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Psywel: a screening and treatment program for psychological problems in the Netherlands



Congres: Joining Forces, New Perspectives: the Future of Mental Health for Deaf People

How are you really doing?

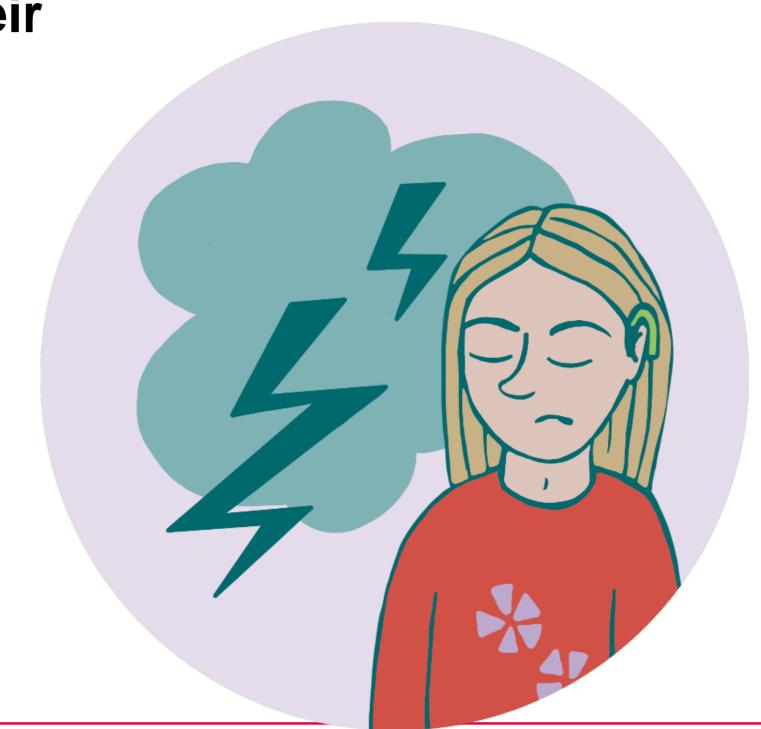


Mental health problems in deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children and

adolescents are more frequently than among their

hearing peers

Van Gent et al., 2007; Stevenson et al, 2015; Niclasen & Dammeyer, 2016; Stevenson et al, 2017; Hancock et al, 2017



Differences



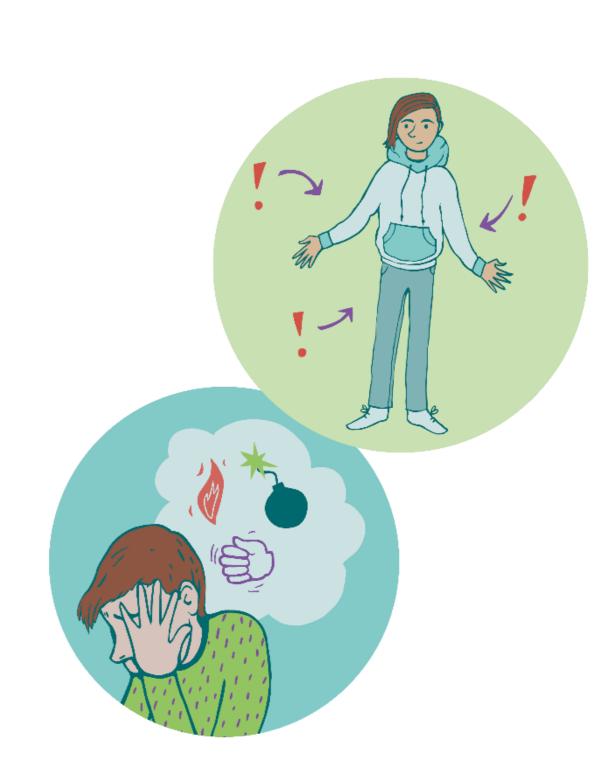
In DHH children and adolescents:

Problems are recognized later than in hearing people,

while more risk factors such as:

- Additional factors (e.g., poor vision, physical, cognitive)
- Environmental stressors

Van Gent et al, 2012; Dammeyer, 2010; Fellinger et al, 2012, Landsberger et al, 2013

