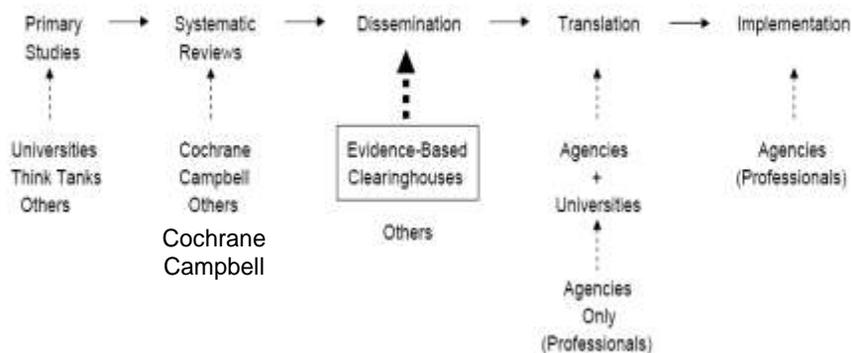


Clearinghouses for Evidence-Based Practice and Policy (CCE)

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FROM BENCH TO TRENCH



What is an Evidence-Based Clearinghouse?

An evidence-based clearinghouse is an Internet-based site (portal, database) that aims to make accessible information on evidence-based interventions in human services to an audience.

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Soydan, Mullen, Alexandra, Rehman & Li (2010)

History of Clearinghouses

- ❖ Historically, the idea of evidence-based clearinghouse has its origins in the development of web-based databases which have been around for decades.
- ❖ They have been growing increasingly sophisticated, especially for the last 5-6 years, impacted by the advances of the Cochrane and Campbell collaborations.

History of Clearinghouses

- ❖ The word “clearinghouse” is borrowed from financial systems where financial transactions gather on one place (for example a national central bank), are controlled and **cleared**, and transferred to receivers.

Some Early Pioneers

- ❖ Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn't, What Is Promising. A Report to the United States Congress (aka the Maryland Report on Crime Prevention) (Sherman et al., 1996) commissioned by the U.S. National Institute of Justice in 1996 (<http://www.ncjrs.gov/works>).
- ❖ Blueprints for Violence Prevention (<http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints>).
- ❖ The Cochrane Library (www.cochrane.org).

Important Characteristics of Evidence-Based Clearinghouses

- ❖ Target user groups
- ❖ Topic area
- ❖ Scientific rating scales
- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ User-friendliness
- ❖ Cutting-edge information
- ❖ Sustainability

TARGET USER GROUPS

- ❖ Clearinghouses may aim serving one or several user-groups, national or international
- ❖ Professionals (e. g. physicians, social workers, school teachers)
- ❖ Decision-makers (e.g. politicians, local government officers, agency managers)
- ❖ General public (Anhui Province, China, East Asia)

TOPIC AREAS

- ❖ Specific and limited (e.g. chronic diseases, primary school education, mental health, crime prevention)
- ❖ General (e.g. social work, medicine, criminal justice, mental health)

TRANSPARENCY

- ❖ Procedures of data retrieval, inclusion and exclusion criteria for studies, ethical concerns, conflicts of interest, work procedures, and other relevant information.
- ❖ Descriptive information on practicalities necessary to understand and adopt the interventions assessed and posted by the clearinghouse.

CUTTING-EDGE INFORMATION

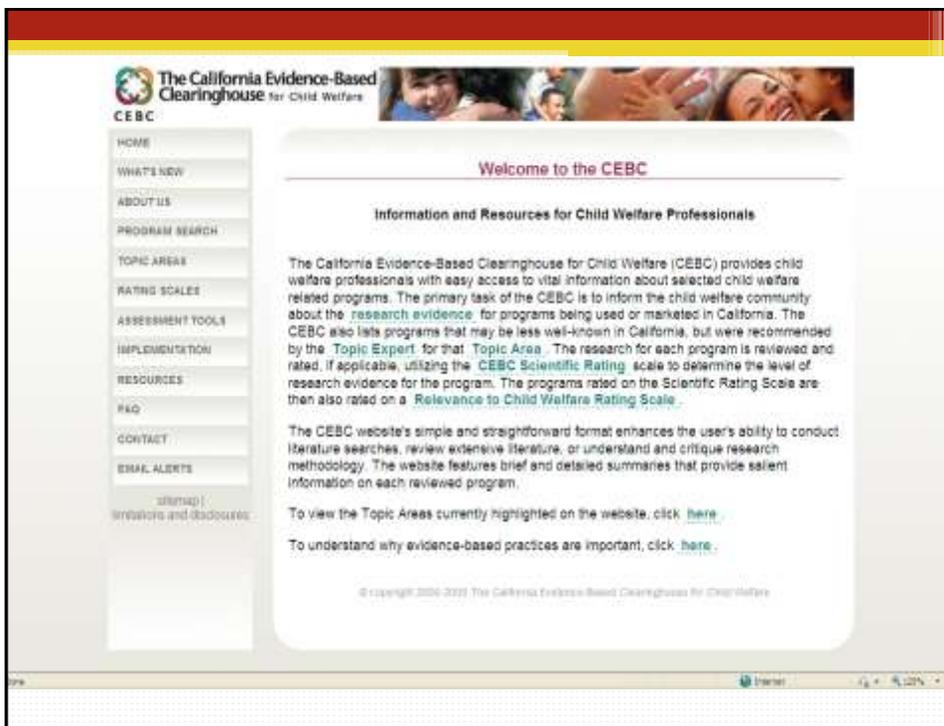
- ❖ Scientific knowledge is provisional: keeps fresh only until next time it is falsified.
- ❖ Keep up with state-of-the-art evidence and revise their contents in a continuous fashion.

