Rapid evidence assessments at the Parenting Research Centre

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Parenting Research Centre

Intermediary organisation

- Research design and analysis
- Program evaluation
- Practice design
- Implementation
- Knowledge translation and exchange
- Knowledge synthesis



Knowledge synthesis

Use evidence to inform policy and practice decisions

- Systematic reviews
- Scoping reviews
- Rapid evidence assessments
- Rapid reviews of systematic reviews

Rapid evidence assessments

Communicating and messaging with parents

Problem sexual behaviour in children and young people

Technology-based support for parents

Case management for vulnerable families

Intensive family support models for vulnerable families

Parent education and employment

Parenting actions and behaviours for improving child learning

Streamlined service systems for young children and families

Out-of-home care interventions

Parenting programs for children at risk of maltreatment

Trauma-informed approaches

Australian parenting programs



Rapid reviews of systematic reviews

Parenting, family and home visiting programs for improving child learning and development outcomes

Interventions for families with a child who has been maltreated

Context

Complex service systems

Changing political agendas

Families with complex needs

Many questions

Broad PICOs



Methods

4 - 6 months

Varied methods

Attempt to refine scope but usually the topics are big – ie not limited to one intervention for one outcome

Collaboration with commissioning organisation

Collaboration with subject matter expert

Comprehensive search – published and grey

Collaborative decisions about inclusions

Sometimes use rating categories

Narrative



Limitations

Only include studies available online

English

Sometimes limit years

Occasionally only database searches, not grey

No independent second screening or coding

Rarely contact authors

No RoB

Not an extensive examination of study quality



Strengths

Contextually relevant

Implications for policy and practice

Local implementation considerations

Useful, useable product for decision-makers