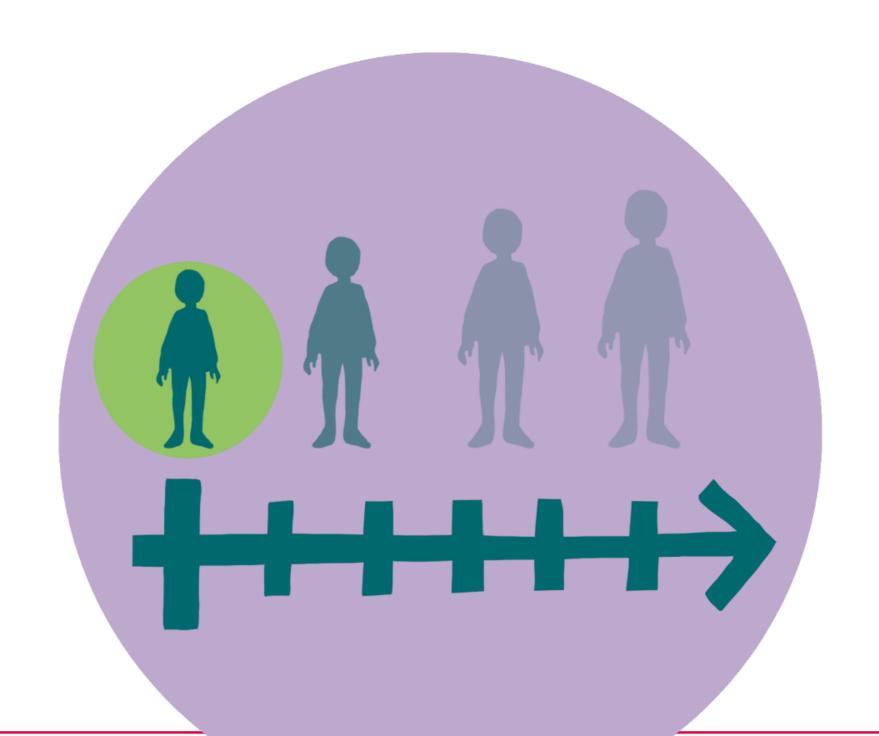


Early intervention



Finding and treating mental health problems as early as possible

Patel et al, 2007; Collins et al, 2011; Costello, 2016



Expertise



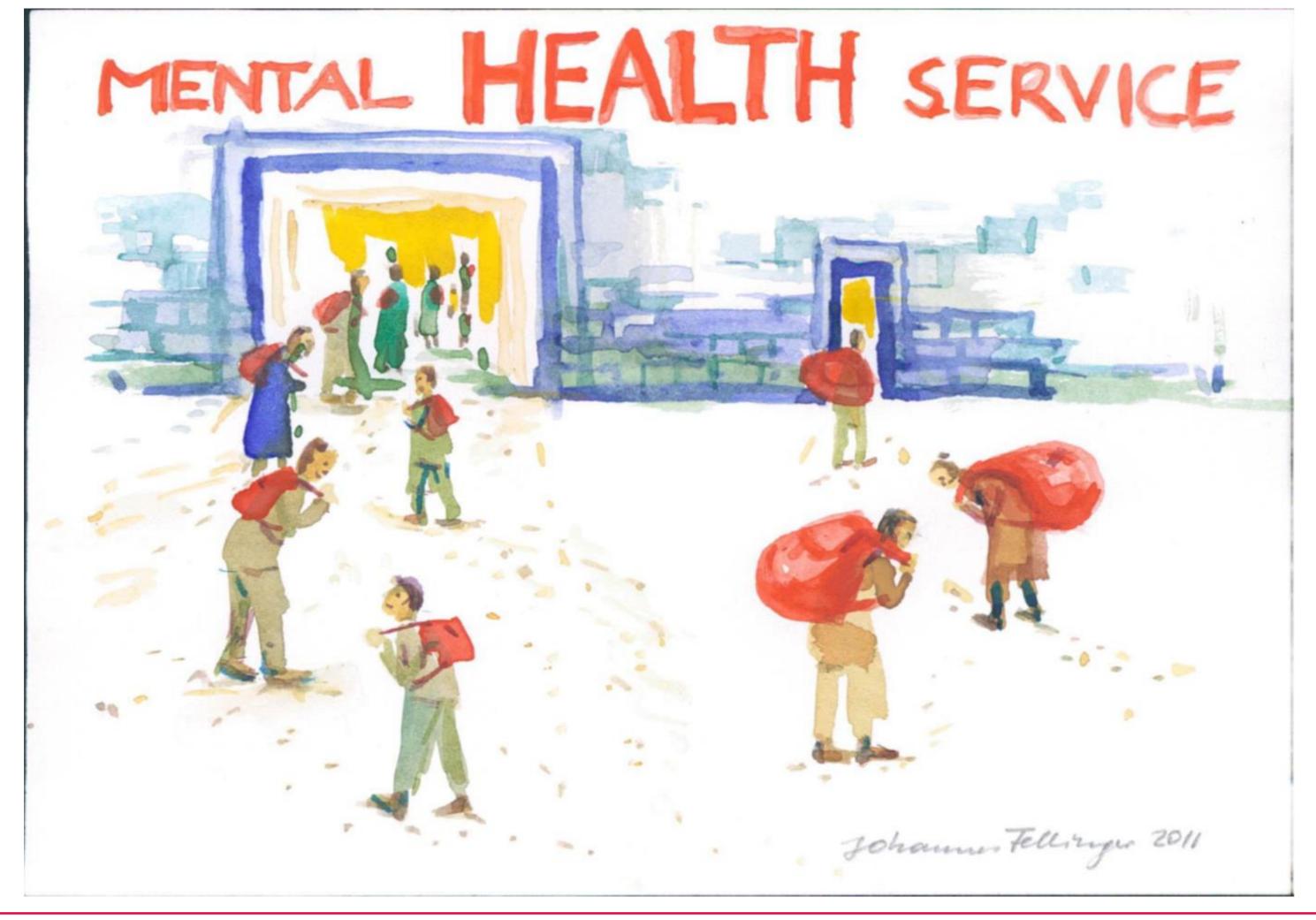
Deaf and hard of hearing children (with more risk factors) need

