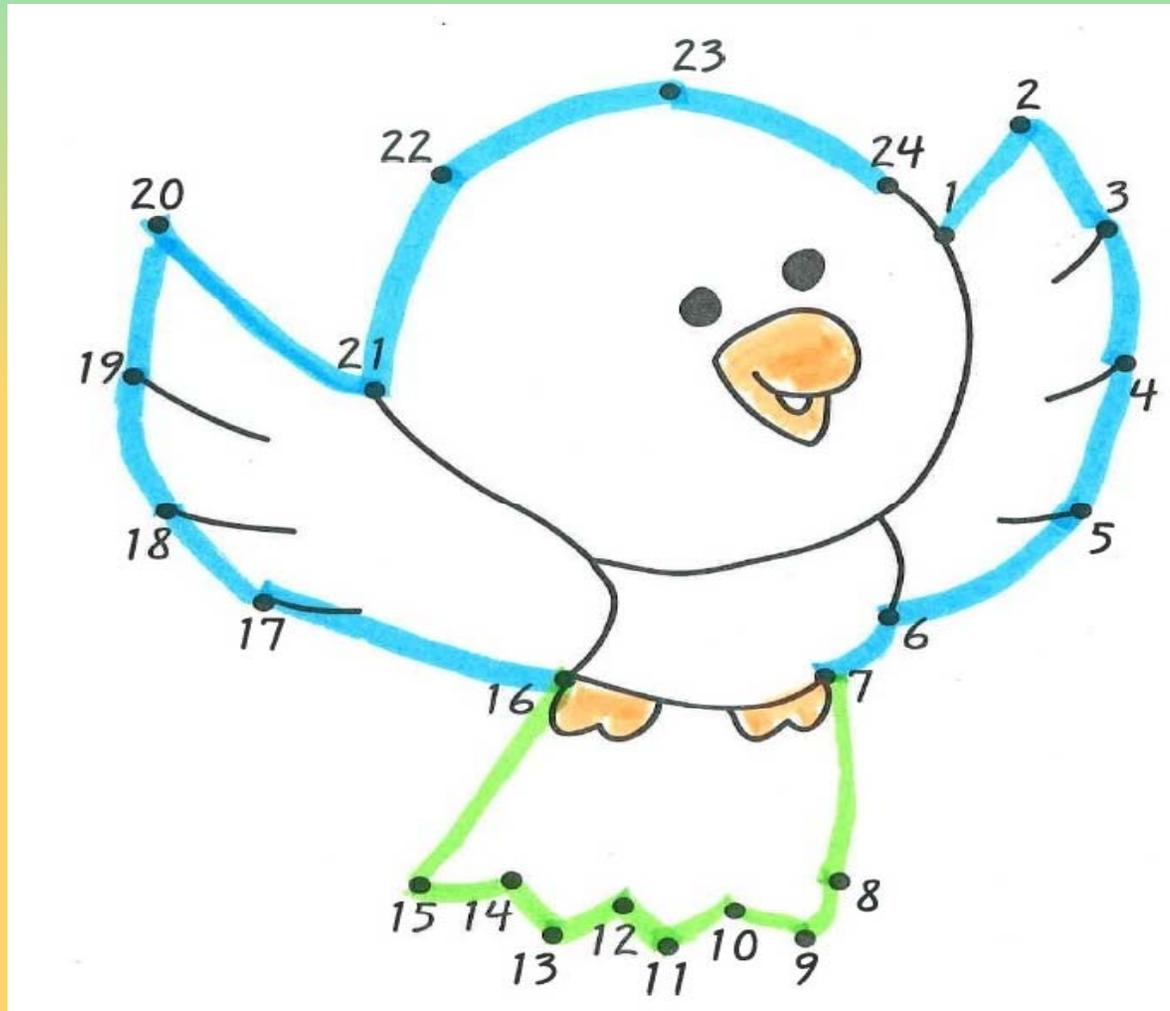
- Role and responsibility of AC-FASD has changed over time
- A primary responsibility now is preparation and implementation of Mississippi's FASD State Plan
- Meet at least 10 months each year
- Two permanent subcommittees to drive and carry out FASD State Plan objectives

