Community Prevention System Change in the Netherlands and the United States

Funding country: Netherlands
Project starting year: 2011
Project ending year: 2012
Area(s) of research:
Prevalence, incidence and patterns of drug use, Prevention responses, Determinants of drug use, Methodology issues

Objectives:
This project compared the implementation and adoption of Communities that Care (CTC), a community prevention system to prevent adolescent drug use and delinquency, in the Netherlands and the US. Both studies were modeled similarly using the same instruments and collecting many of the same measures. This binational collaboration was a unique opportunity to study how an intervention which was developed in the US can be implemented, adopted, and sustained in different cultural and policy contexts. This study aims to investigate whether implementation of CTC in the Netherlands is associated with similar changes in community prevention systems as in the US and whether these changes are similarly associated with improvements in communities' profiles of risk and protection and rates of adolescent drug use and delinquency, as hypothesized by the CTC’s theory of change.

Scientific discipline(s) involved: Criminology, Epidemiology, Political sciences, Sociology, Other medical sciences, Other discipline

Initial identified needs:
This study was an administrative supplement for the ZONMW funded project Communities that Care: Effectiveness of a community intervention strategy for the prevention of alcohol and drug use and other problem behaviour of youngsters in the Netherlands (120610017, M. Steketee, PI). This supplemental project was conducted collaboratively by researchers from the Social Development Research Group at the University of Washington (US) and from the Verwey-Jonker Institute (NL). A prior ZonMW/NIDA funded binational supplemental project (DA15183-03S1) to compare the prevalence of youth marijuana use and levels of risk and protection experienced by youths of similar age in the US and the Netherlands was successfully completed in 2007 by the same researchers.

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Summary references:

Website: see answer on question 8

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