specialized research and treatment



Stevenson et al, 2017; Fellinger et al, 2012

But...



Fellinger J., Holzinger D., Pollard R. (2012) Mental health of deaf people. The Lancet; Vol 379: 1037-44

Equal rights



Children with disabilities should receive proper care and education so that they can develop to their fullest potential

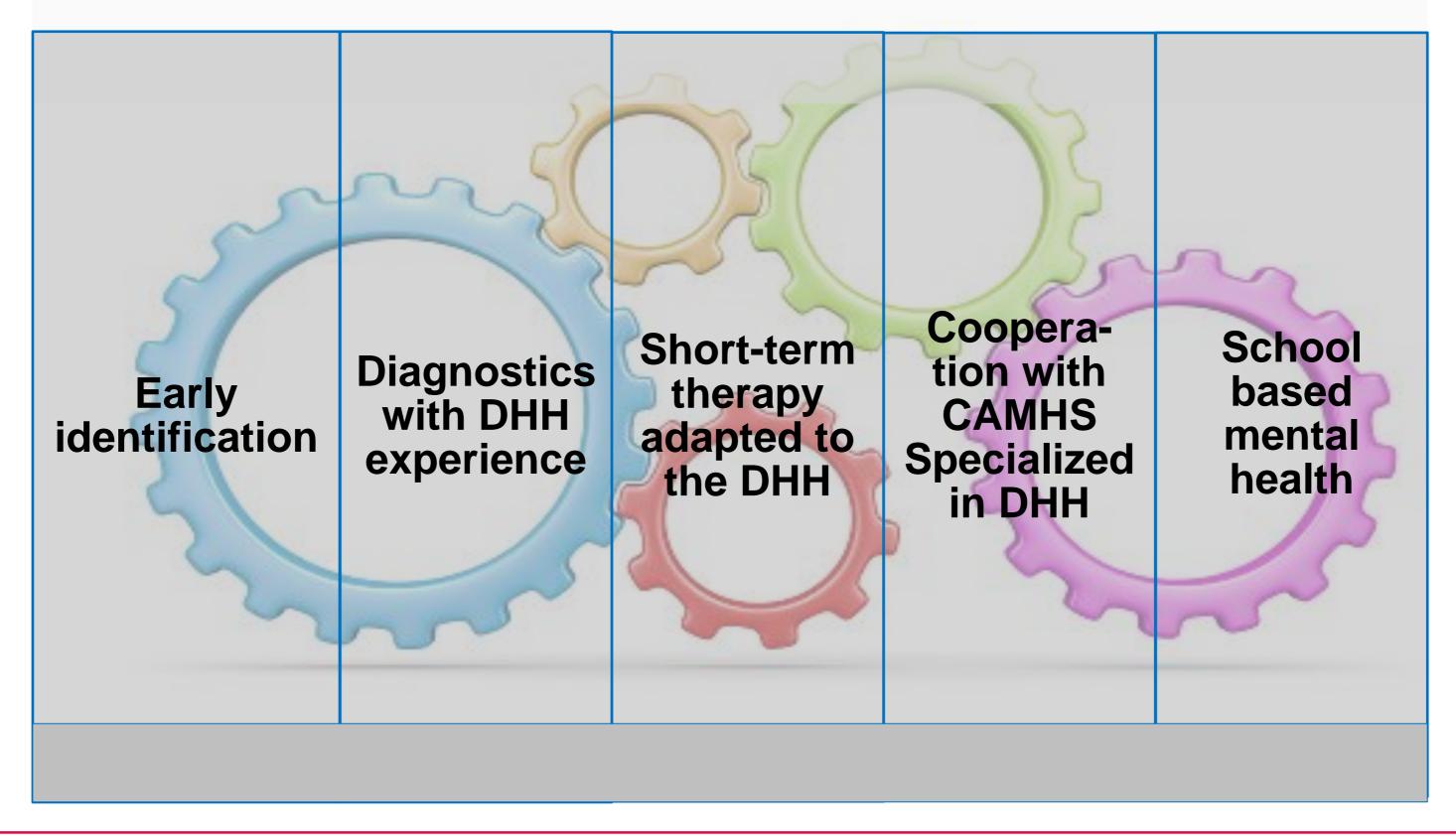


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That's why



Psywel



Psywel screening



Early identification of possible mental health problems occurs through using proven, standardized questionnaires

a "multi-informant" approach

a questionnaire from their own perspective about the child's behavior:

- Teachers (the TRF)
- Parents/caretakers (the CBCL)
- And from the age of 12 also the child himself (the YSR)







