Where to Find Information about Evidence-Based Early Intervention Programs

SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP)

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SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) is a searchable online registry of more than 300 interventions addressing mental health promotion, substance abuse prevention, and mental health and substance abuse treatment. The purpose of NREPP is to help the public learn more about available evidence-based programs and practices and determine which of these may best meet their needs. All interventions included in NREPP have been assessed by independent peer reviewers to rate the Quality of Research (quality of evaluation studies) and the Readiness for Dissemination (availability and quality of implementation materials, training and support resources, and quality assurance procedures). For each intervention, NREPP publishes a summary that contains general information about the intervention; measures used and key findings for each outcome reviewed; a list of studies and materials reviewed; Quality of Research and Readiness for Dissemination ratings; and contact information. Although the registry does not provide ratings of the intervention’s effectiveness, the outcomes reviewed must be statistically significant (p ≤ .05), and effect sizes are reported when possible.

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Strengthening America’s Families is a project developed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service’s Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The project is the results of a 1999 search for the “best practice” family strengthening programs. There are a variety of family-focused programs listed, which are divided into categories based upon the degree, quality, and outcomes of research associated with them. Literature reviews, a list of helpful links to individual program websites, and additional information is also provided.
The Promising Practices Network (PPN) is a website that presents easy-to-understand evidence-based information about what works to improve outcomes for children and families. The information on the site is organized around four sections: programs that work; issue briefs; expert perspectives; and resources by topic. The programs that work are organized by their "promising" evidence levels and also by topic area. The issue brief series provides readers a concise, unbiased overview of evidence on a particular topic. These briefs summarize the often overwhelming literature on a given topic in a way that is easy to understand. Experts also share their perspectives on a topic of interest, responding to questions submitted by users. The resources by topic are pages that constitute topical groupings of all of the content on PPN, including Programs that Work, Issue Briefs, Expert Perspectives, and related resources. PPN is operated by the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization, and was founded by a partnership between four state-level intermediary organizations. The Network now includes additional organizations and individuals dedicated to providing quality evidence-based information about what works to improve outcomes for children, families, and communities.

The Chadwick Center for Children and Families
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The Chadwick Center was created to coordinate a community response to child abuse and neglect. The center has developed a variety of programs over the years through its funding; however, Evaluation, Treatment, Intervention, and Education remain the core programs. They provide a continuum of services with an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to healing intervention and family support. The Center leads and participates in several evidence-based initiatives including: the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC); the Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training Project; the Safe Kids California Project (SKCP); and the Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project (CTISP). Their site contains resources and links for people wanting more information about evidence-based treatments.
The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC)
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The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) provides information and resources for child welfare professionals and those who work with children and families in the child welfare system. Funded by the State of California, the website’s primary task is to inform the child welfare community about research evidence (i.e., research study outcomes that have been published in a peer-reviewed journal) for programs in select topic areas related to child welfare including parent training. By offering uniform descriptions of programs and evaluating their research evidence, the CEBC provides guidance on evidence-based practices to statewide agencies, counties, public and private organizations, and individuals.

To evaluate the research evidence, the CEBC staff uses the CEBC Scientific Rating Scale which is a 1 to 5 rating of the strength of research evidence supporting a practice or program. A rating of 1 represents a program with the strongest research evidence, while a 5 is a concerning program that appears to pose substantial risk to children and families. If programs do not have strong enough research to be rated on the scale, they are classified as Not able to be Rated (NR).

Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness
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Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) is designed to conduct thorough and transparent reviews of home visiting research literature and provide an assessment of the evidence of effectiveness for home visiting program models. They focus on programs that serve families with pregnant women and children from birth to age 5. The reviews done by the HomVEE provides information about samples of families who have participated, outcomes of the studies, and implementation guidelines for each model. After reviewing, the HomeVEE rates the programs on effectiveness and specificity so that parents and practitioners can decide which program is best suited for their individual needs.