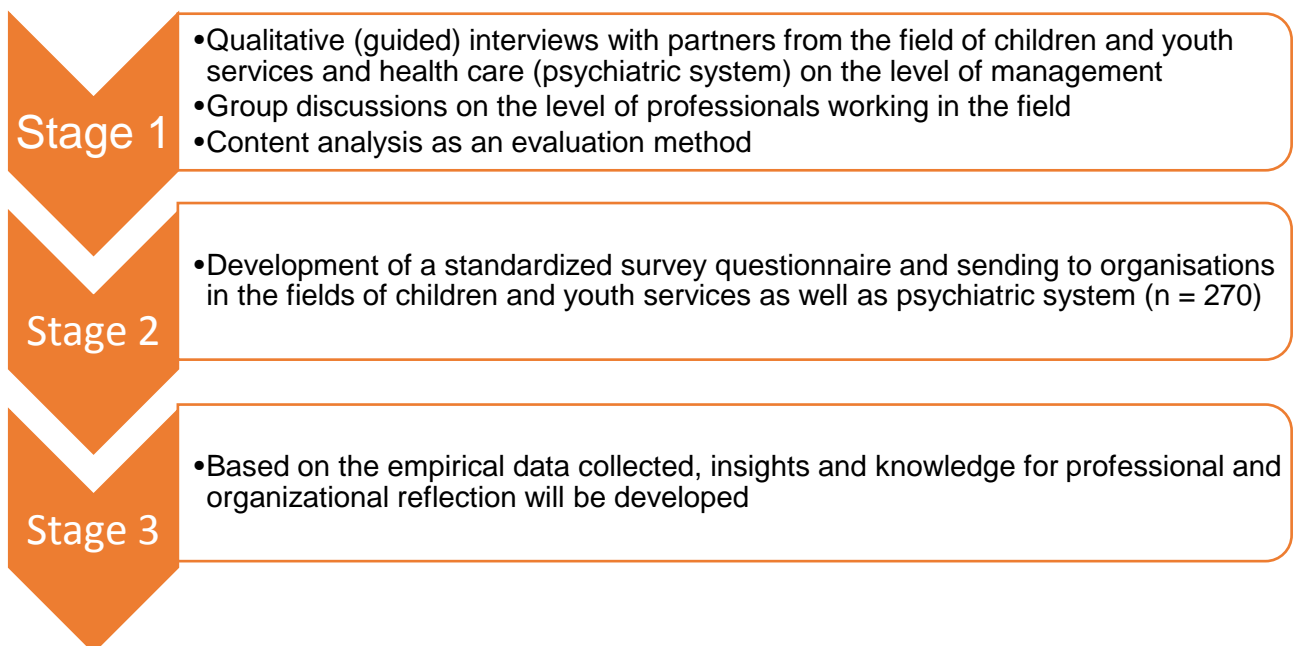


Parents suffering from mental disorders and their unaffected children in municipal child and youth services (April 2015 – March 2018)

The HLCA subproject 5 – “Parents suffering from mental disorders and their unaffected children in municipal child and youth services” (Provider-MHL) – assesses institutional perspectives of needs and challenges regarding the work with children of parents affected by a mental illness. The interest of research lies on professional and organizational interpretations with a focus on questions of institutional interrelations. Children of mentally ill parents as a target group of different support systems are focused as an intersection and area of conflict at which (inter-)professional and organizational claims of jurisdiction and interpretations are being negotiated. Analytically, these conflictual processes are seen as boundary-work. This concept takes a view on articulations, manifestations and/or irritations of boundaries regarding users as well as professionals. The empirical research will comprise three stages and is based on a mixed-method design. Currently, the project is in the preparatory and initiation phase for the qualitative survey.



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