Psywel projects Deelkracht



Research & Development project, in five different lines

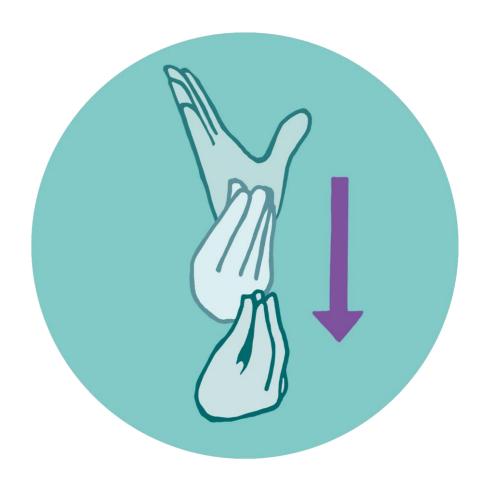
- Pilots with Psywel in different educational organisations
- Development of diagnostic instruments for DHH adolescents (YSR, YQOL-SF/DHH)
- Development of (materials for) mental health programs
- Development of information material for professionals, referrers, parents and DHH adolescents
- Research on the Psywel screening at Kentalis (care & education)





1. Pilots with Psywel in different educational organisations

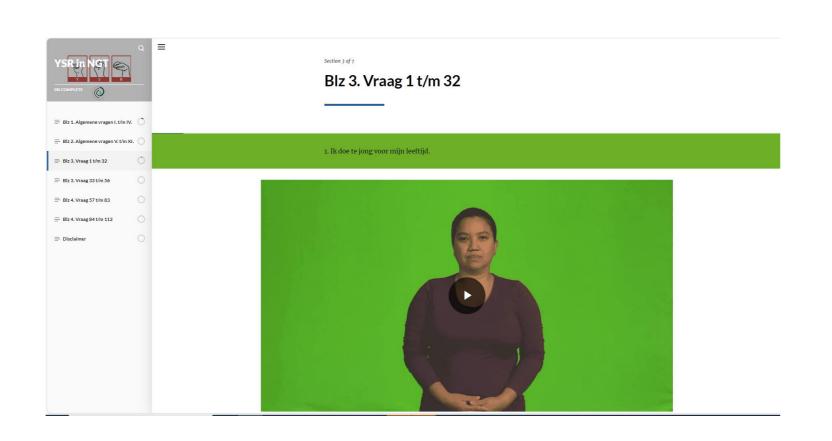
- Supervised pilots with Psywel in five special schools for DHH students in three educational organisations
- Focus on experience with Psywel (advantages, challenges)
- After the pilot, two organisations have decided to implement Psywel

