Report Supplementary Material 11: Study characteristics of RCT Outcome Evaluations included in Outcome Synthesis

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics	
Attachment and E	Attachment and Biobehavioural Catchup (ABC): Dozier, 2006		
Setting	Country	USA	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child	
Study population	Target population	Foster children, foster carers	
	Sample size	60 children total	
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	1.6 (0.8)	
	Gender (children or young people)	50% female, 50% male	
	Ethnicity (children or young	63% African American, 32%	
	people)	White, 5% Biracial	
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal, intrapersonal	
	Description	Training sessions for foster	
		carers that help 'foster parents	
		create an environment that	
		enhances [foster child's]	
		regulatory capabilities'.	
	Setting	Child's foster home	
	Length / intensity	10 weeks x 1hr sessions	
	Control group	Educational intervention	
	Provider	Social workers, psychologists	
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention	
	Mental, Behavioural and	Problem behaviours	
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder		
	outcomes		
	Subjective well-being outcomes		
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes		
	Included in meta-analysis?	No	

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics	
Attachment and E	Attachment and Biobehavioural Catchup Intervention: Sprang 2009		
Setting	Country	United States	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family	
Study population	Target population	Foster carers, foster children	
	Sample size	Intervention – 26 dyads	
		Control – 27 dyads	
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	3.5 (1.5)	
	Gender (children or young people)	49% female, 51% male	
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated	
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal, intrapersonal	
	Description	Manualised intervention aimed at	
		teaching foster carers techniques	
		for sensitive caregiving when	
		dealing with children with	
		experience of trauma and/or	
	0.44	attachment problems	
	Setting	Home	
	Length / intensity	10 sessions	
	Control group	Wait-list control group	
	Provider	Trained therapists	
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention	
	Mental, Behavioural and	Internalizing behaviour	
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Externalizing behaviour	
	outcomes		
	Subjective well-being outcomes		
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes		
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes	

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Child Adult Relati	ionship Enhancement (CARE): Me	sser 2018
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 12 carers
		Control = 16 carers
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	6.6 (3.0)
	Gender (children or young people)	40% female, 60% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	20% White
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Standardised carer skills training, designed to promote authoritative parenting and help carers develop stable relationships with trauma-experienced children.
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	2 x 3 hr sessions (over 1 month)
	Control group	Standard training
	Provider	Trained research team
Outcomes	Follow-up times	1 month follow up
		3 month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Depression
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Anxiety
	outcomes	Anger / aggression
		Post-traumatic stress / arousal
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	N.
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Child Directed Int	eraction Training (CDIT): N'Zi 2010	6
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Kinship carers, children in kinship
		care
	Sample size	Intervention – 7 kinship carers
		Control – 7 kinship carers
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	5.4 (1.2)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	57.1% female, 42.9% female
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	64% White, 7% Hispanic/Latino,
	people)	22% Black, 7% Biracial
Intervention	Туре	Interpersonal
	Description	Training sessions for kinship
		carers of foster children – CDIT
		is the first stage of the broader
		PCIT program. Training focuses
		on promoting carer-child
		relationships and child behaviour
	Setting	management. Community
	Length / intensity	1 month - 8 sessions, 2 x weeky
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Graduate student trainers
Outcomes	Follow-up times	7-week follow-up
Outcomes	Mental, Behavioural and	Internalizing behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Externalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	+
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes
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Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Cognitive and Aff	ective Bibliotherapy: Betzalel 2010)
Setting	Country	Israel
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster children
	Sample size	Intervention = 26 children
		Control = 26 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	12.1 (2.3)
	Gender (children or young people)	45.6% female, 53.4% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Туре	Intrapersonal
	Description	Therapeutic 'bibliography' group intervention, involving reading selected books and discussing coping techniques (cognitive) or discussing emotional reactions (affective).
