

Recognition of Acquired Competencies: Does is positively effect empowerment and vocational functioning in people with vulnerabilities?

No registrations found.

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

Summary

ID

NL-OMON26031

Source

Nationaal Trial Register

Brief title

TRACE

Health condition

Psychosocial problems
Vulnerabilities
Long-term unemployment

Mensen met grote afstand tot de arbeidsmarkt vanwege kwetsbaarheden

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Trimbos Institute – Netherlands Institute of mental health and addiction

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Movisie – Netherlands centre for social development

Intervention

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

1. Empowerment:

A. Improvement in mean score on empowerment, measured with the Dutch Empowerment scale (Boevink et al 2009); Time points 6 months and 12 months;

B. Improvement in mean score on hope measured with the Herth Hope Index (Herth 1989); Time points 6 months and 12 months.

2. Vocational functioning:

A. % of participants who show improvement in participation in 12 months; Time point 12 months;

B. Improvement in mean score on job search behavior (Schellekens 2007); Time point 12 months.

Secondary outcome

1. Improvement in mean score on mental health confidence); Time points 6 months and 12 months;

2. Improvement in mean score on quality of life; Time points 6 months and 12 months;

3. Improvement in mean score (on perceived insight in personal competencies); Time points 6 months and 12 months.

Study description

Background summary

TRACE is a multi-site pragmatic, parallel group randomised clinical trial evaluating effectiveness of Recognition of Acquired Competencies for volunteers (RAC-v). RAC-v is applied at rehabilitation or social agencies targeting people with a 'large distance' to the labour market because of social and psychological vulnerabilities. Professional workers of these agencies are being trained in RAC-v by trainers of the founding organization. These workers offer RAC-v to enrolled participants who are randomized to RAC-v. People in the control condition sign in for a waiting list and are offered RAC-v after one year. All other (usual) guidance proceeds without modification for both groups. Three time points are used: T0 (baseline) - T6 months - T12 months. Empowerment measured at T6 and T12 and vocational improvement measured at T12 are the primary outcomes.

Study objective

Guidance added by Recognition of Acquired Competencies results in better improvement in empowerment in people with vulnerabilities compared to usual guidance

Study design

1. T0;
2. T6 months;
3. T12 months.

Intervention

Recognition of Acquired Competencies for volunteers (RAC-v), or in Dutch "Erkenning van Verworven Competenties voor vrijwilligers" (EVC-v). RAC-v is applied at 20 to 25 rehabilitation or social agencies. Professional workers of these agencies are being trained in RAC-v by trainers of the founding organization. These workers offer RAC-v to enrolled participants who are randomized to RAC-v. RAC-v generally takes six months to finish. It consists of several phases, including choosing core competencies, looking for evidence which confirms the participant actually possesses these competencies, making a portfolio that shows this process has been carried out and finally an authorization phase which ends in certification.

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Eligibility criteria

Inclusion criteria

1. Motivated for working with RAC-v;
2. Unemployed;
3. Client of a social agency targeted on long-term unemployed people;
4. Willingly to participate in the study and to sign informed consent;
5. Sufficiently understands Dutch language (or is supported by a translator made available by the agency involved).

Exclusion criteria

Currently undertaking a RAC-v trajectory (if the person involved has completed a RAC trajectory with a certificate, this has to be closed for at least a year before study admission).

Study design

Design

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

Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	01-10-2009
Enrollment:	300
Type:	Anticipated

Ethics review

Positive opinion

Date: 25-11-2010

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
NTR-new	NL2504
NTR-old	NTR2622
Other	Movisie : ESI-EVC-001
ISRCTN	ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.

Study results

Summary results

N/A