

The Electronic Child Record – an international perspective Workshop Section Child and Adolescent Public Health

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Goal of this workshop is to acquaint the participants with the various ways flows of (electronic) information related to mental and physical well-being of children can be combined and used for specific purposes. Furthermore, the workshop is to create insight in the methods the different countries in Europe use to this end. Ultimately this should result in an international cooperative effort to streamline this information, not only to integrate these data on a national scale, but also to make comparative international studies of (threats to) children's wellbeing possible. The findings of these studies should result in the creation of effective preventive interventions.

As an example we will use the gathering of information from various sources about child abuse.

To make the workshop more effective, we ask the participants to make an inventory of the flows of (electronic) information about mental and physical well-being of children and adolescents in their own country: what sources, type of professionals, institutes etc. are involved. This information should be available at the start of the workshop.

During the workshop the following issues will be discussed:

1. In what ways are flows of information concerning child abuse combined with the purpose to create an integral image of a child and its context and to what extent is this integral information available and or usable for interventions?
2. How can cross-national information be used? What type of information is relevant in the case of child abuse and the relevant target groups. Is an international perspective helpful here, or can solutions only be found at a national level?
3. How do we see further collaboration in an international context? Is a DG Sanco or other EU grant application a viable option to take it further?

1. Introduction:

- Outline of the problem (P.A.Wiegersma)
- Ideas about an integral child record (on a European scale?) (A. van der Heide, Pjisk Foundation)
- Goals and methods workshop (P.A.Wiegersma)

2. Working in subgroups:

- What are the relevant indicators where child abuse is concerned.
- How can information regarding these indicators be collected from the various sources and put together.
- What are the terms and conditions for improvement of information gathering processes.

3. Plenary discussion and feed-back

4. Conclusion and next steps

5. Closing

Preparation in advance:

Make an inventory of the flows of (electronic) information about mental and physical well-being of children and adolescents in their own country: what sources, type of professionals, institutes etc. are involved.

Reflect on the stated issues above and if possible gather some information about the topic.

The workshop is organised in co-operation with *Foundation Pjisk* (Netherlands). Pjisk is an advisory committee that focuses on integration of information related to the well-being and healthy development of children and adolescents.