	Setting	Residential care setting
	Length / intensity	8 x 45-minute sessions
	Control group	No treatment
	Provider	Counsellor - trained bibliotherapists
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention Three months follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Anxiety/depression
		Withdrawal
		Psychosomatic complaints
		Externalizing behaviour
		Aggression
		Delinquency
		Anxiety total
		Physiological (anxiety)
		Worry (anxiety) Social (anxiety)
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Cognitively Based Compassion Training (CBCT): Reddy 2013		
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention – 36 children
		Control – 35 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	14.7 (1.1)
	Gender (children or young people)	56% female, 44% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	78.8% Black
Intervention	Туре	Intrapersonal
	Description	Cognitive skills training for older children, teaching contemplation, compassion and mindfulness. Intended to improve psychosocial functioning.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	6 weeks, 2 x 1hr sessions per week
	Control group	Wait-list control
	Provider	Not stated
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post intervention
	Mental, Behavioural and	Emotional regulation
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Depressive symptoms (DSM IV)
	outcomes	Trait anxiety
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Communication a	and Attachment Training for Foste	r Carers: Minnis 2001
Setting	Country	United Kingdom
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention – 80 families
		Control – 80 families
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	10.9 (3.1)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	42% female, 58% male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	Not stated
	people)	
Intervention	Туре	Interpersonal
	Description	Specialised training for foster
		carers on communication and
		attachment.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	3 x 6 hour sessions
	Control group	Usual foster care services
	Provider	Social worker / trainers
Outcomes	Follow-up times	9 month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Reactive Attachment Disorder
	outcomes	score
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Connect-KP: Pass	alich 2021	
Setting	Country	Australia
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster carers, kinship carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 13 children
		Control = 13 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	11.00 (2.58)
	Gender (children or young people)	46% female, 54% female
	Ethnicity (children or young	77% Australian European, 15%
	people)	Aboriginal or Torres Strait
		Islander, 8% other ethnicity
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Attachment and trauma-focused
		training for kinship carers
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	12 x weekly sessions
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Unclear
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Behavioural and emotional
		functioning
		Affect dysregulation
	Mental, Behavioural and	
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	
	outcomes	
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Dojo Biofeedback	videogame intervention (Dojo): S	chuurmans 2018
Setting	Country	Netherlands
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in residential care
	Sample size	Intervention = 20 children
		Control = 21 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	13.7 (1.8)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	22.2% Female, 77.8% Male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	Not stated
	people)	
Intervention	Type	Intrapersonal
	Description	Therapist supervised computer
		game intervention, aimed at
		promoting relaxation techniques.
	Setting	Residential foster care setting
	Length / intensity	8 x 0.5hr sessions
	Control group	Wait-list control
	Provider	Therapists
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
		Six month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Externalizing problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Anxiety
	outcomes	
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Family Finding Me	odel: Vandivere 2017	
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 295 children
		Control = 278 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	Not stated (age range 10-17
	or young people)	years)
	Gender (children or young	42% Female, 58% Male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	38% White, 5% Hispanic/Latino,
	people)	53% Black, Other non-Hispanic
		4%
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Intervention service which
		involves finding up to 40 family
		members of foster children in
		long-term foster care, to engage
		family members in providing support and explore options for
		longer-term legal permanency.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	Service lasted on average 5
	Length / intensity	months
	Control group	Usual practice (child welfare
	Control group	services)
	Provider	Family finding specialists
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12 month follow up
	'	24 month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	-
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Family Minds inte	ervention: Adkins 2021	
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 49 parents
		Control = 40 parents
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	6.8 (5.0)
	Gender (children or young people)	56.7% female, 43.3% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	A mentalizing psychoeducational
	0 "	intervention for foster carers
	Setting	Classroom based
	Length / intensity	3x 3-hr modules, over 4-6 weeks
	Control group	Typical training class (4 hrs)
	Provider	Research team
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Six-week post intervention
	Mental, Behavioural and	Emotional Symptoms
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Peer Problems
	outcomes	Prosocial behaviour
		Total difficulties
		Conduct problems
		Hyperactivity-inattention
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Foster carer and t	foster children group-based interv	rention: Smith, 2011
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster children, foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention – 48 carer/child pairs
		Control – 52 carer/child pairs
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	11.5 (0.5)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	100% female
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	63% White, 14% Mixed, 10%
	people)	Hispanic/Latino, 4% Black, 4%
		Native American
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Parallel skills-based and
		modelling sessions for foster
		children and foster carers,
		drawing on MTFC.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	3 weeks, 6 sessions (2 per week)
	Control group	Usual services
	Provider	Facilitators (experienced foster
		carers with Bachelor's level
		degrees) supervised by clinician
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Six month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Pro-social behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Fostering Changes: Briskman 2011		
Setting	Country	United Kingdom
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 34 foster carers
		Control = 29 foster carers
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	8.8 (2.6)
