

The Expert

My son has F.A.S.,
And his reasoning ability has always been unusual.
Controlling his impulsiveness
Uniting cause and consequence,
And using money carefully
Are skills that still escape him.
Because of lack of judgment, and other major deficits,
His multiple addictions send him circling through the Legal System
-jail to jail, regularly-
using Social Welfare in between incarcerations.

My son has F.A.S.,
And I have love, and understanding,
And acceptance, of behaviors,
And some knowledge of his problems.
And I recognize the places where he doesn't make connections,
But I'm an ordinary mother, and my son needs so much more

Calling me "an expert"
May seem, to you, a compliment...
May see, to you, a recognition
Of my vast experience...
But if this burnt out, and traumatized, and devastated person
Is the only expertise being offered to my son,
Then he has nothing

Leon's Mom
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