



## *The Incredible Years® Parent, Teacher and Child Programs Fact Sheet*

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**Implemented:** Widely within Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands, and USA. Currently there are 8 accredited trainers, 63 mentors and 52 peer coaches providing training and support in 15 countries.

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### ***Brief Overview:***

The Incredible Years (IY) Series is a set of interlocking and comprehensive training programs for parents, teachers and children. There are four basic parenting programs that target key developmental stages: IY Baby Program (0-8 months); IY Toddler Basic Program (1-3 years); IY Preschool Basic (3-6 years); IY School Age Basic (6-12 years). In addition there are three adjunct parent programs: Advance Program, which focuses on parent interpersonal problems such as depression and anger management, Attentive Parenting Prevention Program, and the School Readiness Program.

There are two child programs: a small group child treatment (ages 4-8 years) and a classroom prevention program (ages 3-8 years) of the Dinosaur Social, Emotional Skills and Problem Solving Program.

Finally, there is one Incredible Teacher Classroom Management Program for teachers of children ages 3-8 years.

### ***Short Term Goals:***

- Improved parent-child interactions, building positive relationships and attachment, improved parental functioning, less harsh and more nurturing parenting, and increased parental social support and problem solving
- Improved teacher-student relationships, proactive classroom management skills and strengthened teacher-parent partnerships
- Prevention, reduction and treatment of early onset conduct behaviors and emotional problems
- Promotion of child social competence, emotional regulation, positive attributions, academic readiness and problem solving

### ***Long Term Goals:***

- Prevention of conduct disorders, academic underachievement, delinquency, violence and drug abuse

### ***Program Targets:***

- High risk socioeconomically disadvantaged families
- Child protective service referred families and foster parents
- Children with social and emotional behavior problems, including conduct problems, ADHD, and internalizing problems

### ***Program Delivery Settings:***

- Head Start Centers
- Primary Grade Schools
- Mental Health Centers
- Community Health Centers
- Foster Parent Agencies
- Homes, Churches, and Housing Centers
- Businesses or Employee Benefits
- Hospitals and Primary Care Practices
- Homeless Shelters, Jails, & YMCAs

### ***Program Process:***

- The training, which is based on principles of video modelling, observational and experiential learning, rehearsal and practice, individual goal setting, self management, self-reflection and cognitive self-control.
- Assumes a self-learning model involving self-monitoring and weekly goal setting. Also explicitly assumes a collaborative relationship between group leaders and participants.
- Reduction of risk factors and increased protective factors through increasing parent, teacher and child competencies.

### ***Program Evaluation***

Numerous randomized control group trials have been conducted over three decades by the developer and independent investigators with parents and teachers of children diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder and ADHD and with high risk populations (e.g., Head Start and Sure Start). Outcomes have shown:

- Reductions in parental depression and stress; increases in positive family communication and problem solving, nurturing parenting interactions, and replacing harsh discipline with proactive methods; increases in school involvement
- Increases in proactive teacher classroom management strategies and teacher-parent collaborative partnerships and reductions in stress
- Reductions in child externalizing and internalizing problems at school and at home with mothers and fathers
- Increases in children's emotional literacy, social skills, problem solving, compliance and school readiness



See website for library of research articles: <http://incredibleyears.com/research-library/>

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