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**Abstract**

There is no typical profile of a high risk child that has been prenatally or environmentally exposed to drugs. These children should be treated as individuals with particular strengths and abilities. We must understand these individual characteristics in order to come up with an appropriate intervention method for these children. These drug-exposed children should not be labeled as crack or drug babies but should be considered for their individual characteristics. The aspects of their lives that make them more individualistic include the medical impact of their mother’s drug use, their home and community environment, and positive and negative experiences of their young lives. Pregnant women who know they are pregnant will usually try to change their lives for the better for the sake of their baby so it is important to try to intervene as early as possible. By simply telling a pregnant woman to stop or limit drug use for their baby’s sake they can greatly reduce the number of drug-exposed children born. There are a number of resources available for parents of drug-exposed children as well as professionals that work with drug-exposed children. One great place to locate resources for educators of drug-exposed students is National Resource Center for the Prevention of Prenatal Substance Abuse. The Center has an information system that contains information on programs that have been proved to be effective, activities that can be helpful, a calendar of events, and an information referral line. This video is especially useful for teachers of drug-exposed children and contains a lot of information on resources for those teachers, especially
in the credits at the end.

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