

Social network dynamics to support mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents: A systematic review protocol

Dinâmicas da rede social para o apoio às mães, pais ou responsáveis de crianças e adolescentes transgêneros: protocolo de revisão sistemática

Dinámicas en redes sociales de apoyo a madres, padres o tutores de niñas, niños y adolescentes transgénero: protocolo de revisión sistemática

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Abstract

This article presents the protocol of a Systematic Review that aims to analyze the scientific evidence on social network dynamics to support mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents. The Systematic Review will follow the following steps: identification of the research question; identification of relevant publications; selection of publications; data extraction; analysis and synthesis of evidence. The research question was formulated by adapting the PICo acronym: P (Population) AND I: (Phenomenon of interest) AND Co: (Context): "What is the scientific evidence on the social network dynamics to support mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents?". Descriptors will be used for the survey of primary studies in the following databases: EMBASE, Scopus, MEDLINE, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), PsycInfo, Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences (LILACS) and Web of Science. After the searches, the data will be exported to the Rayyan QRI application, through which it will be possible to exclude duplicates and carry out the selection of materials by reading the title and abstracts by independent pairs, followed by a tiebreaker by a third reviewer if necessary. Publications that present qualitative studies with the population of mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents which deal with the relationships between primary and secondary social networks, or both in the context of supporting gender identity, will be included.

Keywords: Mothers; Parents; Transgender persons; Social support; Social networking.

Resumo

Este artigo apresenta o protocolo de uma Revisão Sistemática que tem por objetivo analisar as evidências científicas sobre as dinâmicas da rede social para o apoio às mães, pais ou responsáveis de crianças e adolescentes transgêneros. A Revisão Sistemática seguirá as seguintes etapas: identificação da questão de pesquisa; identificação de publicações relevantes; seleção de publicações; extração dos dados; análise e síntese das evidências. A questão de investigação foi formulada por meio da adaptação do acrônimo PICo: P (População) AND I: (Fenômeno de interesse) AND Co:

(Contexto): “Quais as evidências científicas sobre as dinâmicas da rede social das mães, pais ou responsáveis de crianças e adolescentes transgêneros?”. Serão utilizados descritores para o levantamento de estudos primários nas bases de dados: EMBASE, Scopus, MEDLINE, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), PsycInfo, Literatura Latino-Americana e do Caribe em Ciências da Saúde (LILACS) e Web of Science. Após as buscas, os dados serão exportados para o aplicativo Rayyan QCRI, por meio do qual será possível excluir as duplicidades e realizar a seleção dos materiais, considerando a leitura de título e resumos por pares independentes, seguido de desempate por um terceiro revisor se necessário. Serão incluídas publicações que apresentem estudos qualitativos com a população de mães, pais ou responsáveis de crianças e adolescentes transgêneros, que versem sobre as relações entre as redes sociais primária e secundária, ou ambas no contexto de apoio a identidade de gênero.

Palavras-chave: Mães; Pais; Pessoas transgêneros; Apoio social; Rede social.

Resumen

Este artículo presenta el protocolo de una Revisión Sistemática que tiene como objetivo analizar la evidencia científica sobre la dinámica de la red social de apoyo a madres, padres o tutores de niños, niñas y adolescentes transgénero. La Revisión Sistemática seguirá los siguientes pasos: identificación de la pregunta de investigación; identificación de publicaciones relevantes; selección de publicaciones; extracción de datos; análisis y síntesis de la evidencia. La pregunta de investigación se formuló adaptando las siglas PICo: P (Población) AND I: (Fenómeno de interés) AND Co: (Contexto): “¿Cuál es la evidencia científica sobre la dinámica de la red social de madres, padres o tutores? de niños, niñas y adolescentes transgénero?”. Se utilizarán descritores para el levantamiento de estudios primarios en las bases de datos: EMBASE, Scopus, MEDLINE, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), PsycInfo, Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences (LILACS) y Web of Science. Luego de las búsquedas, los datos serán exportados a la aplicación Rayyan QCRI, a través de la cual será posible excluir duplicados y realizar la selección de materiales mediante lectura de título y resúmenes por parejas independientes, seguido de desempate por un tercer revisor si necesario. Se incluirán publicaciones que presenten estudios cualitativos con población de madres, padres o tutores de niños, niñas y adolescentes transgénero, que aborden las relaciones entre redes sociales primarias y secundarias, o ambas en el contexto de sustentación de la identidad de género.