	Gender (children or young people)	43% female, 57% female
	Ethnicity (children or young	58.8% White, 11.7% Mixed,
	people)	23.6% Black, 5.9% Other
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Foster carer training and skills
		course, focusing on child
		behaviour management
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	12 x weekly 3hr sessions
	Control group	Wait-list control group
	Provider	Two trained facilitators
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total carer-defined problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Total problems
	outcomes	Emotional Symptoms
		Conduct problems
		Hyperactivity
		Peer relationships
		Pro-social behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Fostering Change	es (FC): Moody 2020	
Setting	Country	United Kingdom
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Foster carers
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care, foster
		carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 204 carers
		Control = 108 carers
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	Not stated
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	Not stated
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	Not stated
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Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Skills-based training for foster
		carers, aimed at promotion carer-
		child relationships and
		encourage positive child behaviour
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	12 x 3hr weekly sessions, and a
	Length / Intensity	support group meeting after the
		course
	Control group	Usual support and advice
	Provider	Trained facilitators
Outcomes	Follow-up times	3 month follow up
		12 month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Emotional problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Total difficulties
	outcomes	Peer Problems
		Prosocial behaviour
		Conduct problems
		Hyperactivity-inattention
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
	Futures, Taussig 2010, Taussig 2	2019; Weiler 2019*, Weiler 2021*
*Moderation analy	/sis	
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 79 children
		Control = 77 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	10.4 (0.9)
	Gender (children or young people)	48% Female, 52% Male
	Ethnicity (children or young	42% White, 44% Hispanic/Latino,
	people)	34% Black (multiple choice)
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal, intrapersonal
	Description	A 9-month mentoring and skills
	·	program for young children who
		had been placed in court-ordered
		foster care due to maltreatment.
		Mentoring from graduate
		students in social work.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	9 months total. Skills sessions
		were weekly for 30 weeks,
		1.5hr/week. Mentoring was 2-4
		hours a week for 30 weeks (each
		mentor had two children).
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Research team, graduates in
		social work
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
		Six months follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Mental health functioning
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Post traumatic symptoms
	outcomes	Dissociation symptoms
	Subjective well-being outcomes	Quality of Life
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Fostering Individ	ualized Assistance Program (FIAP	
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in state foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 47 children
		Control = 62 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	Not stated (age range for
	or young people)	inclusion 7-15 years)
	Gender (children or young people)	39.4% female, 60.6% male
	Ethnicity (children or young	61.4% White, 3.0%
	people)	Hispanic/Latino, 35.6% Black
Intervention	Type	Intrapersonal, organisational,
		community
	Description	Individually tailored clinical case
		management and facilitated
		counselling services provided by
		family specialists, with emphasis
		on collaborating and engaging
		with foster carers, caseworkers
	0	and school staff
	Setting	Children's homes, foster homes,
		schools, community
	Length / intensity	Ongoing
	Control group	Standard practice
•	Provider	Trained family specialists
Outcomes	Follow-up times	18 month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Internalizing behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Anxious / depressed
	outcomes	Somatic complaints
		Withdrawn
		Externalizing behaviour
		Aggression
	Subjective well being outcomes	Delinquency
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	Vec
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Head Start: Lipsc	omb 2013	
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster children, foster carers
	Sample size	154
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	4.0 (0.5)
	Gender (children or young people)	47% Female, 53% Male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	White 43%, Hispanic/Latino 18%, Black 39%
Intervention	Type	Community
	Description	Publicly financed childhood education and care program in the US, providing services to support disadvantaged preschool age-children and families. Includes early learning, parental support, wrap-around services. Not foster care specific.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	52 weeks
	Control group	Community control group
	Provider	State provision
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12 month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Behavioural problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	No

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
HealthRHYTHMS:	Bittman 2009	
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Children
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Standard intervention = 17 children Extended intervention = 17 children Control = 18 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	14.5
	Gender (children or young people)	57.7% female, 42.3% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	A mixture of "African-American, Asian, Caucasian and Puerto Rican adolescents"
Intervention	Type	Intrapersonal, interpersonal
	Description	Musical therapy group intervention, participants offered the opportunity to musically (and later verbally) express themselves in response to reflective questions, with group discussions
	Setting	Residential care setting
	Length / intensity	6 x weekly 1hr sessions
	Control group	No intervention
	Provider	Trained music therapist and trained counsellor
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention (six week follow-up)
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Social-emotional functioning Depression Somatic complaints Anger Aggression Social adaptation Interpersonal problems Anger (total)
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	Self-harm Suicidal ideation
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Incredible Years: Conn 2018		
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family level
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 26 parents
		Control = 25 parents
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	4.4 (1.4)
	Gender (children or young people)	40% female, 60% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	20% Black
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	An adapted version of a parenting program for parents of preschool children, which emphasises positive parenting, teaching and engagement with child services. Trauma informed focus.
