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**Multi-systemic Therapy: Evidence and Implementation**

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**Objectives/aims**

We update the Campbell/Cochrane systematic review of research on effects of Multisystemic Therapy (MST) on youth and families in child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice settings. The inclusion of new studies and additional data from previous studies allow us to extend the systematic review to include studies conducted in multiple countries and contexts, more independent evaluations, and longitudinal results. A comparison of these results to findings of previous reviews provides a new lens on the development of evidence and implementation of MST over time.

**Methods**

A systematic review, co-published in Campbell and Cochrane in 2005, was updated with data from new studies and additional longitudinal data on previously included studies. We included randomized experiments that compared MST to treatment as usual or other interventions for youth with social, emotional, and behavioural problems.

**Main findings**

Studies with mixed results are often under-reported or misclassified. Systematic review and meta-analysis methods allow full representation of research results and more comprehensive analyses of trends across studies, contexts, and over time. This provides more complete information for policy, practice, and implementation.