Palabras clave: Madres; Padres; Personas transgénero; Apoyo social; Red social.

1. Introduction

Many young people during childhood and adolescence experience incompatibility with the gender that was assigned to them at birth. Parents' first reactions to learning about their child's transgender identity include doubts, concerns about their safety, anxiety, and uncertainty about their child's future. The cis-heteronormative social pattern comprises the construction of gender based on biological sex. In view of this, transgender children and adolescents may experience anguish during their development associated with the beginning of the appearance of secondary sexual characteristics (Wahlig, 2015; Alegría, 2018; Gartner & Sterzing, 2018; Klein et al., 2018). Supporting parents of transgender children and adolescents provides better quality mental health for their children (Alanko & Lund, 2020).

Mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents have experienced isolation and grief as a result of social transphobia, which contributes to uncertainties and the emergence of stressors that affect the quality of life of parents and children. The lack of trans representation in social spaces contributes to tensions, intolerance and delay in recognizing the gender identity of their children, with the need to overcome pathologizing stigmas and transphobia emerging (Gray et al., 2016; Dierckx & Platero, 2017; Catalpa & McGuire, 2018; Coolhart et al., 2018).

In addition to the family approach, the present study aims to analyze the dynamics of support or contention existing in primary social networks described as: family ties, kinship, friendship, neighborhood and work; secondary: relationships established between the subject and institutions, organization of the market and the third sector according to the Social Network framework proposed by Sanicola (2015). Actions that consider the social field can strengthen emotional, face-to-face, instrumental, informative and self-supportive supports in order to provide changes from the state of dependence to that of autonomy of the target audience (Sanicola, 2015; Lúcio et al., 2018). With regard to gender identity recognition, it is essential to offer resources and spaces that facilitate the exchange of experiences between peers and their social networks (Bull & D'Arrigo-Patrick, 2018), especially in health services with the provision of trans-specific care by health professionals (Westwater et al., 2019).

Given the relational context between primary and secondary social networks, this article presents the protocol of a Systematic Review of the literature which aims to analyze the scientific evidence on the social network dynamics of support to mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents. As recommended by Page et al. (2021), it is noteworthy that the study was registered on the “PROSPERO: A registry for systematic review protocols” platform (registration: CRD42022301747) and that no protocol or review record on the topic was identified based on a preliminary search in MEDLINE, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, JBI Evidence Synthesis and in OSFREGISTRIES, which highlights the innovative potential of the present study in relation to the field of scientific evidence available.

2. Method

This is a Systematic Review protocol that was created according to the methodology developed by the Joanna Briggs Institute Manual for Evidence Synthesis - Systematic reviews of qualitative evidence (Lockwood et al., 2020) and recommendations from the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (PRISMA-P) (Moher et al., 2015).

The study is organized into six stages: identification of the theme and guiding question; establishment of inclusion and exclusion criteria; definition of the information to be extracted from the selected studies; evaluation of studies included in the systematic review; interpretation of results and synthesis of knowledge (Melnyk & Fineout-Overholt, 2018)

Thus, the guiding question of the study “What is the scientific evidence on the social network dynamics of support to mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents?” was defined using the PICo strategy: P (Population: mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents) AND I: (Phenomenon of interest: Social Support) AND Co: (Context: Social Network). Based on the Social Network framework (Sanicola, 2015), the guiding question will lead to a survey of studies that present the dynamics of primary and secondary networks which aim to describe the relational phenomena present in networks: alliances, conflicts, discontinuity, breakages, wear and tear and transgressions. Thus, a synthesis of the dynamics of social networks will be carried out with an emphasis on identifying the support or containment intrinsic to the relationships and functions that compose it.

The following inclusion criteria will be considered: original qualitative articles, in all languages, that deal with social network dynamics through the experiences verbalized by mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and/or adolescents up to 19 years of age according to the World Health Organization (WHO) (Brasil, 2010). Studies developed with more than one population that make up the LGBTQIA+ groups and/or studies that extrapolate the age group will be eligible for inclusion if they are presented separately in the results to the population of interest. Studies with verbalizations of the members of the social network that deal with the existing bonds and relationships with the population of interest will be excluded, since the experiences, perceptions and representations from the perspective of the population chosen in this review will be considered.

