

The State of the Evidence for Intervention and Prevention Programs for Child Welfare-Involved Populations

As of May 2019, the CEBC has reviewed and rated over 450 programs. These programs are organized across 47 unique topic areas and each topic area varies in the number of programs with published peer-reviewed research evidence. The topic areas with the smallest number of research-supported programs are listed in the first table below in order to illustrate where gaps in effective services exist for child welfare-involved populations. The second table lists the topic areas with the largest number of research-supported programs for comparison sake. This information may be informative for several audiences:

- Researchers may pursue an agenda to develop the evidence base for interventions that target important but overlooked areas.
- CWS Administrators & Contracted-Agencies may consider evaluating the programs they're currently using within these areas. Download the CEBC resource Developing an Evidence Base for Your Program to learn more about data collection and program evaluation.
- **Policymakers** can work to influence research and practice through increased funding and resources to strengthen the evidence base within areas that have limited published research evidence.

CEBC topic areas with the fewest number of research-supported programs (2 or fewer rated programs):	
Anger Management Treatment (Adult)	0
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children & Youth (Services for Victims)	0
<u>Visitation Programs</u>	0
Batterer Intervention Programs	1
Child Welfare Workforce Development & Support	1
Motivation & Engagement Programs	1
Parent Partner Programs	1
Permanency Enhancement Interventions for Adolescents	1
Post-Permanency Services	1
<u>Trauma Treatment - Systems-Level Programs (Child & Adolescent)</u>	1
Attachment Interventions (Child & Adolescent)	2
Bipolar Disorder Treatment (Child & Adolescent)	2
Father Involvement Interventions	2
Kinship Caregiver Support Programs	2
Sexual Behavior Problem Treatments (Adolescents)	2
Working with Parents with Cognitive Disabilities	2

CEBC topic areas with the largest number of research-supported programs (10 or more rated programs):	
Parent Training Programs that Address Behavior Problems in Children & Adolescents	31
Disruptive Behavior Treatment (Child & Adolescent)	26
<u>Trauma Treatments – Client-Level Interventions (Child & Adolescent)</u>	21
Home Visiting Programs for Child Well-Being	13
Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (Primary)	12
Substance Abuse Treatment (Adolescent)	12
Substance Abuse Treatment (Adult)	12
Anxiety Treatment (Child & Adolescent)	11
Trauma Treatment (Adult)	11
Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (Secondary)	10

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