MS FASD State Plan Dots

Two Primary Objectives:

- Reduce the number of babies born with FASD in Mississippi
- Expand/enhance the availability and use of treatment/services for children/youth with an FASD

Policy & Legislative Action Dots



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FASD Operational Standards

Effective January 1, 2011:

- Screen children ages birth to 18 in CMHCs for FASD risk
- Those positive for FASD risk to be referred for FASD diagnostic evaluation
- Those diagnosed with an FASD to receive recommended treatment and intervention

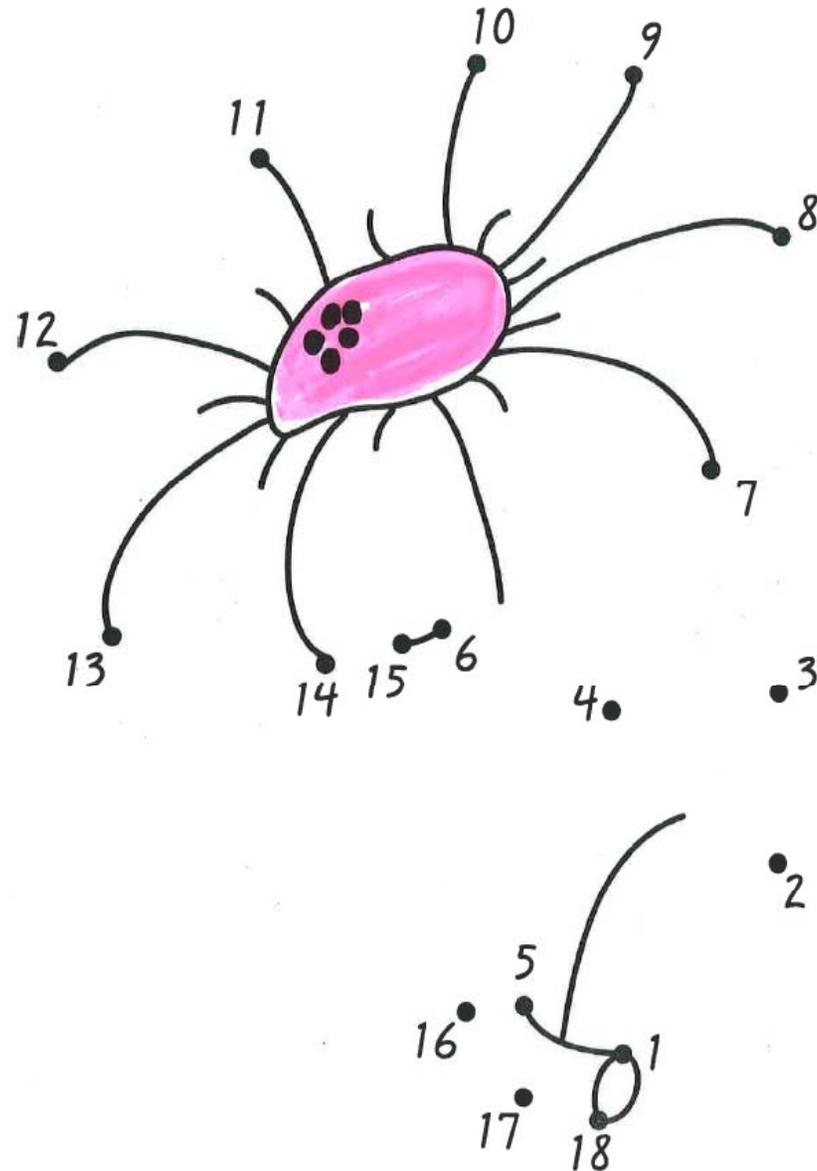
FASD Operational Standards

- Refer children with an FASD diagnosis to the local MAP Team
- Provide case management and family services
- Develop a Wraparound plan whenever possible

FASD Operational Standards

- An FASD diagnosis must be reflected in the individual service plan
- Must address Axis I-V
- Services need to be EB/BP/otherwise proven effective
- Individual service plan must be outcome-based

Parting Dots...



