

Improving the evidence base for social policy and practice

Who are we?

The Campbell Collaboration is a voluntary, non-profit, international research network. We produce and disseminate systematic reviews of the effects of interventions in the social and behavioural sciences.

Our mission

Our mission is to enhance the evidence basis so that policymakers, practitioners, and service recipients are better equipped to make informed decisions. This can improve people's lives, by improving the quality of public and private services.

Based in Oslo

Campbell has a small international secretariat located in Oslo, Norway, hosted by the Norwegian Institute for Public Health. A second staffed office is in New Delhi, India.

Our research areas

We summarize research in inter-linked research fields: crime and justice, education, international development social welfare, and management.

What is a systematic review?

A systematic review is a key step towards finding what works. It uses transparent and explicitly defined procedures to find, evaluate and synthesize the results of relevant research. The process is designed to minimize bias and to give as accurate as possible an indication of the effect of an intervention or program.

Campbell Systematic Reviews

Campbell Systematic Reviews follow rigorous guidelines and are subject to intensive editorial scrutiny before publication.

Campbell reviews

- Must include a systematic search for both published and unpublished reports.
- Require that a protocol (project plan) for the review is approved and published in advance.
- Are usually international in scope.
- Require a minimum of two researchers, working independently, to determine matters such as study inclusion and coding.

Open Access

Approved reviews are published in *Campbell Systematic Reviews*, our open access, online monograph series.

Our Annual Colloquium

The Campbell Colloquium provides a meeting place open to anyone interested in evidence based social policy. Venues have included London, Philadelphia, London, Vancouver, Oslo, Copenhagen and Chicago.

Competence building

Building competence in research

synthesis methodology is a key to increasing capacity for systematic reviews. The annual colloquium includes a series of training sessions, and we have run stand-alone workshops in countries as diverse as Mexico, Egypt, Bangladesh and South Africa.

Prominent Campbell Reviews

Our most influential reviews concern topics such as:

- "Scared Straight" programs
- Kinship Care
- School-based programs to prevent bullying
- Prevention of Early School Leaving
- Conditional Cash Transfers
- Parenting programs
- Welfare-to-work programs
- Mindfulness

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