	Setting	Community setting, paediatric medical home
	Length / intensity	14 weeks x 2.5 hour sessions
	Control group	No detail given
	Provider	Masters-level psychologist
Outcomes	Follow-up times	6-month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Incredible Years:	Linares 2006	
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Foster carer / biological parent
0, 1, 1,	-	pairs
Study population	Target population	Foster carers and biological parents
	Sample size	Intervention = 40 carers and biological parent pairs / children Control = 24 carers and biological parent pairs / children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	6.2 (2.3)
	Gender (children or young people)	Not stated
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Туре	Interpersonal
	Description	Two component training
		delivered in pairs (foster carer
		and biological parent) by staff
		from mental health agency.
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	12 weeks / 3 months
	Control group	Services as usual
	Provider	Trained parent leaders
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
	·	Six month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Externalizing behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Disruptive classroom behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Incredible Years: Conn 2018		
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family level
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 26 parents
		Control = 25 parents
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	4.4 (1.4)
	Gender (children or young people)	40% female, 60% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	20% Black
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	An adapted version of a parenting program for parents of preschool children, which emphasises positive parenting, teaching and engagement with child services. Trauma informed focus.
	Setting	Community setting, paediatric medical home
	Length / intensity	14 weeks x 2.5 hour sessions
	Control group	No detail given
	Provider	Masters-level psychologist
Outcomes	Follow-up times	6-month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Incredible Years:	Linares 2006	
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Foster carer / biological parent pairs
Study population	Target population	Foster carers and biological
Study population	5	parents
	Sample size	Intervention = 40 carers and biological parent pairs / children Control = 24 carers and
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	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	6.2 (2.3)
	Gender (children or young people)	Not stated
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Туре	Interpersonal
	Description	Two component training
		delivered in pairs (foster carer
		and biological parent) by staff
		from mental health agency.
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	12 weeks / 3 months
	Control group	Services as usual
	Provider	Trained parent leaders
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
		Six month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Externalizing behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Disruptive classroom behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
kConnect: Suomi,	, 2020	
Setting	Country	Australia
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Clusters
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care, biological parents
	Sample size	Intervention = 100 children Control = 83 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	7.5 (3.6)
	Gender (children or young people)	47% Female, 53% Male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Intervention aiming to support biological parents during supervised contact with children living in out of home foster care. Increased support from caseworkers before and after contact visits. Hypothesised to decrease missed visits, improve parental satisfaction with visits and subsequently improve child wellbeing.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	9 months
	Control group	Treatment as usual
_	Provider	Caseworkers
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention (9 months)
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Total functioning Internalizing problems Externalizing problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
KEEP (Keeping F	oster Parents Trained and Suppor	ted): Chamberlain 2008
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster carers, children in kinship
		care
	Sample size	Intervention = 359 parents and
		children
		Control = 341 parents and
		children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	8.9 (2.2)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	50% female, 50% male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	23% African American, 1% Asian
	people)	/ Pacific Islander, 20%
		Caucasian, 35% Latino, 1%
		Native American, 20% Multi- ethnic
Intervention	Type	
mervendon	Type Description	Interpersonal Foster carer skills training,
	Description	adapted from MTFC
	Setting	Community based group
	Setting	meetings
	Length / intensity	16 x 90-minute weekly sessions
	Control group	Usual caseworker services
	Provider	Trained 'para-professionals'
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Six-week follow up
Guidellies	Mental, Behavioural and	Number of child problem
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	behaviours/day
	outcomes	
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Keeping foster ar	nd kinship carers supported (KEEI	P): Price 2015, Price 2019
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Foster carers, kinship carers, children in foster care, children in kinship care
	Sample size	Intervention = 179 families Control = 175 families
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	7.8 (2.5)
	Gender (children or young people)	47% female, 53% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	11% White, 16% Mixed, 46% Hispanic/Latino, 23% Black, 1% Native American
Intervention	Туре	Interpersonal
	Description	Parent training intervention aimed at promoting behaviour management techniques. Delivered in group sessions.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	16 weeks – weekly 90-min sessions and supervision
	Control group	Usual practice
	Provider	Community agency
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-test
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Child behaviour problems Internalizing behaviour Withdrawn / depressed Somatic complaints Externalizing behaviour Rule breaking Aggression Anxiety / depression
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Life Story Interve	ntion: Haight 2010	
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster children (from rural areas with family history of methamphetamine substance abuse)
	Sample size	Intervention = 12 children Control = 10 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	9.6
	Gender (children or young people)	40% female, 60% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	100% Caucasian
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Therapeutic, trauma-informed intervention tailored to rural children with family history of methamphetamine misuse. Multidisciplinary team with knowledge of the area and focus on service provision in the community.
