# ‘Therapy for children and parents after domestic violence’

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| **Ethical review** | Positive opinion |
| **Status** | Recruiting |
| **Health condition type** | - |
| **Study type** | Interventional |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON20440

**Source**
Nationaal Trial Register

**Health condition**

Children exposed to interparental violence, Posttraumatic stress disorder

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** VU University Amsterdam
Kinder- en Jeugdtraumacentrum te Haarlem (Child and Youth Traumacentre at Haarlem)
**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZonMw

### Intervention

### Outcome measures

**Primary outcome**

Indicators of child symptoms & child adjustment.

**Secondary outcome**

Indicators of child emotional, behavioral, cognitive, and physiological responses, parental availability, & parent-child interaction.

# Study description

### Background summary

This is a multicenter, multi-informant and multi-method study within a randomized 2 by 2 factorial experimental design. Participants (N=100) are children, aged 4 to 12 years, and their parents, who have witnessed or have been physically victimized by IPV. Main aim of the study is to test the effects of two parental components as an addition to TF-CBT based therapy for reducing children's symptoms and adjustment problems after being exposed to IPV. Primary outcome measures are posttraumatic stress symptoms, internalizing and externalizing problems and adjustment in children. Secondary aim of the study is to test whether enhanced effects can be explained changes in children's responses towards experienced violence, parental availability, and quality of parent-child interaction. To address this secondary aim, the main parameters are observational and questionnaire measures of parental availability, parent-child relationship variables, and children's responses to IPV. Duration and severity of the IPV, parental psychopathology and new incidents of IPV are examined for their moderating effect. Data are collected three times during the program, one week before the program starts (T1), and one week (T2) and six months (T3) after finishing the program. Both intention-to-treat and completer analyses will be done.

### Study design

Pre-treatment, post-treatment and follow-up at 6 month.

### Intervention

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) based intervention for children exposed to interparental violence, in the Netherlands registered as 'HORIZON methodiek voor kinderen die ruzie en geweld in het gezin hebben meegemaakt. The HORIZON consists of 3 components,

1)TF-CBT based group intervention for children and parents (15 weekly sessions);

2) Preparatory Program for Parents (6 sessions prior to TF-CBT based group intervention);

3) Parent-Child Interaction Sessions (at the end of the 15 weekly TF-CBT based parallel parent and child groupsessions, both groups conjoint in parent-child interaction).

Four conditions:

Condition 1; Preparatory Program Parents + TF-CBT based intervention + Parent-Child interaction sessions (=HORIZON);

Condition 2; Preparatory Program Parents + TF-CBT based intervention;

Condition 3; TF-CBT based intervention + Parent-Child interaction sessions;

Condition 4: TF-CBT based intervention.

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# Eligibility criteria

## Inclusion criteria

1) The child has been exposed to some form of interparental violence (or violence between a parent and a cohabitant);

2) The child is no longer exposed to IPV (or violence between a parent and a cohabitant);

3) The child is between the age of 4 and 12;

4) Both custodial parents gave written informed consent;

5) The child is referred to Horizon group therapy:

o the child has trauma symptoms or behavioral problems;

o the child's behavior is no danger to other children;

o the child can control his or her (sexual) impulses;

o at least one custodial parent is able to participate in group or individual therapy.

### Exclusion criteria

1) The child and /or parent has an intellectual disability (estimated IQ of 70 or below);

2) One of the custodial parents does not give permission to participate in the study;

3) The child has serious behavioral problems that prevent him or her to function in a group setting;

4) The child and/or parent do not speak sufficient Dutch.

## Study design

### Design

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| Study type: | Interventional |
| Intervention model: | Factorial |
| Allocation: | Randomized controlled trial |
| Masking: | Single blinded (masking used) |
| Control: | Active |

### Recruitment

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| Recruitment status: | Recruiting |
| Start date (anticipated): | 17-06-2012 |
| Enrollment: | 100 |
| Type: | Anticipated |

# Ethics review

Positive opinion
Date: 04-06-2013
Application type: First submission

# Study registrations

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

| Register | ID |
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| NTR-new | NL3855 |
| NTR-old | NTR4015 |
| Other | ZonMw : 80-82470-98-017 |
| ISRCTN | ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd. |

# Study results

**Summary results**
N/A