The search for articles was carried out in December 2021 through the Central Library system of the University of São Paulo and CAPES journal, which provided access to the following databases: EMBASE, Scopus, MEDLINE, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), PsycInfo, Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences (LILACS) and Web of Science.

Controlled and free vocabularies were used in the search strategy, combined by Boolean operators OR to distinguish them and AND to associate them, in order to integrate and direct the maximum number of studies on the topic. It should be noted that the same search strategy was adapted for each database according to their specificities (Table 1).

Table 1. Article search strategies used to carry out a systematic review on social network dynamics to support mothers, fathers or guardians of transgender children and adolescents, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, 2022.

Database/Search strategy	
EMBASE: 331 publications	
#1	'mother'/exp OR mother OR 'father'/exp OR father OR mother* OR father* OR 'parent'/exp OR parent OR 'step parent*' OR 'stepparent'/exp OR stepparent OR 'step-parent*' OR 'sire'/exp OR sire OR 'stepfamily'/exp OR stepfamily OR 'stepfamilies'/exp OR stepfamilies
#2	adolescent OR children OR child OR adolescent* OR adolescence OR teenager OR teenagers OR teen*
#3	transgender OR 'gender dysphoria' OR 'gender identity' OR 'sexual and gender minority' OR 'lgbtqia+ people' OR transgender* OR 'two spirit person*' OR transexual* OR transsexual* OR 'lgbt person*' OR 'glbt person*' OR 'glbtq person*' OR 'gender minorities' OR 'gender minority' OR transvestism OR 'gender diverse'
#4	'social networking' OR 'network analysis' OR 'family relation' OR 'nuclear family' OR friend OR work OR 'social structure' OR 'community or participation' OR schools OR 'health services' OR organizations OR 'social support*' OR 'community support' OR 'social care' OR 'psychosocial support*' OR 'caregiver support' OR 'psychosocial care' OR 'public assistance' OR 'self-help' OR 'support group*' OR 'therapeutic social club*' OR 'bereavement support' OR 'social network*' OR family OR families OR 'kinship network*' OR relatives OR friend* OR companions OR companion OR friendship* OR acquaintances OR 'social structure*' OR 'health service*' OR organization* OR ngo OR 'trade union' OR school* OR kindergarten OR university OR 'health care' OR 'hospital service' OR 'intersectoral collaboration' OR 'medical service' OR 'health facilities' OR 'health facility' OR association* OR institution*
#5	#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4
#6	#5 AND [embase]/lim NOT ([embase]/lim AND [medline]/lim)
Scopus: 799 publications	
<p>(TITLE-ABS-KEY (mother* OR father* OR parent OR "Step Parent*" OR stepparent OR "Step-Parent*" OR sire OR stepfamily OR stepfamilies) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY (children OR child OR adolescent* OR adolescence OR teenager OR teenagers OR teen*) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY (transgender* OR "Two Spirit Person*" OR transexual* OR transsexual* OR "LGBT Person*" OR "GLBT Person*" OR "GLBQT Person*" OR "Gender Minorities" OR "Gender Minority" OR transvestism OR "Gender Diverse") AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ("Social Support*" OR "Community Support" OR "Social Care" OR "Psychosocial Support*" OR "Caregiver Support" OR "Psychosocial Care" OR "Public Assistance" OR "Self-Help" OR "Support Group*" OR "Therapeutic Social Club*" OR "Bereavement Support" OR "Social Network*" OR family OR families OR "Kinship Network*" OR relatives OR friend* OR companions OR companion OR friendship* OR acquaintances OR "Social Structure*" OR school* OR "Health service*" OR organization* OR ngo OR "Trade Union" OR school* OR kindergarten OR university OR "Health Care" OR "Hospital Service" OR "Intersectoral Collaboration" OR "Medical Service" OR "HEALTH facilities" OR "HEALTH facility" OR association* OR institution*))</p>	
MEDLINE: 4,776 publications	
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#2	"Child"[MeSH Terms] OR "Adolescent"[MeSH Terms] OR "Child"[MeSH Terms] OR "Child"[All Fields] OR "children"[All Fields] OR "child s"[All Fields] OR "children s"[All Fields] OR "childrens"[All Fields] OR "childs"[All Fields] OR "Child"[MeSH Terms] OR "Child"[All Fields] OR "children"[All Fields] OR "child s"[All Fields] OR "children s"[All Fields] OR "childrens"[All Fields] OR "childs"[All Fields] OR "adolescent*"[All Fields] OR "adolescences"[All Fields] OR "adolescence*[All Fields] OR "Adolescent"[MeSH Terms] OR "Adolescent"[All Fields] OR "adolescence"[All Fields] OR "adolescents"[All Fields] OR "adolescent s"[All Fields] OR "Adolescent"[MeSH Terms] OR "Adolescent"[All Fields] OR "teenage"[All Fields] OR "teenager"[All Fields] OR "teenagers"[All Fields] OR "teenaged"[All Fields] OR "teenager s"[All Fields] OR "teenages"[All Fields] OR "Adolescent"[MeSH Terms] OR "Adolescent"[All Fields] OR "teenage"[All Fields] OR "teenager"[All Fields] OR "teenagers"[All Fields] OR "teenaged"[All Fields] OR "teenager s"[All Fields] OR "teenages"[All Fields] OR "teen*"[All Fields]