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	7 months
	Control group	Wait-list control group
	Provider	Social workers, counsellors
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12-month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Total problems Internalizing behaviour Externalizing behaviour PTSD / Disassociation
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Mentalization-bas	ed therapy (MBT): Midgley 2019	
Setting	Country	United Kingdom
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention – 15 families
		Control – 21 families
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	11.1 (2.2)
	Gender (children or young people)	47% female, 53% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	93% White
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal, intrapersonal
	Description	Therapeutic / educational
		intervention delivered in family
		format (and including
		professionals working with child
		when appropriate), tailored to
		family needs and with emphasis
		on increasing reflective practice
		among foster carers and
	Catting	professionals working with child.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	12 weeks (up to 12 x weekly
	Control group	sessions) Usual care
	Control group Provider	
	Provider	Clinicians working within a specialised CAHMS setting.
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12 week follow-up
Outcomes	l ollow-up times	24 week follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing behaviour
	outcomes	Externalizing problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Mentoring interve	ention for teenage pregnancy: Mez	rey 2015
Setting	Country	United Kingdom
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child/adolescent
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention – 13 children / young
		people
		Control – 13 children / young
		people
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	16.4 (1.4)
	or young people)	1000/ (
	Gender (children or young people)	100% female
	Ethnicity (children or young	41% White, 18% Mixed, 18%
	people)	Black, 24% Asian/Asian British
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Mentoring intervention – young
		people (19-25yrs) with care
		experience undertook a 3.5-day
		training program, before being
		partnered with young women
		(14-18) in foster care for up to
		one year, with weekly mentor-
		mentee meetings. Ongoing
		support and booster session offered to mentors 4 months in to
		the program. Primary aim was to
		reduce teenage pregnancy, but
		also assessed mental health and
		self harm outcomes.
	Setting	Community
	Length / intensity	3.5 day training program for
		mentors. Mentoring relationships
		lasted up to one year
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Research team in partnership
		with National Children's Bureau
Outcomes	Follow-up times	1 year follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Emotional health - OK or better
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Anxiety / depression
	outcomes	
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	Self-harmed - yes
		Suicide attempt - yes
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Mindfulness-base	ed Stress Reduction Intervention:	Jee 2015
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care, children
	Comple size	in kinship care Intervention = 21 children
	Sample size	Control = 21 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	16.8 (1.8)
	Gender (children or young people)	48% female, 52% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	76% Black, 24% White
Intervention	Type	Intrapersonal
	Description	Mindfulness-based stress
		reduction intervention, delivered
	Cattian	by
	Setting	Community clinic
	Length / intensity	10 x 2hr weekly sessions
	Control group	Wait-list control group
	Provider	Psychologist with expertise in mindfulness (first hr session),
		paediatrician and researcher
		(second hr session)
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
	Mental, Behavioural and	Trait anxiety
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	State anxiety
	outcomes	,
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Multidimensional	Treatment Foster Care for Adoles	cents: Biehal 2012
Setting	Country	United Kingdom
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care, foster
		carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 20 children
		Control = 14 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	13.1 (1.9)
	Gender (children or young people)	35% female, 65% male
	Ethnicity (children or young	70% White, 10% Black, 20%
	people)	Mixed
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	A wraparound treatment and
		skills intervention for children and
		young people in care. Multi-
		modal delivery, including
		placement with specially trained
		foster carer and parallel access
		to trained support professionals
		and clinicians – plus package of
		after care for up to three months
	Setting	Foster care placement home,
		and access to ongoing support
	Length / intensity	Nine month placement, three
		month after care support
	Control group	Alternative placements in foster
		care / residential care
	Provider	Multi-modal team of trained
		professionals and trained foster
		carers
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12 month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Child MH symptoms and
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	social/physical functioning
	outcomes	Child global functioning
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Multidimensional	Treatment Foster Care for Adoles	cents: Green, 2014
Setting	Country	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 20 children
		Control = 14 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	Not stated (age range 11-17
	or young people)	years)
	Gender (children or young people)	Not stated
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Туре	Interpersonal
	Description	Placement in MTFC-A. A multi-
		modal intervention in which
		children are placed with a
		specially trained foster carer for a
		9-month placement, and
		supported by a wider specialist
		team with a period of after-care
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	9-month placement, 3 month
		after-care period
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Trained and supervised specialist
		foster carers, with psychiatry and
		psychologist input, and ongoing
0.1		support from program developers
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12 month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Children's Global Assessment
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Scale
	outcomes	Nation Outcome Scales for
	Cubicative well being outgazes	Children and Adolescents
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	No. a
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Multidimensional	Treatment Foster Care for Pre-scl	hoolers (MTFC-P): Jonkman 2017
Setting	Country	Netherlands
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care, foster
		carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 23 children
		Control = 11 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	5.3 (1.0)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	36% Female, 64% Male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	Not stated
	people)	
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	12h pre-training for therapeutic
		foster carers, followed by 9-
		month placement for foster child
		with therapeutic foster family.