USER-FRIENDLINESS

- ❖ Language accessible to less experienced professionals and decision makers as well as public.
- ❖ Website easily recognizable and easy to find using common sense.

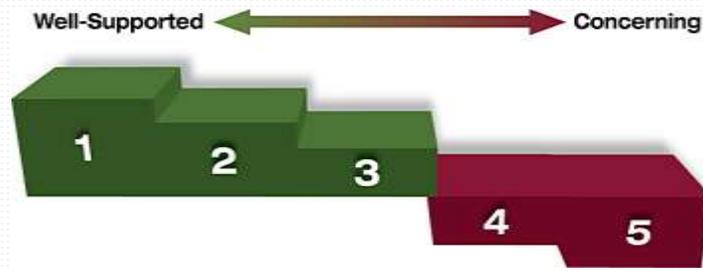
SUSTAINABILITY

- ❖ It takes time to establish awareness among target populations.
- ❖ A clearinghouse that has been around a long time and with recognized high quality will enjoy users' trust and confidence.



The screenshot shows the homepage of The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC). The page features a navigation menu on the left with links to HOME, WHAT'S NEW, ABOUT US, PROGRAM SEARCH, TOPIC AREAS, RATING SCALES, ASSESSMENT TOOLS, IMPLEMENTATION, RESOURCES, FAQ, CONTACT, and EMAIL ALERTS. Below the menu is a link for "STAFF, Sponsors and Boardmembers". The main content area includes a "Welcome to the CEBC" heading, followed by the sub-heading "Information and Resources for Child Welfare Professionals". The text describes the CEBC's mission to provide child welfare professionals with access to vital information about selected child welfare programs, including research evidence, program listings, and ratings. It also mentions the CEBC Scientific Rating scale and the Relevance to Child Welfare Rating Scale. Two links are provided: "here" to view currently highlighted Topic Areas and "here" to understand why evidence-based practices are important. The footer contains the copyright notice: "© Copyright 2004-2009 The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare".

Scientific Rating Scale



1. Well-supported by Research Evidence

- ❖ Multiple Site Replication: **At least two rigorous randomized controlled trials (RCTs)** in different usual care or practice settings have found the practice to be superior to an appropriate comparison practice. The RCTs have been reported in published, peer-reviewed literature.
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- ❖ In at least **one RCT**, the practice has shown to have a **sustained effect at least one year** beyond the end of treatment.

5. Concerning Practice

- ❖ If multiple outcome studies have been conducted, the overall weight of evidence suggests the intervention has a **negative effect upon clients served**.

and/or

- ❖ There is a reasonable theoretical, clinical, empirical, or legal basis suggesting that, compared to its likely benefits, the practice constitutes a **risk of harm** to those receiving it.

Relevance to Child Welfare Scale

1. High: The program was **designed** or is commonly used to meet the needs of children, youth, young adults, and/or **families receiving child welfare services**.

2. Medium: The program was designed or is commonly used to serve children, youth, young adults, and/or families who are **similar** to child welfare populations (i.e. in history, demographics, or presenting problems) **and likely included current and former child welfare services recipients**.

Relevance to Child Welfare Scale

3.Low:

The program was designed to serve children, youth, young adults, and/or families **with little apparent similarity** to the child welfare services population.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Chinese Clearinghouse for Child Welfare Professionals (CCE). The page is in Chinese and features a navigation menu at the top with links like '网站首页', '新闻资讯', '政策法规', '行业动态', '培训资源', '评估资源', '评估工具', '研究报告', '学术成果', '合作网络', '联系我们', and '联系我们'. The main content area is titled '欢迎访问中国清证实践和直策数据库 (CCE)' and '人类服务专业人士的数据库'. It includes sections for '什么是CCE', 'CCE的宗旨', 'CCE的合作伙伴', and 'CCE的愿景'.

Chinese Clearinghouse for Evidence-Based Practice and Policy (CCE)

Mission

To provide human services professionals, community organizations and policy-makers with easy access to the latest empirical evidence on social work practice and related care services.

<http://www.childwelfareclearinghouse.org/>

to be hosted by www.ebm.org.cn

Launched July 2010!

Chinese Clearinghouse for Evidence-Based Practice and Policy (CCE)

Initially, CCE will strive to help inform professionals and decision-makers in the field of child welfare and social work practice.

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Later, other practice areas such as elderly care will be covered.

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The Clearinghouse is jointly developed and maintained by Chinese Cochrane Center, Chengdu, Sichuan, P. R. of China, (www.ebm.org.cn), and the Hamovitch Center for Science in the Human Services (HRC), a subsidiary research unit of the University of Southern California's (USC) School of Social Work, based in Los Angeles, California, United States of America, (<http://sowkweb.usc.edu/>)

Current CCE Evidence-Based Interventions

- ❖ Coping Child
- ❖ Coping with depression for Adolescents (CWDA)

- ❖ Coping Power program
- ❖ Incredible Years
- ❖ Motivational Interview
- ❖ Parent Child Interaction Therapy
- ❖ Triple P – Positive Parenting Program



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THANK YOU!