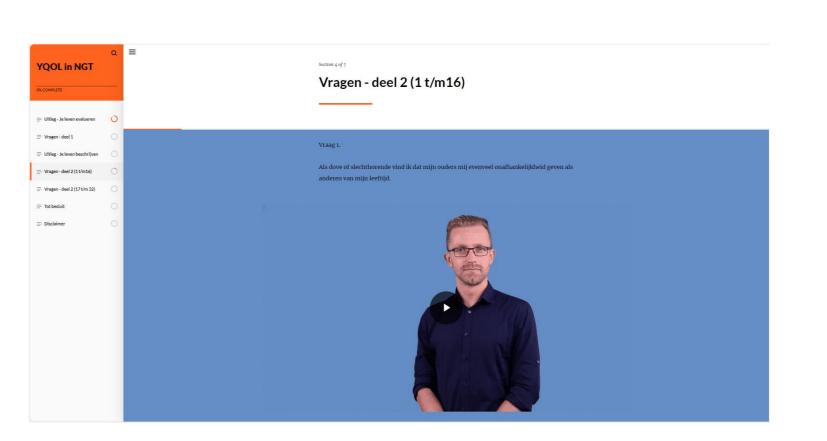






- 2. (Further) Development of diagnostic instruments for DHH adolescents (YSR, YQOL-SF/DHH)
- Youth Self Report (YSR. bimodal version (Dutch / SLN))
- Youth Quality of Life (YQOL, bimodal version (Dutch / SLN))









- 3. Development of (materials for) mental health programs
- 'Ik durf' (I dare), intervention program for DHH children/adolescents with anxiety symptoms
- 'lk doe' (I do), intervention program for DHH children/adolescents with depression symptoms
- E-learning EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) for deaf clients







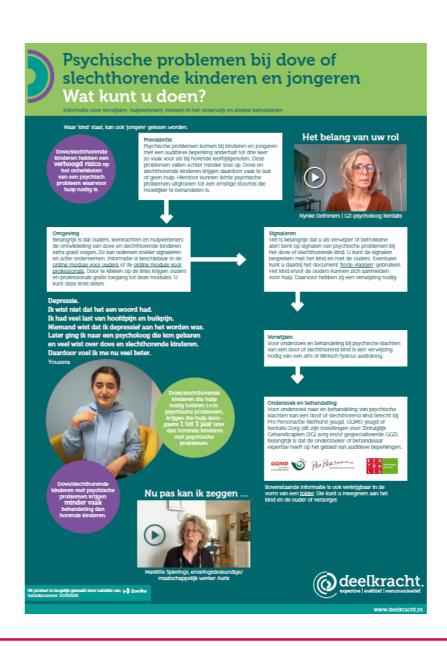


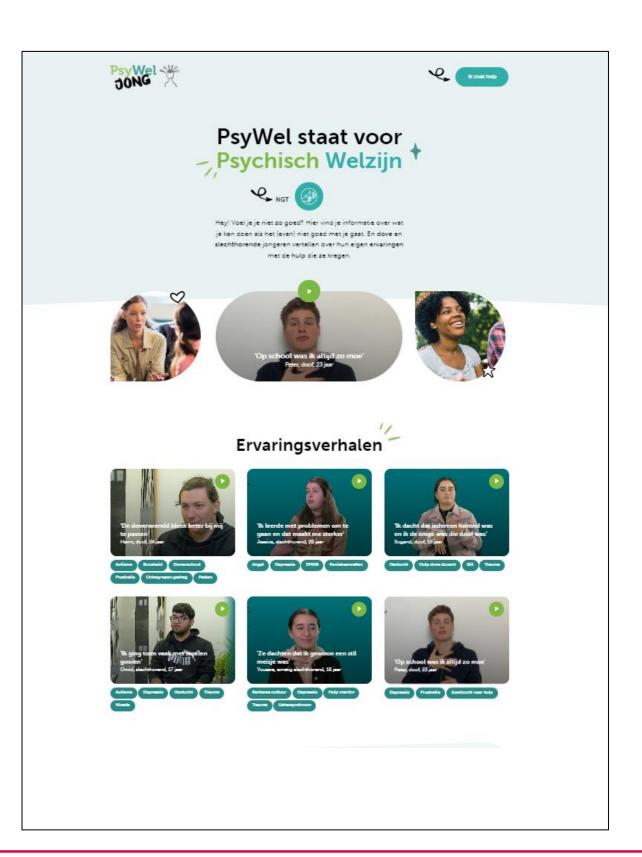






- 4. Development of information material for professionals, referrers, parents and DHH adolescents
- Professionals: e-learning on psychological problems in DHH
- Parents: e-learning on psychological problems in DHH
- Referrers: interactive poster
- DHH adolescents: website

