

Therapeutic Foster Care: For Children with Severe Emotional Disturbance

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition

In the cluster therapeutic foster care interventions, groups of five families cooperated in caring for five young children (ages 5 to 13 years) with severe emotional disturbance.

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On the basis of too few studies and inconsistent findings, the Task Force finds insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness of cluster therapeutic foster care in improving violent outcomes among participants.

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