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Collaborator Research Highlight

Qualitative Meta-Analysis of Clinical Supervisee Experiences

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The authors conducted a qualitative meta-analysis of 29 qualitative studies to explore what aspects of individual supervision therapy trainees find helpful and unhelpful. Their synthesis yielded 6 main meta-categories in two domains. In the helpful aspects of individual supervision domain, the three categories were (i) Supervisor establishes a secure learning environment, (ii) Supervisor demonstrates ability to facilitate learning, and (iii) Supervisor demonstrates willingness and ability to acknowledge and negotiate differences. In the unhelpful aspects of individual supervision domain, the three categories were (i) Supervisor demonstrates behaviour that lacks sensitivity, accountability, and ethical consideration; (ii) Supervisor fails to create a safe and supportive environment; and (iii) Supervisor demonstrates limitations in the appropriate maintenance and sharing of knowledge and skills. Overall, findings indicated individual supervision can be helpful, but trainees also may experience it as unhelpful and potentially harmful, all based in the quality of the supervisory alliance. In addition, issues of power and diversity need to be negotiated in a manner that maintains ethical and professional standards of practice and care.

Chircop Coleiro, A., Creaner, M., & Timulak, L. (2023). The good, the bad, and the less than ideal in clinical supervision: A qualitative meta-analysis of supervisee experiences. *Counselling Psychology Quarterly*, 36(2), 189-210. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515070.2021.2023098>

For a copy of the article, email Dr. Chircop Coleiro at chircopa@tcd.ie.

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Upcoming Webinar Series:



The many faces of clinical supervision: Supervisees' perspectives on what helps and what hurts

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 1:30 pm (NYT)

Clinical supervision is the central mechanism of training for helping professionals (Bernard & Goodyear, 2019). In spite of its centrality, the quality of supervision has been found to vary to a remarkable degree (Hutman et al., 2023). Thus, some supervisees report receiving supervision from relationally competent and knowledgeable supervisors whereas others report practices that fall short in significant ways, with profound implications for both themselves and their clients (Ellis et al., 2014, 2015). This webinar will highlight the findings of a qualitative study that built on Ellis and colleagues' (2014) taxonomy of harmful, inadequate, and exceptional supervision by exploring supervisees' subjective experiences of these phenomena. Prevention, intervention, and empowerment opportunities will be emphasized, and discussion will be encouraged.



Caring for Carers: A clinical supervision program for mental health practitioners in humanitarian settings

Dr. Ruth Wells and Colleagues, School of Psychiatry, UNSW Sydney

November, Date and Time TBA



Anti-Racism in Clinical Supervision: Considerations for Practice and Research

Dr. Alex Pieterse, Director, Institute for the Study of Race and Culture, Boston College, USA

December, Date and Time TBA

Share your recent clinical supervision research publications!

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Just email a brief blurb (no more than 150 words) of the study, along with a copy of the article, to DiAnne at borders@uncg.edu. In the blurb, please summarize the **goal and main findings** of the study and state **clear and specific implications for supervision researchers, practitioners, and/or educators**. Finally, include the article DOI and indicate whether the full article is available to CSRC members through ResearchGate, open access, or another source.

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In Case You Missed It...

Database of Clinical Supervision Measures

Looking for a brief, practical measure of evidence-based supervision interventions? Check out the latest measure - the Evidence-Based Clinical Supervision Strategies scale (EBCSS; Choy-Brown et al., 2023) - added to the database of clinical supervision instruments on the CSRC website. (use the Learn link, then Resources)

Webinars

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