		Child paired with social skills
		trainer who met 1x week,
		including meeting at schools.
		Also involved therapeutic
		playgroup sessions.
	Setting	Child's foster home, classroom
	Length / intensity	9-12 months x 2hrs weekly
		sessions
	Control group	Treatment as usual
	Provider	MTFC-P skills trainers
		(consultants, social workers,
		therapists, psychologists)
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post treatment
	Mental, Behavioural and	Internalizing problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Externalizing problems
	outcomes	Total problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	No

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Non-violent Resis	tance Training for Foster Parents.	: Van Holen 2018
Setting	Country	Belgium
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 31 families
		Control = 31 families
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	11.6 (3.5)
	Gender (children or young people)	48.4% Female, 51.6% Male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Non-violent Resistance training for foster carers, focusing on prevention of escalation and resisting problem behaviour.
	Setting	Home
	Length / intensity	10 x weekly home sessions (75 mins), with supporting telephone calls after every two sessions
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Trained foster care workers
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post intervention
		3-month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Internalizing problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Externalizing problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Parent Manageme	ent Training Oregon: Akin 2018, A	kin 2019
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Biological parents and foster
		children
	Sample size	Intervention = 461 children
		Control = 457 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	11.6 (4.1)
	Gender (children or young	44.3% female, 55.7% male
	people)	44.070 female, 30.770 male
	Ethnicity (children or young	75.9% White, 11.9%
	people)	Hispanic/Latino
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	A behavioural training program
	'	for parents, based on Social
		Learning Theory principles.
		Delivered to carers, with some
		elements delivered to parent and
		child.
	Setting	In-home
	Length / intensity	Twice weekly 60-90 min sessions
		and mid-week 20-30 min check-
		ins. Continued until PMTO
		curriculum was completed. Max
		six months.
	Control group	Services as usual
	Provider	State private contractors for
		foster care services (social
0	E-Harrison Con-	workers, counsellors, therapists)
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Six month follow-up
	Montal Dahayiayyaland	Twelve month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Problem behaviour Child social-emotional
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	functioning
	Subjective well-being outcomes	Turicuoring
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
		Yes
	Included in meta-analysis?	169

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Parent Manageme	ent Training Oregon: Maaskant 20	16, Maaskant 2017
Setting	Country	Netherlands
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 47 parents
		Control = 41 parents
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	7.9 (2.4)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	54% female, 46% male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	39% "cultural background non-
	people)	Dutch"
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Group sessions with a family
		therapist, intended to teach foster
		carers effective parenting
		strategies.
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	6-9 months. Weekly sessions,
		foster carers attended an
		average of 21
	Control group	Foster carers received regular
		support services from foster care
		institution
	Provider	Trained therapists
Outcomes	Follow-up times	6 month follow up
		12 month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Internalizing problems
	outcomes	Externalizing problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics	
Parent Manageme	Parent Management Training Oregon (PMTO): Yan 2021*		
*Moderation analy	sis of Akin 2018		
Setting	Country	United States	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family	
Study population	Target population	Biological parents and foster children	
	Sample size	Intervention = 461 children Control = 457 children	
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	11.6 (4.1)	
	Gender (children or young people)	44.3% female, 55.7% male	
	Ethnicity (children or young	75.9% White, 11.9%	
	people)	Hispanic/Latino	
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal	
	Description	A behavioural training program for parents, based on Social Learning Theory principles. Delivered to carers, with some elements delivered to parent and child.	
	Setting	In-home	
	Length / intensity	Twice weekly 60-90 min sessions and mid-week 20-30 min checkins. Continued until PMTO curriculum was completed. Max six months.	