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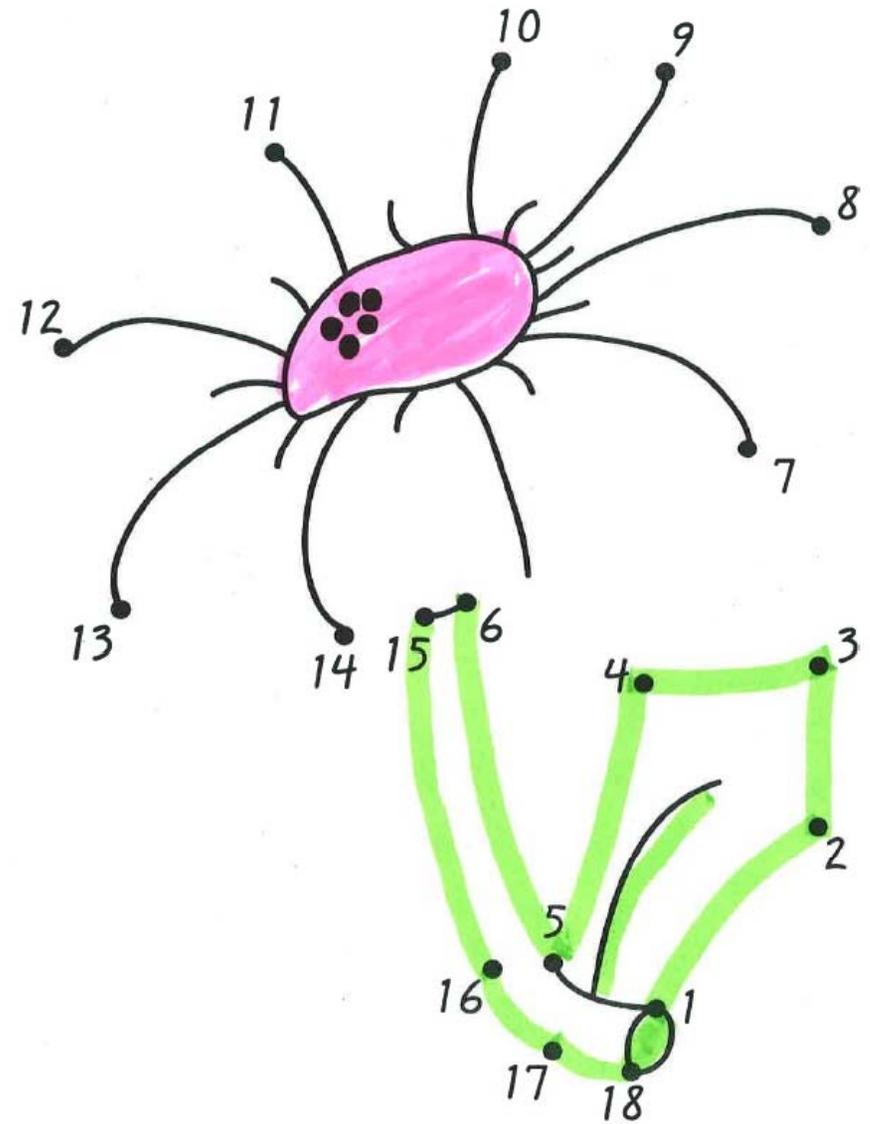
Model the skills we expect of others

We can start by learning to...

