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EXPERIENCES FROM NORDIC CAMPBELL CENTRE

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THE BIG CHALLENGE

Researchers

"Then we've agreed that all the evidence isn't in, and that even if all the evidence were in, it still wouldn't be definitive."

Non-researchers

"In the interest of streamlining the judicial process, we'll skip the evidence and go directly to sentencing."

KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION IN NORDIC CAMPBELL CENTRE

-Production of plain language articles (user abstracts)

-Active press strategy

-User involvement in review process (advisory boards)

USER ABSTRACTS

-Present key findings in plain language

-Get approval from lead reviewer

-Add comments from local practitioner and local facts

Read more: “Policy Guiding the production of Campbell Collaboration User Abstracts” & “Guidelines for writing a Campbell Collaboration User Abstract” on C2UG website (http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/UGindex.asp)

SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL INFORMATION PROCESSING INTERVENTONS

User abstract

- Short intro
- Problem
- Effect
- Details on intervention
- Facts about review
- Further research

SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL INFORMATION PROCESSING INTERVENTONS

Local practitioner

- Interview or self-written
- Experience based
- Clearly separated from review

Local facts

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY FOR CRIMINAL OFFENDERS

WELL-IMPLEMENTED COGNITIVE-BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY HALVES THE RECIDIVISM OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS

Cognitive-behavioural therapy can prevent criminal offenders from continuing their criminal careers. [...] It is particularly important for the programmes to be stringently implemented, by well-trained providers. No significant differences were found in the effectiveness of the different types of programmes or “brand names”. Whether the treatment is implemented in prison or in the community has no influence on the outcome. [...] There are, however, two treatment elements that have the *opposite* intention and *reduce* the effect, i.e. behaviour modification and the inclusion of victim impact.

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Newspaper headlines:

VICTIM CONFRONTATION ONLY MAKE MATTERS WORSE

and

VICTIMS INCREASE CRIME

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Now the press wanted to know:

a) How big is the effect?

- Review: “The mean odds ratio indicated that the odds of not recidivating in the 12 months after intervention for individuals in the treatment group were 1.53 times as great as those for individuals in the control group. This represents a reduction from the .40 mean recidivism rate of the control groups to a mean rate of .30 for the treatment groups, a 25% decrease. The most effective configurations of CBT produced odds ratios nearly twice as large as the mean, corresponding to recidivism rates of around .19 in the treatment groups, more than a 50% decrease from the .40 rate of the average control group.”

b) Why?

AN INTERESTING RESULT?

PLAYING THE PRESS

Reviewers' conclusions

No evidence from randomised controlled trials or quasi-randomised controlled trials exists regarding the effectiveness of cognitive-behavioural interventions for gang prevention. [...] Reviewers conclude there is an urgent need for rigorous primary evaluations of cognitive-behavioural interventions for gang prevention to develop this research field and guide future gang prevention programmes and policies.

Fisher, H, Gardner FEM, Montgomery P: *Cognitive-behavioural interventions for preventing youth gang involvement for children and young people (7-16).* Campbell Collaboration 2008.

Reviewers' conclusions

No evidence from randomised controlled trials or quasi-randomised controlled trials currently exists regarding the effectiveness of opportunities provision for gang prevention. [...] Rigorous primary evaluations of gang prevention strategies are crucial to develop this research field, justify funding of existing interventions, and guide future gang prevention programmes and policies.

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MAKING AMBASSADORS

- Researchers
- Administrators/decision makers
- Relevant practitioners
- Stakeholders
- Nordic Campbell Centre staff

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Join the C2UG:

C2UG workshop

Writing User Abstracts for Campbell Reviews

Wednesday 10.00-11.30, Grand Ballroom

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