



Aggression in Children:
unraveling gene-environment
interplay to inform Treatment
and Intervention strategies

A European research project exploring the current diagnostic, prevention and intervention practices for severe behaviour problems (SBPs; Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder) in children is currently conducted at CURIUM-LUMC, Netherlands, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Robert Vermeiren. The project is part of a large international research programme investigating aggression in children, titled ACTION (www.action-euproject.eu). The present study involves two parts:

1. An inventory of nationwide guidelines (completed by professors/experts) AND
 2. An inventory of professionals' current practices, opinions and concerns (completed by clinicians)
- on diagnosing and treating SBPs in children aged 6-12 in Europe.

At present, it is unknown how many countries in Europe have official and/or unofficial guidelines for diagnosing and treating children with SBPs, and what prevention and intervention strategies are employed within different countries. Moreover, critical needs that could be addressed to improve the provision of care for this population across Europe have not been investigated yet. Such issues are targeted in this project and your experience in the field would be invaluable for answering these questions.

You are kindly invited to participate in part 2 of the project, which consists of a 20 minutes long online survey with mainly multiple-choice questions. You can fill in the questionnaire either in English or your language of choice. Data will not be linked to any identifying information and will be dealt with confidentially.

As we are aiming to publish this research, obtaining information about the current clinical practices and associated potential critical needs to facilitate the provision of services for children with SBP within your country would be extremely valuable.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about the project. Your contribution to this study would be greatly appreciated.

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