



Parenting interventions for reducing child antisocial behaviour: how well do they transport from country to country? Evidence from a systematic review

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Parenting interventions are one very promising evidence-based strategy for early prevention of crime and antisocial behaviour. As a result, governments and NGOs in diverse countries across the world have called for their wider implementation. At the same time, many researchers and policy makers caution that psychosocial interventions may not 'transport' easily from one country to another, given that cultural norms - especially around the parenting of children - vary so much across contexts. However, no reviews have systematically examined the evidence-base for these assertions, especially in a cross-country context. This seminar reports on a novel systematic review which examines i) how strong is the evidence for effectiveness of parenting interventions when they are moved from the country in which they were developed, to another country? ii) what factors affect transportability, including cultural, income and regional differences between countries?

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