

The Disability Coordinating Group of the Campbell Collaboration

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Campbell Collaboration

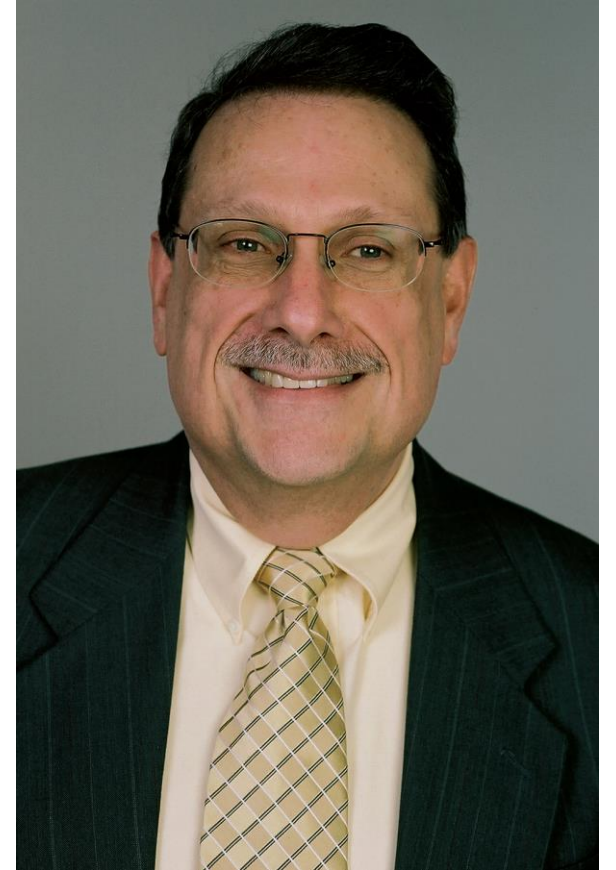
- *Better evidence for a better world*
- The Campbell Collaboration promotes positive social and economic change through the production and use of systematic reviews and other evidence synthesis for evidence-based policy and practice.
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Campbell Coordinating Groups

- Crime and Justice
- Education
- Social Welfare
- Methods
- International Development
- Knowledge Translation and Implementation
- Business and Management
- **Disability**

Disability Subgroup

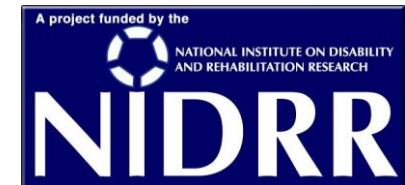
- Request to create a Disability Subgroup of the Education Coordinating Group came from John Westbrook, Director of the National Center for the Dissemination of Disability Research (NCDDR).
- *“NCDDR’s efforts to build capacity among the disability research community and to promote high-quality evidence-based submissions to C2 [Campbell Collaboration] in the area of disability reflect a strong rationale for considering establishing a coordinating group with the necessary expertise to deal with this emerging research field.”*



John D. Westbrook, PhD

NCDDR

- The goal of the NCDDR was to expand production, access, dissemination, and use of disability and rehabilitation research among NIDRR management, grantees, people with disabilities and their families, and disability-oriented practitioners and service providers
- NCDDR funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR): 1995-2011



Disability Subgroup

- In 2006, the NCDDR focused on quality and reliability of evidence through systematic reviews and began communication with the Campbell and Cochrane Collaborations
- NCDDR staff participated in the Sixth Annual Campbell Colloquium in Los Angeles, 2006
- NCDDR staff participated and presented at the Seventh Annual Campbell Colloquium in London, 2007

Disability Subgroup

- Dr. Westbrook submitted a formal letter in 2008 to the steering group (SG) of the Campbell Collaboration requesting to establish the Disability Subgroup of the Education Coordinating Group (ECG).
- The steering group approved the Disability Subgroup in May 2008. From the meeting minutes: *“The disability field is of special importance to the Campbell Collaboration as evidence on interventions to improve the lives of disabled persons cuts across all our substantive areas.”*

Disability Subgroup

- To help connect individuals interested in conducting an SR with an experienced reviewer with disability expertise to serve as a resource for consultation or perhaps as co-author of a review.
- Goal to become a Coordinating Group if sufficient growth in interest and production of SRs within the disability topic area.

Disability Subgroup

- Initial leadership:
 - Co-Chair – John Westbrook, NCDDR
 - Co-Chair – Ralf Schlosser, Northeastern University
 - Coordinator – Joann Starks, NCDDR

- The Subgroup met with the ECG for the first time when NCDDR staff participated and presented at the Eighth Annual Campbell Colloquium in Vancouver, 2008.

Disability Subgroup

- The Subgroup Co-Chairs and NCDDR staff helped plan and present a disability symposium, introducing four disability-focused systematic reviews, at the Ninth Annual Campbell Colloquium in Oslo, 2009
- Disability Subgroup was represented at the 2010 Cochrane and Campbell Joint Colloquium, Keystone, Colorado
- In 2011, Oliver Wendt replaced Dr. Schlosser as Co-Chair

Disability Subgroup

- Continued participation in Campbell events
 - 13th Campbell Colloquium, Chicago, IL
 - What Works Global Summit, London
- Provision of training courses, online workshops, webcasts, and information briefs through the collaboration with NCDDR and Campbell
- Publication of disability-focused systematic reviews

Disability Coordinating Group (DCG)

- May 5, 2017 – The Campbell Board approved the application to establish the Disability Coordinating Group.
- Financial contribution from American Institutes for Research (AIR) to support peer review and travel for DCG leadership.

