

A national evaluation of the effectiveness of the Incredible Years parent training programme

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Protocol serial number

N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

A randomised controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of the Incredible Years BASIC parent training programme

Study objectives

1. Compared to baseline, there will be a significant reduction of child behavioural deviancy and an increase in prosocial behaviour
2. Compared to baseline, there will be a significant increase in positive parenting and a significant reduction in harsh parenting. A significant improvement in self-reported parenting competence and a reduction in parent distress is also hypothesised.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

National University of Ireland, Maynooth Ethics Committee, approved on 05/11/2007 (ref: 190907)

Study design

Pragmatic randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Emotional and behavioural/conduct problems in childhood, parent-child relationships

Interventions

Participants will be randomly assigned, at a 2:1 ratio, to an intervention or control (waiting list) group.

IY Basic parent programme

12 weekly group sessions (2.5 hours) will be held. There will be approximately 9 groups with 12 participants in each group.

The intervention promotes positive parenting by increasing positive child behaviour through praise and incentives. Parent-child relationships are improved through the promotion of child-directed play. The intervention provides parents with non-aversive tactics for dealing with problem behaviour. A collaborative approach using role play, modelling, group discussions and analysis of video material is used and parents are helped to identify social learning principles.

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Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Eyberg Child Behaviour Inventory, assessed at baseline and at 6- and 12-months follow-up.

Key secondary outcome(s))

1. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI)
2. Parenting Stress Index - Short form (PSI - SF)
3. O'Leary Porter Overt Hostility Scale (OPOHS)
4. Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)
5. Conners Abbreviated Parent Rating Scale (CAPTRS)
6. Social Competence Parent Scale (SCS - P)
7. Dyadic parent child interactive coding system - revised (DPICS)

All of the above will be assessed at baseline and at 6- and 12-months follow-up.

Completion date

31/05/2010

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. The parent has one child aged 3-6 who scores above the clinical threshold on the Eyberg scale completed by the parent. Both mothers and fathers are eligible for the trial. However, data are only collected from one parent of a given child.
2. The parent lives in a low-income household
3. The parent is interested in participating in the programme
4. The parent is willing to be placed on a waiting list for a period of 6 months

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

1. The parent intends to take up another form of parent training during this period
2. The child receives child training during this period

Date of first enrolment

01/07/2008

Date of final enrolment
31/05/2010

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Ireland

Study participating centre
Department of Psychology
Maynooth
Ireland
Co. Kildare

Sponsor information

Organisation
Archways (Ireland)

Funder(s)

Funder type
Government

Funder Name
Archways (Ireland)

Funder Name
Atlantic Philanthropies (Ireland)

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The Atlantic Philanthropies, atlanticphil, Atlantic, The Atlantic Philanthropies (Bermuda) Limited,
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Funding Body Type
Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

International organizations

Location
Bermuda

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes