

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

As of February 2022, the CEBC has reviewed and rated over 575 programs and measurement tools. These programs are organized across 55 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
Supporting Sexual and/or Gender Minority (SGM) Youth: Programs	0
Visitation Programs	1
Batterer Intervention Programs	1
Post-Permanency Services	2
Trauma Treatment - Systems-Level Programs (Child & Adolescent)	2
Parent Partner Programs	2
Permanency Enhancement Interventions for Adolescents	2
Attachment Interventions (Child & Adolescent)	2
Bipolar Disorder Treatment (Child & Adolescent)	2
Father Involvement Interventions	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	35
Disruptive Behavior Treatment (Child & Adolescent)	28
Trauma Treatments – Client-Level Interventions (Child & Adolescent)	24
Mental Health Prevention and/or Early Intervention (Child & Adolescent) Programs	19
Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (Primary)	15
Substance Abuse Prevention (Child & Adolescent) Programs	14
Home Visiting Programs for Child Well-Being	14
Substance Abuse Treatment (Adult)	14
Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (Secondary)	13
Alternatives to Long-Term Residential Care Programs	12
Substance Abuse Treatment (Adolescent)	12
Trauma Treatment (Adult)	12