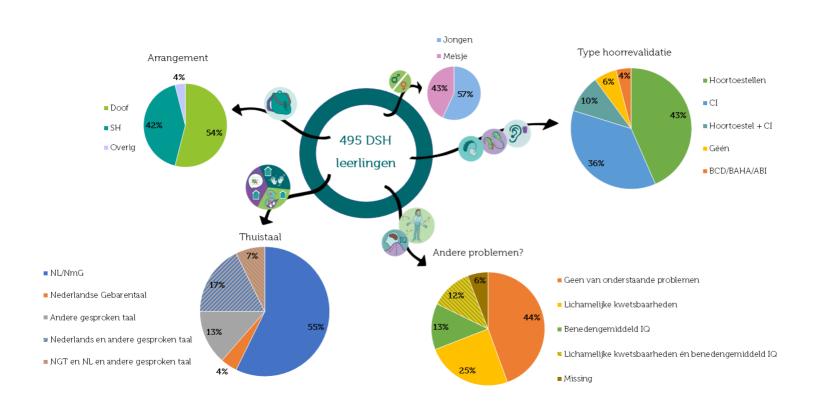


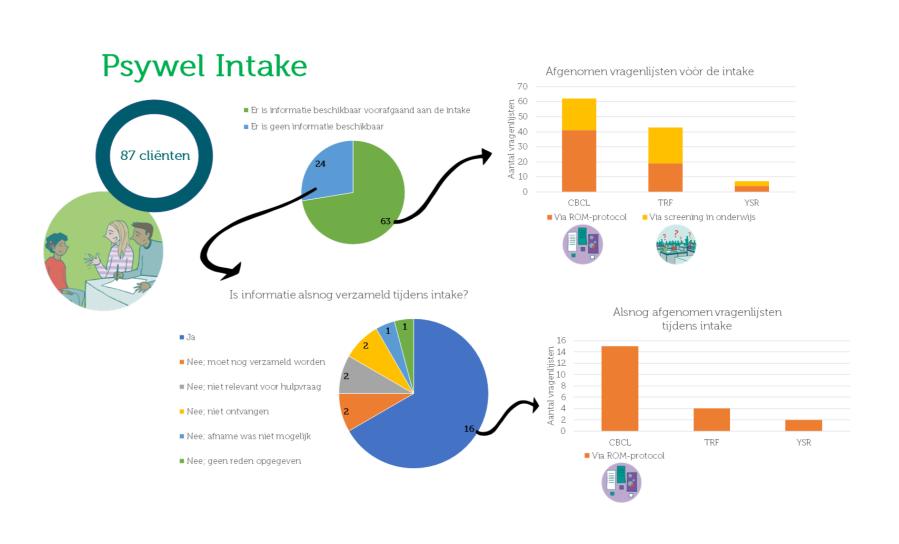






- 5. Pilots with Psywel in different educational organisations
- Process evaluation (Do we do what we say what we do?)
- New prevalence figures psychological problems of DHH children in special education



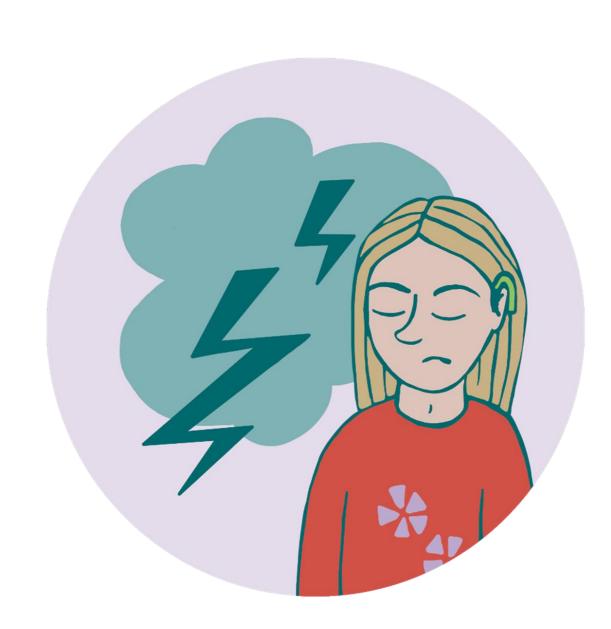


New prevalence figures DHH special education



- Type problems (Internalizing and Externalizing)
- Context (home/CBCL and school/TRF)
- Age (PE and SE)
- Gender

