

# **Effectiveness of Stay Cool Kids (Alles Kidzzz): An indicated preventive intervention for externalizing problem behavior in school age children.**

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving gestopt
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## **Samenvatting**

### **ID**

NL-OMON20239

### **Bron**

NTR

### **Aandoening**

Externalizing behavior (externaliserend gedrag)  
School-based intervention (interventie op school)

### **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** Utrecht University, Faculty of Social Sciences

**Overige ondersteuning:** ZonMw

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

Children's measures were collected in their school settings and were administered to children by trained research assistants. Parents and teachers received questionnaires in meetings at

school or by mail:<br>

1. Reactive and Proactive Aggression: Teacher Rating of Aggression (TRA; Dodge & Coie, 1987; Dutch version; Hendrickx, Crombez, Roeyers, & Orobio de Castro, 2003). Parents and children reported about child's reactive and proactive aggression as well, with adapted parent and child versions of the TRA;<br>
2. Externalizing behavior: As a screening measure the Externalizing subscale of the Teacher Report Form (age 6-18, Achenbach, 2001; Verhulst, van der Ende, & Koot, 1997) was used;<br>
3. Prosocial Behavior: Parents were asked to report about the prosocial behavior of the child with the Matson Evaluation of Social Skills for parents (MESSY, Bell-Dolan & Alan, 1998). The MESSY for Youngsters (Hulstijn, et al. 2006; Matson, Rotatori, & Helsel, 1983) was used to measure prosocial behavior reported by the child.

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Externalizing problem behavior in school-aged children has an estimated frequency of 2 to 16%. Stable externalizing behavior places these children at risk for future difficulties and diagnosable psychopathology. Therefore, preventive interventions designed to alter the developmental trajectory towards more serious behavior problems should occur before transition from elementary to higher school, since this is a developmental risk point. The aim of this trial is to test the effectiveness of the individual school-based preventive social cognitive training 'Stay Cool Kids (Alles Kidzzz)', to reduce externalizing behavior problems and to enhance cognitive behavioral skills. The sample consists of 48 schools, with 264 fourth-grade children displaying externalizing behavior (TRF T-score > 60), randomly assigned to the intervention or no-intervention control condition. Moderators and mediators of the intervention will be examined.

### Doel van het onderzoek

N/A

### Onderzoeksopzet

1. Pretest;
2. Post test;
3. Half year follow-up;
4. One year follow-up.

## **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

Stay Cool Kids:

1. Individual, tailor-made intervention;
2. School-based;
3. Social-cognitive basis;
4. Targeted.

The Stay Cool Kids training is a social cognitive intervention that focuses on reciprocal relations between cognitions, emotions, and behavior of the child. The training is designed to reduce aggressive behavior in highly aggressive children at elementary schools. The long term goal is to prevent the development of disruptive behavior disorders. Trainers worked individually, in 8 weekly sessions of 45 minutes, with the target child. Children were seen during the school day from January until March. The trainer met with parents and teachers before the start of the training, during a mid term evaluation, and at the end of the training.

The training consisted of 2 phases. In the first phase, trainers investigated child's specific needs and competences. The first session starts with a general introduction, which is the same for all children. Next, trainers were able to choose two from six exercises, which were best suited for the individual child, for the second and third session. After the third session, an individual analysis of child's competences was made and discussed with parents and teachers during a midterm evaluation, resulting in an individual intervention plan. For the intervention plan trainers chose five from nine program components, which were most appropriate for the individual child's needs, as described in the trainer manual. Before phase 2 (session 4 -8) started, a contract between the trainer and child was signed, in which the training program is described. Exercises focused on 1) self-perception (less negative, realistic self-perception), 2) social cognitions (attribution of benign intent in ambiguous situations, accurate representation of other children emotions), 3) anger management (emotion-regulations strategies, e.g., 'stop-think-act'), and 4) aggressive behavior (generation of less aggressive responses to social provocations). Parents and teachers receive information after each training session about what is done during the training. Also, they are asked to practice together with the child its newly learned skills.

The children in the control condition did not receive any intervention or received care as usual (e.g., remedial teaching, universal remediation programs) within their school.

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

1. Children in 4th-grade (elementary school), 9-11 years old, with elevated levels of externalizing behavior;
2. (Sub)clinical level of externalizing behavior, indicated by teachers (Teacher Report Form T-score > 60).

### Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

1. Autism Spectrum Disorder;
2. If children already receive treatment for their externalizing behavior problems.

# Onderzoeksopzet

## Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Parallel
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	N.v.t. / onbekend

## Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestopt
(Verwachte) startdatum:	18-12-2007
Aantal proefpersonen:	264
Type:	Werkelijke startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies	
Datum:	17-02-2011
Soort:	Eerste indiening

## Registraties

### Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

Geen registraties gevonden.

### Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

## In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL2641
NTR-old	NTR2769
Ander register ZonMw / METC University Utrecht	: 80-82445-98-010 / 19535.041.08;
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## Resultaten

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