Safe, Strong & Onwards: Evaluation of a combined treatment program for offenders and victims of physical child abuse.

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Pending
Health condition type	Anxiety disorders and symptoms
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON35504

Source
ToetsingOnline

Brief title
Effectiveness study SSO

Condition

- Anxiety disorders and symptoms
- Family issues

Synonym
physical child abuse

Research involving
Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam
Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZonMw

Intervention

Keyword: combined treatment, offender, physical child abuse, victim

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

The main study parameters are: trauma symptoms and behavioral problems for children and parenting skills and emotional functioning for the offending parent.

Secondary outcome

NA

Study description

Background summary

In this study the effectiveness of a newly developed ecological intervention for physical child abuse is evaluated. The intervention is named Safe, Strong & Onwards (SSO) and within the program physical child abuse is viewed as an interactional problem between parents and their children. Based on this view offenders as well as victims of physical child abuse receive treatment. Treatment for children focuses on reducing trauma symptoms and behavioral problems. Treatment for the offending parent focuses on developing parenting skills and emotional functioning. The non-offending parent is also part of the treatment. The goal of this ecological approach is to improve the quality of the parent-child bond in order to create a safe home situation in which physical abuse does not occur. In this study the effect of the treatment on the above mentioned measures will be evaluated. Secondly specific determinant of treatment effects will be examined.

Study objective

To evaluate the effectiveness of SSO and to examine determinants of treatment effects.

Study design

The progress of clients (children as well as parents) will be measured before

(at intake), during and after treatment (6 and 12 months).

Intervention

Data will be collected (T0-T4) following treatment sessions as much as possible. Weekly reports will be completed by parents using a short digitally administered questionnaire. Treatment (weekly/bimonthly) consists of family, individual and group sessions.

Study burden and risks

Data will be collected using questionnaires, interviews and observation tasks. Data collection will conveniently take place following treatment sessions as much as possible. The researchers will make an effort to let the study run smoothly, especially for children. There are no known risks associated with participation in this study. This study will contribute significantly to clinical practice and research in the field of physical child abuse. With the study results the SSO treatment program can be improved and empirical support can be gathered and strengthened regarding ecological treatment for families in which physical child abuse has occurred.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age
Adolescents (12-15 years)
Adolescents (16-17 years)
Adults (18-64 years)
Children (2-11 years)
Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

For the study children and their parents will be included only when:
- Child protective services (in Dutch: Bureau Jeugdzorg) is involved to guard the safety within the system and to underline the urgency of treatment.
- Parents give permission to acces the medical history of their children.
- Parents and children are financially and timewise able to participate in treatment.*
The inclusion criterium 'Parents and children are financially and timewise able to participate in treatment' pertains to the commitment clients have to make when the participate in treatment. In advance it should be considered if the client has sufficient financial resources to cover for travel expenses to both treatment sites. Furthermore, schools and employers shold have givene permission to be absent weekly if necessary and at variable hours. In reaction to your comment on treatment and compensation it should be noted that AMEA-compensation (Exceptional Medical Expenses Act) order when referral has taken place through Bureau Jeugdzorg (family and youth social work) to the KJTC (Trauma centre for Youths) and trough a general practitioner to De Waag (outpatient forensic/psychiatric treatment).

Exclusion criteria

The following exclusion criteria apply to treatment and therefore also to participating in the study:
- The guardian appointed by Child protective services (in Dutch: Bureau Jeugdzorg) cannot participate in (parts of) the treatment.
- Low intellectual functioning (IQ < 80) in parents or children.
- Insufficient ability to speak ur understand Dutch and no possibility to repeatedly collaborate with an interpreter.
- No motivation to change behavior patterns.

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Treatment

Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-12-2011
Enrollment:	15
Type:	Anticipated

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date:	21-12-2011
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

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
CCMO	NL38213.078.11