#3 "Transgender Persons"[MeSH Terms] OR "Transsexualism"[MeSH Terms] OR "Gender Identity"[MeSH Terms] OR "Gender Dysphoria"[MeSH Terms] OR "Sexual and Gender Minorities"[MeSH Terms] OR "Transvestism"[MeSH Terms] OR "transgender*"[All Fields] OR "two spirit person*"[All Fields] OR "transexual*"[All Fields] OR "transsexual*"[All Fields] OR "lgbt person*"[All Fields] OR "glbt person*"[All Fields] OR ("glbtq"[All Fields] AND "person*"[All Fields]) OR "Gender Minorities"[All Fields] OR "Gender Minority"[All Fields] OR ("transvestic"[All Fields] OR "Transvestism"[MeSH Terms] OR "Transvestism"[All Fields]) OR "Gender Diverse"[All Fields]

#4 "Social Support"[MeSH Terms] OR "Community Support"[MeSH Terms] OR "Psychosocial Support Systems"[MeSH Terms] OR "Self-Help Groups"[MeSH Terms] OR "Social Networking"[MeSH Terms] OR "Social Network Analysis"[MeSH Terms] OR "Online Social Networking"[MeSH Terms] OR "family"[MeSH Terms] OR "Nuclear Family"[MeSH Terms] OR "Family Relations"[MeSH Terms] OR "friends"[MeSH Terms] OR "work"[MeSH Terms] OR "Social Structure"[MeSH Terms] OR "schools"[MeSH Terms] OR "Health Services"[MeSH Terms] OR "Health Services for Transgender Persons"[MeSH Terms] OR "organizations"[MeSH Terms] OR "social support*"[All Fields] OR "Community Support"[All Fields] OR "Social Care"[All Fields] OR "psychosocial support*"[All Fields] OR "Caregiver Support"[All Fields] OR "Psychosocial Care"[All Fields] OR "Public Assistance"[All Fields] OR "Self-Help"[All Fields] OR "support group*"[All Fields] OR "therapeutic social club*"[All Fields] OR "Bereavement Support"[All Fields] OR "social network*"[All Fields] OR "familialities"[All Fields] OR "familiality"[All Fields] OR "familials"[All Fields] OR "familie"[All Fields] OR "family"[MeSH Terms] OR "family*"[All Fields] OR "familial"[All Fields] OR "families"[All Fields] OR "family s"[All Fields] OR "familys"[All Fields] OR "familialities"[All Fields] OR "familiality"[All Fields] OR "familials"[All Fields] OR "familie"[All Fields] OR "family*"[All Fields] OR "family*"[All Fields] OR "familial*"[All Fields] OR "familys*"[All Fields] OR "kinship network*"[All Fields] OR "family*"[MeSH Terms] OR "family*"[All Fields] OR "relative*"[All Fields] OR "relatives*"[All Fields] OR "relative s*"[All Fields] OR "relatively*"[All Fields] OR "friend*"[All Fields] OR "companion s*"[All Fields] OR "friends*"[MeSH Terms] OR "friends*"[All Fields] OR "companion*"[All Fields] OR "companions*"[All Fields] OR "friendship*"[All Fields] OR "acquaint*"[All Fields] OR "acquaintance s*"[All Fields] OR "acquainted*"[All Fields] OR "friends*"[MeSH Terms] OR "friends*"[All Fields] OR "acquaintance*"[All Fields] OR "acquaintances*"[All Fields] OR "social structure*"[All Fields] OR "school*"[All Fields] OR "health service*"[All Fields] OR "organization*"[All Fields] OR "NGO*"[All Fields] OR "Trade Union*"[All Fields] OR "school*"[All Fields] OR "kindergarten*"[All Fields] OR "kindergarteners*"[All Fields] OR "kindergartens*"[All Fields] OR "universiti*"[All Fields] OR "universities*"[MeSH Terms] OR "universities*"[All Fields] OR "university*"[All Fields] OR "university s*"[All Fields] OR "Health Care*"[All Fields] OR "Hospital Service*"[All Fields] OR "Intersectoral Collaboration*"[All Fields] OR "Medical Service*"[All Fields] OR "HEALTH facilities*"[All Fields] OR "HEALTH facility*"[All Fields] OR "association*"[All Fields] OR "institution*"[All Fields]