	Control group	Services as usual	
	Provider	State private contractors for foster care services (social workers, counsellors, therapists)	
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Six month follow-up Twelve month follow-up	
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes Subjective well-being outcomes	Problem behaviour Child social-emotional functioning	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes		
	Included in meta-analysis?	No	
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Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Parent-Child Inter	raction Therapy (PCIT): Mersky 20	16, Mersky 2020
Setting	Country	Únited States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster carers, foster children
	Sample size	Extended PCIT intervention = 19
		parent-child dyads
		Brief PCIT intervention = 39
		parent-child dyads
		Control = 33 parent-child dyads
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	4.6
	Gender (children or young people)	54% female, 46% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	61% African American
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Structured carer training aimed at
		promoting authoritative parenting
		and positive parent-child
		interactions. Involves clinicians
		teaching principles of child-
		directed interaction and parent-
		directed interactions in interactive
		group sessions, with supporting
		phone calls. Extended version
		includes extra training session
		and more supportive phone calls.
	Setting	Community, group-based and
		telephone calls
	Length / intensity	Brief: 2 x full-day training
		courses, followed by 8 weeks
		telephone consultations and
		homework
		Extended: 3 x full-day training
		courses, followed by 14 weeks of
		telephone consultations and
		homework
	Control group	Wait-list control group
<u> </u>	Provider	Trained clinicians
Outcomes	Follow-up times	8 week follow up
	Martal Daharia	14 week follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Problem behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Externalising problems
	outcomes	Internalising problems
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Pathways Home i	intervention: DeGarmo 2013	
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Biological parents and foster
		carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 50 families
		Control = 53 families
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	8.28
	Gender (children or young people)	51.4% female, 48.6% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Theory-based parent training intervention, to promote prevention of child behavioural problems. Based on MTFC/KEEP.
	Setting	Community based
	Length / intensity	16 week program (phase one), 8 week break, 8 week booster sessions (phase two)
	Control group	Services as usual
	Provider	Trained professional family
		consultant
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Six month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Child problem behaviours
	outcomes	
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Promoting First F	Relationships (PFR): Oxford 2016	
Setting	Country	United States
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Biological parents, children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 18 parent-child dyads Control = 25 parent-child dyads
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	1.5 (0.4)
	Gender (children or young people)	50% female, 50% male
	Ethnicity (children or young	56% White, 28% Mixed, 17%
	people)	Black
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Home visiting program for
		biological parents reunited with
		toddlers previously in foster care,
		promoting positive relationships.
	Setting	Home based
	Length / intensity	10-weeks – 60-75 minute
		sessions
	Control group	Early Educational Support
	Provider	Trained community mental health
		team
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-intervention
		Six month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Competence
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Problem behaviour
	outcomes	Emotional regulation
		Exploratory behaviour
		Internalizing behaviour
		Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Take Charge intervention: Geenen 2012		
Setting	Country	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Children in state foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 60 children
		Control = 63 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	15.8
	Gender (children or young	40% female, 60% male
	people)	40 % female, 00 % male
	Ethnicity (children or young	46.7% White, 5.0% Mixed, 5.0%
	people)	Hispanic/Latino, 33.3% Black,
		33.3% Native American
Intervention	Type	Intrapersonal
	Description	Individualised coaching sessions
		to improve self-determination and
		group mentoring with older peers
	Setting	Community based workshops
	Length / intensity	Weekly 1-1.5hr sessions (13-55
		hours total), plus three mentoring
		workshops
	Control group	Typical services
	Provider	Trained peers / coaches
Outcomes	Follow-up times	12-month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Withdrawn / depressed
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Anxiety / depression
	outcomes	Somatic complaints
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
RESPs for Kids in	Care: Marquis, 2014	
Setting	Country	Canada
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Children in foster care
	Sample size	Intervention = 42 foster children
		Control = 35 foster children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children or young people)	10.7 (1.6)
	Gender (children or young people)	51% female, 49% male
	Ethnicity (children or young people)	Not stated
Intervention	Туре	Intrapersonal, interpersonal
	Description Setting Length / intensity	The intervention involved training foster carers to deliver a 30-week educational / tutoring program for children. The project was part of a wider national 'educational savings plan' scheme – and was primarily aimed at improving basic reading and maths skills, to improve chances of graduating from high school. Community and home based Foster carer training was a single 6-hour workshop. Foster carers subsequently delivered 6-9 month tutoring program (30 x 3hr weekly supervised tutoring to
		foster children)
	Control group	Wait-list control group
	Provider	Foster carer training delivered by research team. Foster carers delivered tutoring.
