Effective Health Care

Cyberbullying and Cyberharassment
Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- The topic, *Cyberbullying and Cyberharassment*, is not feasible for a full systematic review due to the limited data available for a review at this time.

Topic Description

Nominator(s): Researcher

Nomination Summary: The nominator is interested in understanding the comparative effectiveness of preventive and therapeutic interventions to address cyberbullying and cyberharassment.

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Population(s): Users of the Internet and cellular phones.
Intervention(s): Preventive and therapeutic technologies/approaches to address cyberbullying and cyberharassment.
Comparator(s): Preventive and therapeutic technologies/approaches with different modes of delivery (e.g., electronic, in-person) and conducted in different settings (e.g., primary care, school-based, community-based, and justice system interventions).
Outcome(s): Reductions in suicide, injury, depression, anxiety; improvement in self-confidence.

Key Questions from Nominator: What is the comparative effectiveness of preventive and therapeutic interventions to address cyberbullying and cyberharassment?

Considerations

- The topic meets EHC Program appropriateness and importance criteria. (For more information, see http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/.)

- Cyberbullying/cyberharassment is defined as the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others. Given its recent emergence, very few studies have been conducted on the comparative effectiveness of preventive and therapeutic interventions to address cyberbullying and cyberharassment. Therefore, this topic is not feasible for a full systematic review due to the limited data available for a review at this time.

- A Campbell Systematic Review conducted in 2009, also found a paucity of rigorous studies despite the media attention devoted to cyberbullying and cyber abuse.
    - Mishna F, Cook C, Saini M, Wu M-J, MacFadden R. Interventions for children, youth, and parents to prevent and reduce cyber abuse. Campbell Systematic Reviews 2009:2.

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