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Cinahl: 428 publications

((MH "Mothers+") OR (MH "Fathers+") OR (MH "Parents+") OR (MH "Parent-Child Relations+")) OR Mother* OR Father* OR Parent OR "Step Parent*" OR Stepparent OR "Step-Parent*" OR Sire OR Stepfamily OR Stepfamilies) AND ((MH "Child+") OR (MH "Adolescence+") OR Children OR Child OR Adolescent* OR Adolescence OR Teenager OR Teenagers OR Teen*) AND ((MH "Transgender Persons+") OR Transgender* OR "Two Spirit Person*" OR Transexual* OR Transsexual* OR "LGBT Person*") OR "GLBT Person*") OR "GLBTQ Person*") OR "Gender Minorities" OR "Gender Minority" OR Transvestism OR "Gender Diverse") AND ((MH "Support, Psychosocial+") OR (MH "Social Networking+") OR (MH "Social Network Analysis") OR (MH "Online Social Networking") OR (MH "Family+") OR (MH "Family Relations+")) OR (MH "Nuclear Family+")) OR (MH "Extended Family+")) OR (MH "Friendship") OR (MH "Work+")) OR (MH "Community Service") OR (MH "Schools+")) OR (MH "Health Services+")) OR (MH "Organizations+")) OR "Social Support*" OR "Community Support" OR "Social Care" OR "Psychosocial Support*" OR "Caregiver Support" OR "Psychosocial Care" OR "Public Assistance" OR "Self-Help" OR "Support Group*" OR "Therapeutic Social Club*" OR "Bereavement Support" OR "Social Network*") OR Family OR Families OR "Kinship Network*" OR Relatives OR Friend* OR Companions OR Companion OR Friendship* OR Acquaintances OR "Social Structure*" OR School* OR "Health service*" OR Organization* OR NGO OR "Trade Union" OR School* OR Kindergarten OR University OR "Health Care" OR "Hospital Service" OR "Intersectoral Collaboration" OR "Medical Service" OR "HEALTH facilities" OR "HEALTH facility" OR Association* OR Institution*)

