

THE PROJECT

When a child has a parent with a mental illness, they may need extra supports to lead a happy and healthy life. In some cases supports might not be available, or families might not know about them and how to access them. This could have long-term consequences for these children.

This four-year research project „VILLAGE - How to raise the village to raise the child“ aims to increase identification of these children and strengthen formal and informal supports around children whose parents have a mental illness.

We know from international studies that about 25% of children grow up with a parent with a mental illness.

This research study will contribute to a better understanding of the needs of families with mental illness and will lead to improved care. For this we apply various empirical methods, e.g. qualitative interviews, focus groups, and also surveys with questionnaires.



„IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD“

If you would like to get involved in the topic “children of parents with mental illness“, you can share your experiences in our online forum.

This forum has been created so that the public can engage in sharing ideas and opinions about our research project, and the topic.

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How to raise the village to raise the child

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Village Project

supporting children of parents
with mental illness in Austria



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WHO IS THE PROJECT FOR?

The research group works with local stakeholders – in the health, social, insurance, and government sectors, and parents with a mental illness. Young adults who have grown up with a parent who has a mental illness are also centrally involved.

At the moment, there are significant barriers to the early identification of children of parents with a mental illness internationally, particularly within the adult mental health care system. As a result they remain invisible and their needs may be unmet.

Supportive interventions are being developed in collaboration with stakeholders in order to close the existing social- and health care deficits and expand the networking of existing services.



WHAT WE DO?

The project consists of six work packages:

CHILD'S VOICE

i.e. co-participation with children, observations, interviews, linguistic microanalysis of communicative interactions involving and about children

SCOPING

Existing practice + approaches + current state of collaboration in Austria and Tyrol (i.e. barriers, gaps, approaches, practice...)

CO-DEVELOPMENT

of practice approaches together with stakeholders: sensitive screening to make COPMI visible, and collaborative village approach to enhance (in)formal support for children

IMPLEMENTATION

Training and implementation approaches; exploration, installation, pre-implementation

EVALUATION

Process, cost and outcome evaluation carried out using a realist approach to understand what works for whom?, which conditions?, and why?

DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

to the public, to the academic community, to engage relevant stakeholders and have an impact on politics, research and practice

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

The project aims to improve the sensitive identification and (in)formal support of children of parents with a mental illness in Tyrol, Austria.

OBJECTIVE

Gain knowledge about the best ways of identifying and supporting children.

The research project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of future Austrian generations, while breaking the cycle of intergenerational transfer of adverse childhood experiences. The research findings will also be relevant for healthcare providers and policy makers in other countries, and the international research community.

