

Project #1—What Is It Like for the Child? Akira’s Perspective

Introduction

Growing up in a family where someone has a problem with alcohol abuse can be very difficult. What are the possible academic and social effects? Are there other effects? What are the chances that children will develop a problem with alcohol?

Task

Make a PowerPoint presentation or a poster(s) to show the possible effects alcoholism has on children academically, socially, and other ways, and the chances that children will develop the same problem.

Skills

Critical thinking, research, writing, presenting, working in groups, making a PowerPoint presentation

Process

1. Make sure you read and understand the instructions before you begin working on your project.
2. Review the case study, and discuss how you think Akira’s life was affected by Takashi’s drinking.
3. Discuss the following in a group: Does anyone in the group know someone who is an alcoholic? Does anyone have training or work experience with people who are alcoholics? Share knowledge with the group.
4. Choose different resources to research the effects on children of living in a family where alcohol abuse is present.
5. Go to the Project Care website (<http://projectcare.worlded.org/alcoholism/information.html#project1>). You will find helpful information that you can use in your project.
6. Visit an open meeting of adult children of alcoholics.
7. Group members discuss information you learned. Decide what information from each person’s research to include in the presentation.
8. Make a PowerPoint slide with the information the group decided to include from his or her research.
9. Make a list of questions to ask the class. For example, you can ask others to share their own knowledge, experiences, and opinions. You might ask for ideas on how to help children in this situation.
10. Give your work to the teacher to check so that you can revise it if necessary.
11. Present the PowerPoint slide show to the class.
12. As a group, ask the class the questions you prepared.