Disability Coordinating Group Objectives

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DCG Advisory Board

- **Tamara Bushnik**, PhD, FACRM (NYU Langone School of Medicine)
- **Cindy Cai**, PhD (American Institutes for Research)
- **Marcel Dijkers**, PhD, FACRM (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)
- **Allen W. Heinemann**, PhD (Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab)
- **Denny John**, MBA, MPH, PT (Campbell Collaboration)
- **Hannah Kuper**, ScD (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

DCG Advisory Board (cont.)

- **Chad Nye**, PhD (University of Central Florida, retired)
- **Ron Seel**, PhD, FACRM (Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine)
- **Mark Sherer**, PhD, ABPP, FACRM (TIRR Memorial Hermann)
- **Elizabeth Talbott**, PhD (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- **Susanna Larsson-Tholén**, PhD (Örebro University)
- **David Vandergoot**, PhD (Center for Essential Management Services)

Disability-focused Systematic Reviews

- **Multifaceted Interventions for supporting community participation among adults with disabilities**

Judith M. S. Gross, Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Debbie Davidson-Gibbs, & Chad Nye

- **Language-based interventions for improving linguistic outcomes in children with developmental disorders**

Anders Nordahl-Hansen, Arne Lervåg, Courtenay Frazier Norbury, Monica Melby-Lervåg

- **Interventions for anxiety in school-aged children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)**

Petra Lietz, Julie Kos, Katherine Dix, Jenny Trevitt, Mirko Uljarevic, Elizabeth O'Grady

- **The effectiveness of school-based interventions in the early years of school to promote academic success for children with established and emerging special health care needs**

Jon Quach, Meredith O'Connor, Janet Clinton, John Hattie, Alana Deery, Sharon Goldfeld

Disability-focused Systematic Reviews (cont.)

- **Personal budgeting interventions to improve health and social care outcomes for people with a disability**

Padraic Fleming, Mairead Furlong, Sinead McGilloway, Fiona Keogh, Marian Hernon

- **Effectiveness of interventions for people with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries: an evidence and gap map**

Ashrita Saran, Howard White, Hannah Kuper

- **InterVideo-based interventions for promoting positive social behaviour in children with autism spectrum disorders**

Ciara Keenan, Allen Thurston, Karolina Urbanska

- **Three additional titles submitted and should be published soon**

Published Systematic Reviews

- **Effectiveness of adult employment assistance services for persons with autism spectrum disorders** (Westbrook, Nye, & Fong, 2012)
- **Social skills groups for people aged 6 to 21 with autism spectrum disorders (ASD)** (Reichow, Steiner, & Volkmar, 2012)
- **Pre-graduation transition services for persons with autism spectrum disorders: effects on employment outcomes** (Westbrook, Fong, Nye, Williams, Wendt, & Cortopassi, 2013)

Published Systematic Reviews (cont.)

- **Behavioral, psychological, educational and vocational interventions to facilitate employment outcomes for cancer survivors (Fong, Murphy, Westbrook, & Markle, 2015)**
- **Interventions to improve the labour market situation of adults with physical and/or sensory disabilities in low- and middle-income countries (Tripney et al., 2015)**
- **Employment interventions for return-to-work in working-age adults following traumatic brain injury (Graham, West, Bourdon, & Inge, 2016)**

Campbell Resources

- **Disability Coordinating Group:** www.campbellcollaboration.org/about-campbell/coordinating-groups/disability.html
- **Campbell Collaboration Online Library** www.campbellcollaboration.org/library.html
- **Resource Center** (online resources and tools) www.campbellcollaboration.org/resource-center
- **Research Resources** www.campbellcollaboration.org/research-resources.html
- **Training** www.campbellcollaboration.org/research-resources/training-courses.html
- **Templates for submission to Campbell:** (Instructions and forms for title, protocol, and review) www.campbellcollaboration.org/library/campbell-systematic-review-templates.html
- **Writing a Campbell Systematic Review** www.campbellcollaboration.org/research-resources/writing-a-campbell-systematic-review.html

How to Get Involved

We encourage all interested individuals to become affiliated with the Group:

- **Peer reviewer candidates**
- **Become an assistant editor**
- **Join the Advisory Board**
- **Interested in participating on a systematic review team?**

Send your name, affiliation, country, email address, highest degree, field of expertise to disability@campbellcollaboration.org or contact DCG Leaders:

- Joann Starks, Co-Chair: jstarks@air.org
- Oliver Wendt, Co-Chair: oliver.wendt@ucf.edu
- Carlton Fong, Editor: carltonfong@txstate.edu

Upcoming Training Events

Webcasts: ktdrr.org/training/webcasts/

- **Oct. 29, 2018 (2-3 pm Eastern)**
Multifaceted Interventions for Supporting Community Participation Among Adults with Disabilities
- **Nov. 1, 2018 (1-2:30 pm Eastern)**
An Introduction to Knowledge Translation (or How to Become Impactastic)

2018 Online Knowledge Translation (KT) Conference:

ktdrr.org/conference

- **November 5, 7, & 9 (1-5 pm Eastern each day)**

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