PsycInfo: 2,624 publications

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LILACS: 49 publications

(Mães OR Mothers OR Madres OR Pai OR Fathers OR Padre OR Pais OR Mother* OR Father* OR Parent OR "Step Parent*" OR Stepparent OR "Step-Parent*" OR Sire OR Stepfamily OR Stepfamilies OR Parents OR Padres OR Mãe* OR Pai* OR Madrasta* OR Padrasto* OR "Pais Adotivos" OR "Famílias Adotivas" OR Madre* OR Padre* OR Madrastra OR Padrastro OR "Familia adoptiva") AND (Criança OR Child OR Niño OR Adolescent OR Adolescent OR Adolescente OR Crianças OR Adolescência OR Adolescentes OR Jovem OR Jovens OR Juventude OR Children OR Child OR Adolescent* OR Adolescence OR Teenager OR Teenagers OR Teen* OR Niño* OR Adolescent* OR Adolescent*) AND ("Pessoas Transgênero" OR "Transgender Persons" OR "Personas Transgénero" OR "Minorias Sexuais e de Gênero" OR "Sexual and Gender Minorities" OR "Minorías Sexuales y de Género" OR "Pessoas de Duplo Espírito" OR "Pessoas Trans" OR Transexuals OR Transsexual OR Transgênero* OR "Não Binário" OR "Pessoas GLBT" OR "Pessoas LGBT" OR "Pessoas LGBTQ" OR "Pessoas LGBTQIA+" OR "Minorias de Gênero" OR Travesti OR "Diversidade de Gênero" OR Queer* OR Transgender* OR "Two Spirit Person*" OR Transexual* OR Transsexual* OR "LGBT Person*" OR "GLBT Person*" OR "GLBTQ Person*" OR "Gender Minorities" OR "Gender Minority" OR Transvestism OR "Gender Diverse" OR "Personas Trans" OR "Personas Two-Spirit" OR Transexual OR Transexuales OR Transgênero* OR "Persona LGBT*" OR "Persona GLBTQ*" OR "Minorías de género" OR "Minoría de género" OR Travestismo OR "Género diverso") AND ("Apoio Social" OR "Social Support" OR "Apoyo Social" OR "Sistemas de Apoio Psicosocial" OR "Psychosocial Support Systems" OR "Sistemas de Apoyo Psicosocial" OR "Grupos de Autoajuda" OR "Self-Help Groups" OR "Self-Help Groups" OR "Rede Social" OR "Social Networking" OR "Red Social" OR "Análise de Rede Social" OR "Social Network Analysis" OR "Análisis de Redes Sociales" OR "Redes Sociais Online" OR "Online Social Networking" OR "Redes Sociales em Línea" OR Família OR Family OR Família OR "Relações Familiares" OR "Family Relations" OR "Relaciones Familiares" OR Amigos OR Friends OR Amigos OR Trabalho OR Work OR Trabajo OR "Empresas e Organizações de Serviço" OR "Service Organizations and Firms" OR "Empresas y Organizaciones de Servicio" OR "Instituições Acadêmicas" OR Schools OR "Instituciones Académicas" OR "Acesso aos Serviços de Saúde" OR "Health Services Accessibility" OR "Acessibilidad a los Servicios de Salud" OR "Apoio Social" OR "Suporte Social" OR "Apoyo Psicosocial" OR "Apoyo Psicológico" OR "Clubes Sociais de Terapia" OR "Grupos de Apoyo" OR "Suporte da Comunidade" OR "Assistência Social" OR "Apoio ao Cuidador" OR "Apoyo Psicosocial" OR "Assistência Pública" OR Autoajuda OR "Grupo de Suporte" OR "Club Social Terapêutico" OR "Apoio ao Luto" OR "Networking Social" OR "Redes Sociais" OR "Rede Social" OR Familiar* OR Família OR "Famílias Adotivas" OR Parente* OR Parentesco OR "Rede de Parentesco" OR Amigo* OR Companheiro* OR Conhecidos OR "Estrutura Social" OR Escola* OR "Jardim da Infância" OR Universidade OR "Assistência Médica" OR "Serviço Médico" OR "Serviço Hospitalar" OR "Serviço de Saúde" OR "Colaboração Intersetorial" OR "Estabelecimento de Saúde" OR "Instalações de Saúde" OR Organização* OR ONG OR Sindicato OR Associação* OR Instituição* OR "Instituição Acadêmica" OR "Instituições de Ensino" OR "Acessibilidade a Programas" OR "Acessibilidade ao Programa*" OR "Acessibilidade aos Serviços de Saúde" OR "Acessibilidade de Programa" OR "Acessibilidade de Programas" OR "Acessibilidade do Programa*" OR "Acesso a Medicamentos" OR "Acesso à Medicação" OR "Acesso a Serviços de Saúde" OR "Acesso à Terapia" OR "Acesso ao Medicamento" OR "Acesso aos Cuidados de Saúde" OR "Disponibilidade de Serviços de Saúde" OR "Social Support*" OR "Community Support" OR "Social Care" OR "Psychosocial Support*" OR "Caregiver Support" OR "Psychosocial Care" OR "Public Assistance" OR "Self-Help" OR "Support Group*" OR "Therapeutic Social Club*" OR "Bereavement Support" OR "Social Network*" OR Family OR Families OR "Kinship Network*" OR Relatives OR Friend* OR Companions OR Companion OR Friendship* OR Acquaintances OR "Social Structure*" OR School* OR "Health service*" OR Organization* OR NGO OR "Trade Union" OR School* OR Kindergarten OR University OR "Health Care" OR "Hospital Service" OR "Intersectoral Collaboration" OR "Medical Service" OR "health facilities" OR "health facility" OR Association* OR Institution* OR "Apoyo Social*" OR "Soporte Social" OR "Grupos de Apoyo" OR "Soporte comunitario" OR "Clubes Sociales Terapéuticos" OR "Club Social Terapéutico*" OR "Asistencia social" OR "Atención psicosocial" OR "Apoyo psicosocial*" OR "Apoyo al cuidador" OR "Asistencia pública" OR "Autoayuda" OR "Grupo de apoyo*" OR "Apoyo al duelo" OR "Networking Social" OR "Redes Sociales" OR "Red Social" OR Família* OR "Red de parentesco*" OR Parientes OR Amigo* OR Compañero* OR Amistad* OR Conocidos OR "Estructura social*" OR Escuelas OR Colegio* OR "Servicio de salud*" OR Organización* OR ONG OR "Sindicato" OR Colegio* OR "Jardín de infancia" OR Universidad OR "Cuidado de la salud" OR "Servicio hospitalario" OR "Colaboración intersectorial" OR "Servicio médico" OR "Instituciones de salud" OR "Facilidad de salud" OR Asociación* OR Institución*)

