

Meaningful measurement: protocol for a scoping review of parenting measures for Indigenous caregivers

Abstract

With national attention on developing effective parenting supports and preventative programs for First Nations parents, it is essential to ensure that the measures that programs use to develop program evidence and track parents' progress are valid and meaningful to First Nations parents' experiences. This presentation outlines the protocol for a scoping review that will describe (1) the scope of measures of parenting constructs that have been utilised with Indigenous parents in Australia, the United States, Aotearoa New Zealand, and Canada (CANZUS), and (2) the characteristics of new or adapted measures of parenting constructs in these contexts. Specifically, this scoping review will report on measures that have been used with Indigenous parents over the last 25 years in the CANZUS regions, and articulate the types of parenting constructs measured, the process for development or adaptation, the extent to which Indigenous leadership and perspectives have been included, and the psychometric qualities of measures. This presentation is likely to be of interest to those working in the fields of First Nations health and wellbeing, family support and psychology, as well as lost HDR students wondering where to start with their scoping review.