

IMPACT OF BIPOLAR DISORDER IN A FAMILY SETTING

would be used for the recruitment process. Parents who would contact the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Division due to their worry about their youths' functioning would be the favorite source of recruitment. Additional referrals would come from adult mood disorders program for evaluation of teenagers who have a parent diagnosed with BD; and a small number of children

n=31 who would be recruited as a non-treatment group for comparison purposes.

Procedure starts here

Assessments would take place in an urban Midwestern city at a clinic with outpatient services. Criteria for inclusion would include children aged 5 to 17 years of either male or female sex and from any ethnicity (Freed et al. 2018). Both parents and children should provide written consent for participation. Exclusion criteria would involve individuals who are unable to express their ideas orally as it will cause impairments in the interview. Those with a pervasive developmental disorder or those who hit an Autism Screening Questionnaire Score of 15 and above would be excluded from participating. Suspected mental retardation which would be documented via educational history standardized cognitive ability test scores of less than 70 or a Peabody picture vocabulary text-third Edition score of >70 would as well not participate in the study. Parents would provide demographic details about them and their families. This information would include age, marital status, occupation of each family member, family setting and living arrangement, educational level, and total family income.

Procedure

Parents or guardians would provide written consent that would act as evidence that they have not in any way been forced to participate and that they are aware of the activity. The process should also apply to youths for similar purposes. The intake assessments would be completed by all the participants together with their families to ensure that the recommended people participate. A history of mental disorders would be gathered during the first evaluation or at a