Data: < 2020 (pre-COVID)



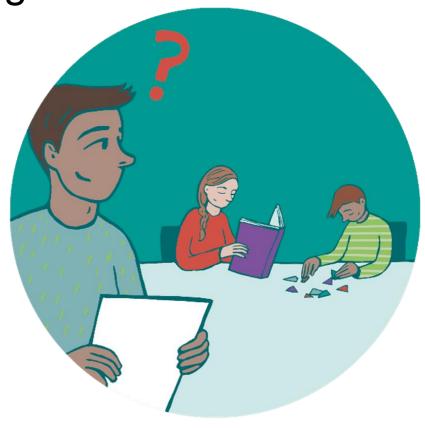
New prevalence figures DHH special education

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	Boys	Girls	Total
PE	120	85	205
SE	42	30	72
Total	162	115	277

55% of all DHH students of Kentalis special education for DHH (n=495) included, e.g.:

- Parents or adolescents not consent screening (8%)
- No CBCL and TRF (15%)

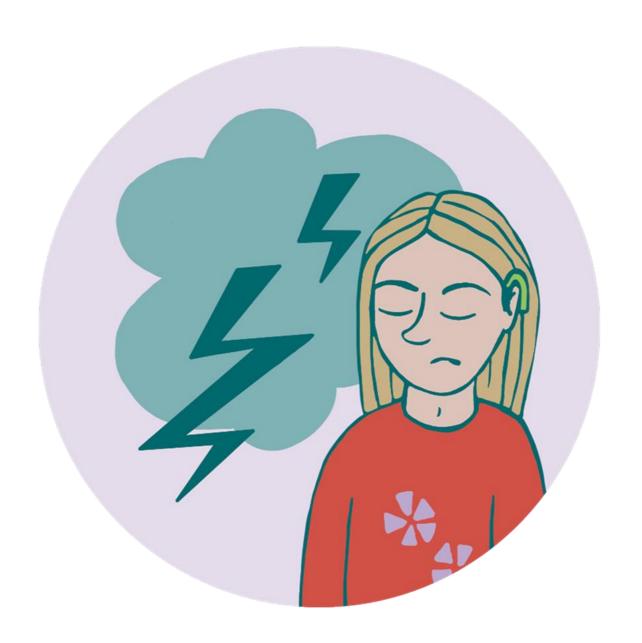




Overall prevalence 1.6 times higher than TH peers



