

## Title Registration for Reviews

It is the policy of the Cochrane Developmental, Psychosocial and Learning Problems Review Group policy to ask for some outline answers to the questions on this sheet. This is necessary before a title can be registered in order to clarify the scope of the proposed review and to allow other reviewers to know where there is scope for new reviews without danger of duplication of effort. The issues to be defined can be divided into four main areas following suggestions from Sackett et al in devising answerable questions for evidence-based medicine:

1. Define the population
2. Define the intervention
3. Define the control
4. Define the main outcomes

A framework for answers to these questions for your proposed title is below, and we hope that you will fill it in and return it to the editorial base at the University of Bristol. Please be sure to specify any areas you definitely do not consider including in your review, as well as those you do! If there are remaining issues which are unclear to you or you need advice in completion of the form please contact the editorial base.

**PROVISIONAL TITLE** *(please try to adhere to Cochrane format of "Intervention FOR condition FOR/IN population group/setting):*

Kinship Care for the Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being of Abused and Neglected Children in Out-of-Home Placements

**Define the population** *e.g. adults or children, acute or chronic, home or hospital, with learning disabilities or developmental problems, etc. (Specify excluded groups.)*

The sample for an eligible study has to be drawn from children under the age of 18 who were removed from the home because of abuse or neglect and formally placed in a kinship care arrangement. Samples with children placed informally or voluntarily in kinship care will be excluded from the review.

**Specify the intervention** *e.g. behavioural therapy, course of drugs, (Specify length of treatment/delivery system/dosage regimen, if relevant).*

The intervention is kinship care, which is defined as the formal out-of-home placement of children with licensed or unlicensed kin caregivers.

**Specify the control comparison** *e.g. versus placebo, or another therapy, drug, or delivery method* The control comparison is foster care, which is defined as the formal out-of-home placement of children with licensed foster parents.

**Specify the types of study that would best answer your question** *e.g., randomised controlled trials? Interrupted time series?*

Studies with a quasi-experimental design with equating or matching procedures would best answer our question, as kinship care does not allow for randomized controlled trials.

**Define the outcome(s) of interest**

Permanency (i.e., reunification, adoption, guardianship), behavior and mental health problems, adaptive behaviors, service utilization, re-entry, re-abuse, family relations, educational attainment

**What was the intended goal of the treatment?**

To improve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children placed with kin caregivers

**What matters to the affected individual/his or her family?**

Reunification with family is often considered an optimal outcome of kinship care.

**What do I/we (the reviewer[s]) think is important?**

We believe that all child welfare outcomes are important, as are caregiver outcomes.

**At what time(s) will outcomes be measured?**

There will be cross-sectional and longitudinal measurement of child welfare outcomes.

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**Do you have easy access to a statistician?** Yes

The registration of this title will need to be approved by the editorial board of the Cochrane Developmental, Psychosocial and Learning Problems Group, after which the review area will be held open for you for three months. If you would like to proceed with the review we will require a protocol to be submitted to the editorial board within that period. Please return this form to:

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