# Family Group Conferencing in youth care: effectiveness and characteristics of the decision making model and implementation of the Family Group (FG) plans

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**Ethische beoordeling** Niet van toepassing **Status** Werving nog niet gestart

Type aandoening -

Onderzoekstype Interventie onderzoek

# Samenvatting

#### ID

NL-OMON21946

#### **Bron**

NTR

#### **Aandoening**

Family Group conferencing; effectiveness; safety; out of home placement; commitment of the social network; empowerment; amount of professional care Familienetwerkberaden; effectiviteit; veiligheid; uithuisplaatsing; betrokkenheid sociaal netwerk, eigen kracht; zorgbehoefte

# **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** University of Amsterdam Forensic Child and Youth Care Sciences Nieuwe Prinsengracht 130 1018 VZ Amsterdam

Overige ondersteuning: ZonMW

Bureau jeugdzorg Agglomeratie Amsterdam Eigen Kracht Centrale

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

- Child safety<br>
- Commitment of social network<br>
- Increased Control/empowerment of the family<br>
- Supervision order (and duration) < br>
- Professional care<br>

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Family Group Conferencing is regularly carried out in the Netherlands as a decision making procedure in youth care. Aim is to allow families to develop their own help plan, aiming to address the problems in such way that the family continues to be leading (instead of a professional worker), however, with the condition that the safety of the children in the families is guaranteed. At the end of a Family Group Conference, there has to be agreement between the family members, members of the broader social network, of the coordinator Family Group conferencing and family Manager of Bureau Youth Care on the carrying out of the help plans that have been developed during the family group conference. Question is, however, whether the Family Group conferences and the FG plans that have been developed are effective in terms of 1) more safety for children in the families, 2) an increased commitment of the social network, 3) increased control of the family (empowerment), and less use of professional care. Most research shows positive results, based on pre-post test assessments. Those studies that did include a control group show negative or contradictory findings. The only Dutch study using a comparison group concludes that the reported positive results cannot be attributed to Family Group Conferencing with certainty. Evidence for the effectiveness of Family Group Conferencing in Dutch Youth Care is thus still lacking.

The present study aims to find out whether Family Group conferencing and the carrying out of the FG plans are effective. Goals are thus to find out whether Family Group Conferences and the carrying out of the FG plans indeed lead to: 1) sufficient safety of the children in the family; 2) increased commitment of the social network; 3) increased control of the family regarding family problems, empowerment of the parents; less professional care. A second aim is to examine whether the effectiveness of Family group conferencing is affected by characteristics of the method, characteristics of the Family Managers or characteristics of

participating families.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

We expect after FGC:

- increased child safety (in terms of less supervision orders; and less or shorter out of home placements)
- increased commitment of the broader social network of the family
- increased perceived control over problems/sense of empowerment by parent(s)
- less need for/use of professional help
- improved family functioning

Furthermore, we expect that:

program (implementation and role of family manager) as well as participant characteristics moderate the effectiveness of family group conferencing.

#### Onderzoeksopzet

T1: pre-test

T2: post-test after 1 month (by telephone)

T3: post-test after 3 months (by telephone)

T4: post-test after 6 months (questionnaire)

T5: follow-up assessment after 12 months (questionnaire)

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Family Group Conferencing and Generic Family Oriented Approach versus Generic Family Oriented Approach only

# Contactpersonen

#### **Publiek**

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# **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

All families referred to Bureau Youth Care Amsterdam and Surroundings (BYCAS) for help.

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

none

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

## **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing: Niet-gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Enkelblind

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Controle: Geneesmiddel

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving nog niet gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-01-2014

Aantal proefpersonen: 300

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Niet van toepassing

Soort: Niet van toepassing

# **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 NL4161 NTR-old NTR4320 Ander register : FGC

ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.

# Resultaten

Samenvatting resultaten N/A		