Outcomes	Follow-up times	9 month follow-up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Internalizing behaviour
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Externalizing behaviour
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics	
Together Facing	Together Facing The Challenge: Farmer, 2010		
Setting	Country	USA	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Agency level	
Study population	Target population	Agency staff and foster carers	
	Sample size	Intervention = 137 children	
		Control = 110 children	
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	12.7 (3.8)	
	or young people)		
	Gender (children or young	39% female, 61% male	
	people)		
	Ethnicity (children or young	34% White, 55% Black, 11%	
	people)	Other	
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal	
	Description	Train the trainers approach, with	
		TFC supervisors training	
		agencies and treatment foster	
		carers to deliver enhanced TFC	
		program locally	
	Setting	Community based	
	Length / intensity	Two-day training course for	
		agency staff and foster carers	
	Control group	Agencies delivering regular TFC	
	Provider	TFC supervisors	
Outcomes	Follow-up times	6 month follow-up	
		12 month follow-up	
	Mental, Behavioural and	Total problem behaviour	
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder		
	outcomes		
	Subjective well-being outcomes		
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes		
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes	

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Trauma-focused	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-	-CBT) plus Evidence-Based
Engagement Stra	tegies: Dorsey 2014	
Setting	Country	USA
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child
Study population	Target population	Foster children, foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention (standard) = 22
		children
		Intervention (engagement arm) =
		25 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	9.6 (2.8)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	55.3% female, 44.7% male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	53.2% multiracial, 23.4%
	people)	Caucasian, 19.1% African
		American, 2.1% Native
	<u> </u>	American, 2.1% Asian
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal, intrapersonal
	Description	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
		sessions for foster carers, aimed
		at increasing awareness and
		engagement with foster child.
		With engagement strategies to
	Catting	increase uptake / retention.
	Setting	Unclear
	Length / intensity	13 weeks
	Control group	Standard intervention
Outcomes	Provider Follow up times	Social workers, counsellors
Outcomes	Follow-up times	End of treatment
	Mental, Behavioural and	3-months post treatment
		Internalizing problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder outcomes	Externalizing problems Post-traumatic stress
	outcomes	Social and emotional functioning
	Subjective well-being outcomes	Journal and Emotional functioning
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	No
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Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics
Triple P: Job 2022	2	
Setting	Country	Germany
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Family
Study population	Target population	Children in foster, foster carers
	Sample size	Intervention = 38 children
		Control = 36 children
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	3.6 (1.5)
	or young people)	
	Gender (children or young	43% Female, 57% Male
	people)	
	Ethnicity (children or young	Not stated
	people)	
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal
	Description	Foster parent group training
		tailored to needs of foster
		families
	Setting	Community and in-home
	Length / intensity	5 weekly sessions
	Control group	Usual care
	Provider	Unclear
Outcomes	Follow-up times	6 month follow up
		12 month follow up
	Mental, Behavioural and	Externalizing problems
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	Anxiety symptoms
	outcomes	
	Subjective well-being outcomes	
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes	
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes

Domain	Sub-domain	Characteristics	
Wave by Wave: P	Wave by Wave: Pereira 2020		
Setting	Country	Portugal	
Methods	Unit of randomisation	Child	
Study population	Target population	Children in residential care	
	Sample size	Intervention = 45 children	
		Control = 44 children	
	Mean age in years (SD) (children	13.6 (2.9)	
	or young people)		
	Gender (children or young	32.1% Female, 68.9% Male	
	people)		
	Ethnicity (children or young	11.1% Non-Caucasian	
	people)		
Intervention	Type	Interpersonal, intrapersonal	
	Description	Surfing therapy for children in	
		residential care, implemented by	
		multi-disciplinary team. Involved	
		group counselling aspects.	
	Setting	Community	
	Length / intensity	21 x 3hr sessions	
	Control group	Wait-list group	
	Provider	Multi-disciplinary team, mental	
		health psychologists, surf	
		instructors, volunteers	
Outcomes	Follow-up times	Post-test	
	Mental, Behavioural and	Behavioural and emotional	
	Neurodevelopmental Disorder	problems	
	outcomes	Anxiety	
		Depression	
		Emotional regulation	
		Health-related quality of life	
	Subjective well-being outcomes		
	Self-harm and suicide outcomes		
	Included in meta-analysis?	Yes	