- Accept “No” Answers
- Learn to delay gratification
- Stay on task

Parting Dots

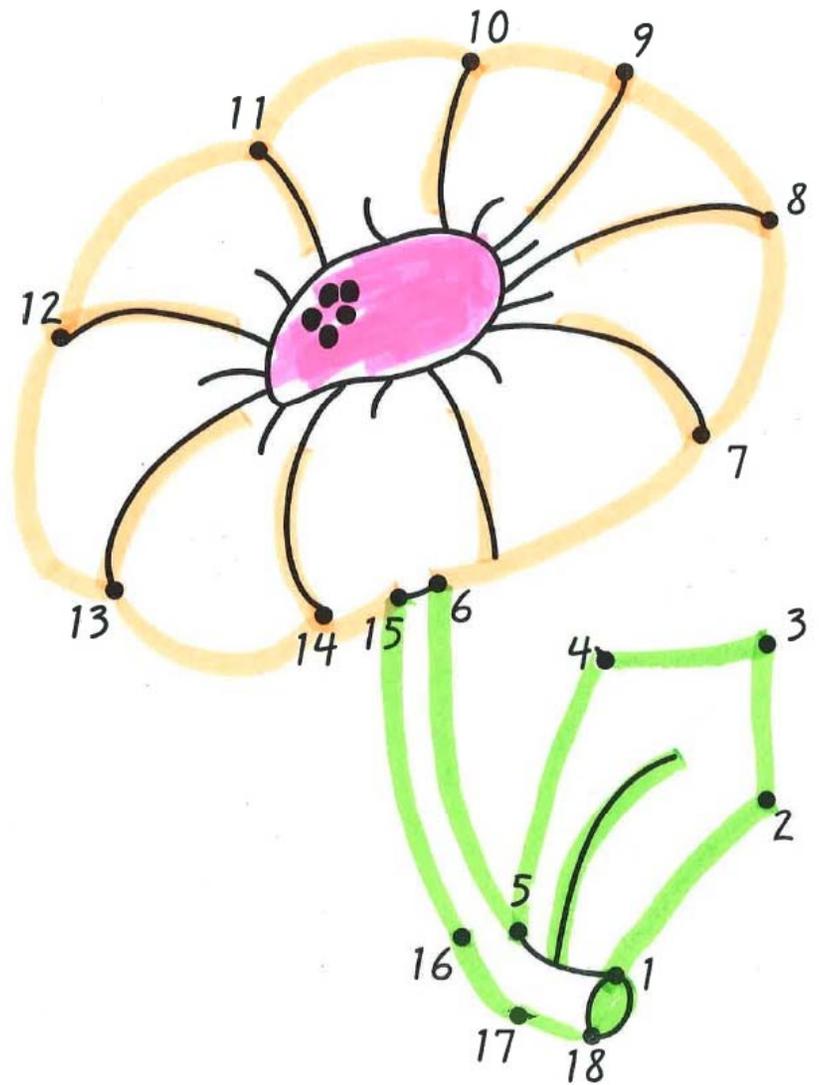
Things that are
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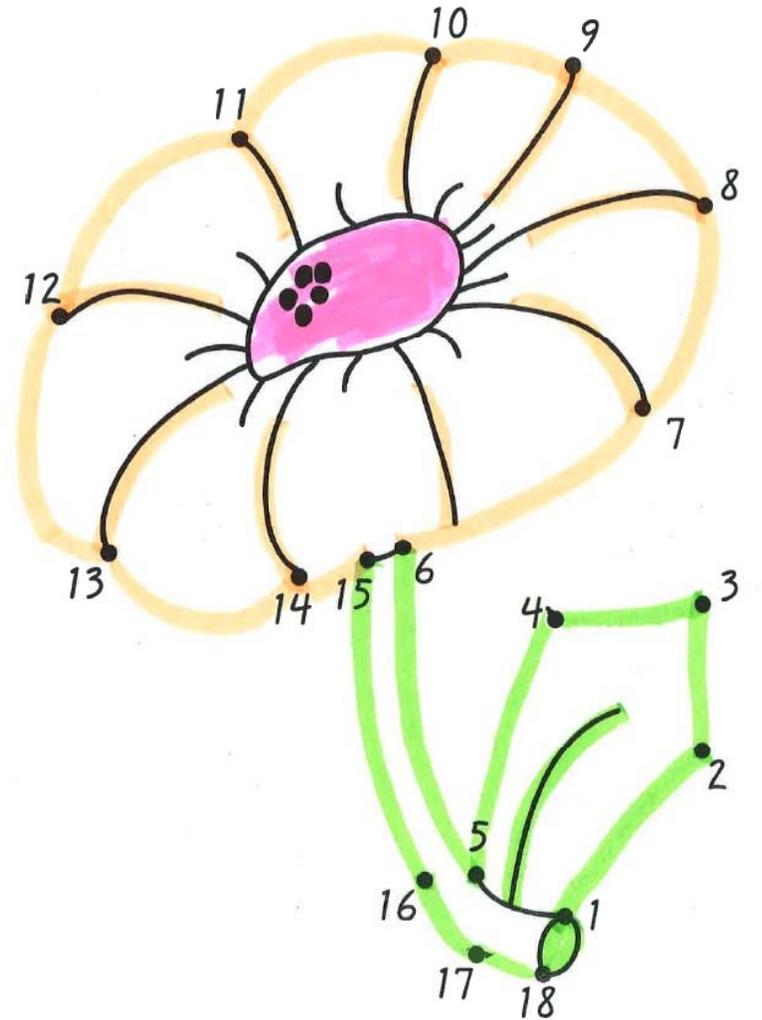
