



Leiden - Amsterdam
Interdisciplinary
Network
Child abuse & neglect

LINC colloquium: Prof. Chantal Cyr

An attachment-based intervention protocol for the assessment of parenting capacities in child welfare cases

Dear colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to this special LINC colloquium by Prof. Chantal Cyr, organized in the context of the Hendrik Muller prize, awarded to Marinus van IJzendoorn. Prof. Cyr works at the Université du Québec, Montréal and her research is focused on attachment security and disorganization in maltreating families. This talk will be about the implementation of an attachment-based intervention protocol for the assessment of parenting capacities in child welfare cases.

Prof. Chantal Cyr

When: 21 May 2015, 4:00– 5.00 p.m. lecture, 5:00 p.m. drinks

Where: Faculty of Social Sciences, Wassenaarseweg 52, Leiden, **room SA41.**

Interested? If you would like to attend this lecture, please send an email to Whitney de Haan (w.d.de.haan@fsw.leidenuniv.nl)

More information: <http://www.linc-leiden.com/>

Abstract

The efficacy of attachment-based interventions was demonstrated in many samples of high-risk families, including abusive and neglecting families (Bakermans-Kranenburg et al., 2003; Cicchetti et al., 2006; Moss et al., 2011). This presentation will report on the efficacy of such an intervention within parenting capacity assessments (PCA) of child welfare cases. When reported to Child Protective Services (CPS), parents usually undergo a PCA, which plays a key role in legal authorities' decision to remove or reunite children with their parents (White, 2005). However, there are very few standardized and scientifically tested PCA protocols (Budd, 2005). This could be imputed to an absence of a consensus about the definition of what are minimal standards of care (Budd 2001; White, 2005), but also to the lack of available methods for assessing parental capacity to change in a very short time frame (Harnett, 2007). As a consequence, conclusions stemming from PCAs often remain equivocal and do not adequately meet CPS mandate. With a sample comprised of maltreating parents and their children aged between 0 and 5 (N=106): 1) we tested, using a randomized control-trial design, whether the short-term Attachment Video-feedback Intervention is effective in increasing parent-child interactive quality and child adjustment; and 2) we examined whether the inclusion of this intervention within a PCA protocol is a useful approach to the assessment of parental capacity.

We hope to see you in Leiden!

Lenneke Alink
Bernet Elzinga
Catrin Finkenauer



Universiteit Leiden



VRIJE
UNIVERSITEIT
AMSTERDAM