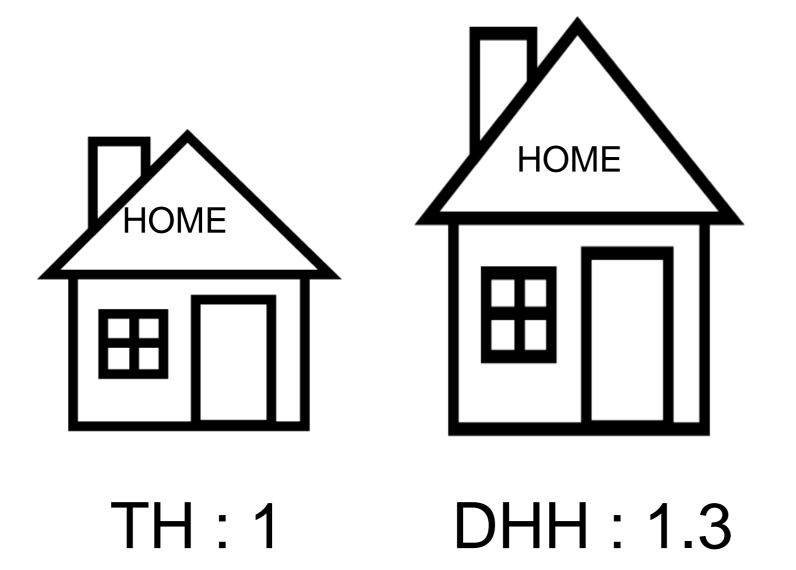




DHH: 1.6

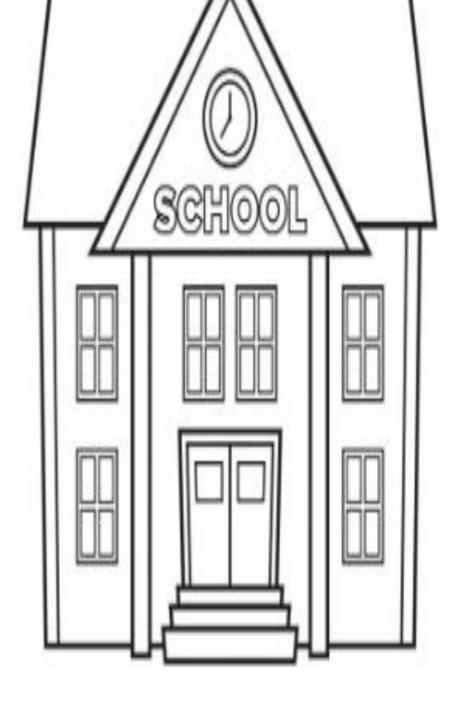


Context significant prevalence difference



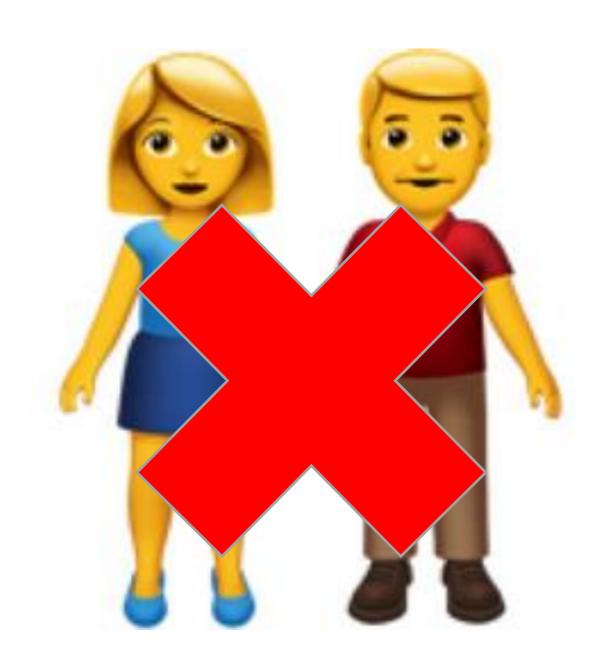


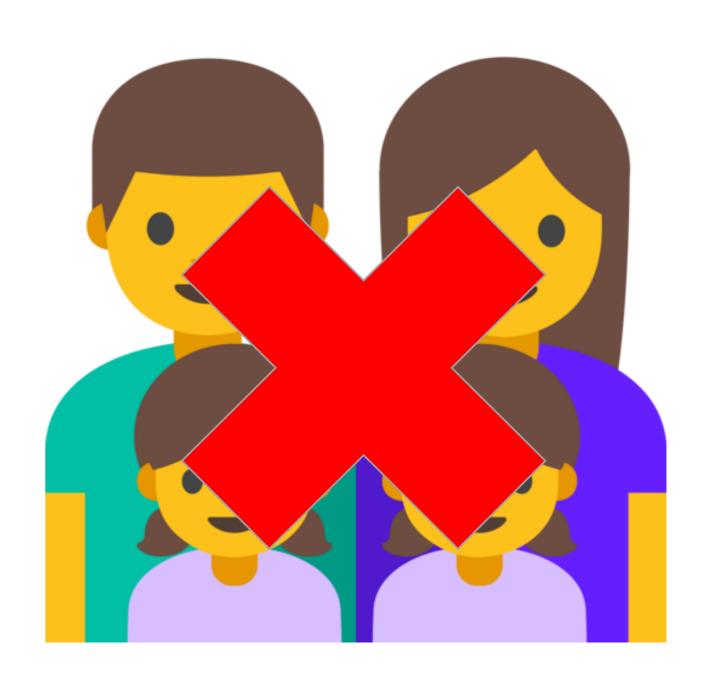
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No impact of gender or age on prevalence of type of problem







More internalizing problems in DHH <u>adolescence</u> than externalizing problems



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