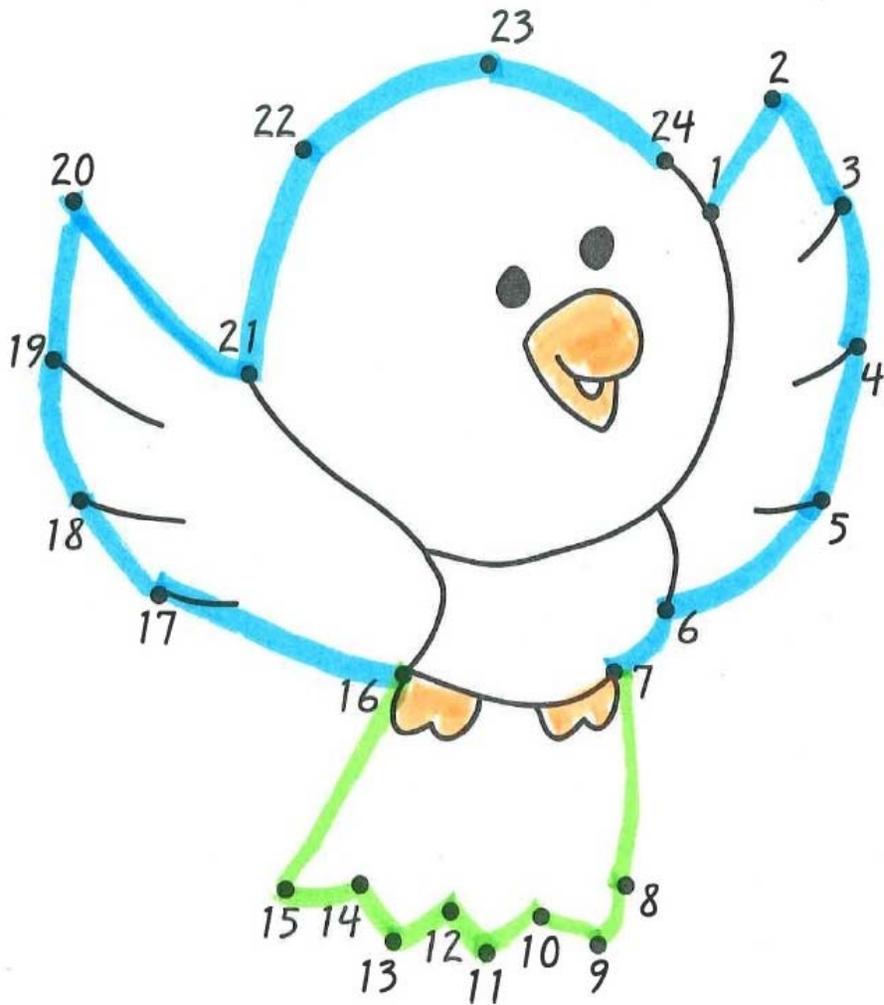
Parting Dots

You'll never see
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Connect Your Dots!



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