

# Review of: "The Effect of Group-Based Family Orientation to Community Mental Health Services"

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This is a growing area of interest and has many practical implications for mental health care. My comments are below.

The abstract needed further clarification on what was being hypothesized and why so this needs a little more work.

At the commencement of the introduction a clear statement on what an initial family orientation entails are needed. Similarly, an earlier definition of recovery-focused treatment is needed earlier rather than later in the paper.

There is a substantial amount of international literature you could draw upon to further support the effectiveness of recovery-oriented services and when these work as well as when they are not as effective for example van Weigl et al. 2019. Greater clarity is also needed on the actual focus of the study which from the title appears to be the use of the family orientation session hence the link with recovery-oriented practice is not as clear in the first instance. I would recommend adding greater clarity on the link between the two.

Method section. The size of each sample group is needed under participants also demographics such as who made up the families, ages etc.

Further clarification on the data used would be useful, for example, was the data for back group information. In addition, further clarification on what measure made up the experimental part was also needed.

Results. This is clear and well laid-out. My only recommendation is clarification on the admission problem severity since this is not mentioned in the measures section. It would be interesting to know what these measures and how.

Discussion. It is not clear how family education is a measurable component of recovery-focused family treatment. You need to provide a citation to substantiate this statement.

Given this field is still growing and there is evidence that at times implementation is ineffective I would recommend being mindful of any sweeping statements which allude to this approach and it's success. I would like to see some further clarification on what the design actually entailed since this is very brief and would be good to understand. Overall, this was an interesting paper.