Web of Science: 440 publications

Mother* OR Father* OR Parent OR "Step Parent*" OR Stepparent OR "Step-Parent*" OR Sire OR Stepfamily OR Stepfamilies (Tópico) and Children OR Child OR Adolescent* OR Adolescence OR Teenager OR Teenagers OR Teen* (Tópico) and Transgender* OR "Two Spirit Person*" OR Transexual* OR Transsexual* OR "LGBT Person*" OR "GLBT Person*" OR "GLBTQ Person*" OR "Gender Minorities" OR "Gender Minority" OR Transvestism OR "Gender Diverse" (Tópico) and "Social Support*" OR "Community Support" OR "Social Care" OR "Psychosocial Support*" OR "Caregiver Support" OR "Psychosocial Care" OR "Public Assistance" OR "Self-Help" OR "Support Group*" OR "Therapeutic Social Club*" OR "Bereavement Support" OR "Social Network*" OR Family OR Families OR "Kinship Network*" OR Relatives OR Friend* OR Companions OR Companion OR Friendship* OR Acquaintances OR "Social Structure*" OR School* OR "Health service*" OR Organization* OR NGO OR "Trade Union" OR School* OR Kindergarten OR University OR "Health Care" OR "Hospital Service" OR "Intersectoral Collaboration" OR "Medical Service" OR "HEALTH facilities" OR "HEALTH facility" OR Association* OR Institution* (Tópico)

Source: Authors.

After surveying the studies in the databases, it should be noted that they will be transferred to the Rayyan QCRI online platform (Ouzzani et al., 2016) for due exclusion of duplicate studies and subsequent reading of the titles and abstracts by two independent researchers and a third evaluator if there is no agreement or doubt between the first two. Therefore, the studies selected in this first stage will be submitted to full reading, which will enable analyzing their relevance in relation to their inclusion in the review. The study selection process will be presented through a flowchart according to the recommendations of the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and MetaAnalyses (PRISMA 2020) (Page et al., 2021).

Data extraction will be done using a form adapted from Lockwood et al. (2020), composed of the following variables: Author, Year and Journal of publication; Description of the study (Method, Phenomenon of interest (objective), Study site, Participants, Data analysis, Results, Conclusions and Comments). The methodological quality of the studies included in the review will be evaluated through the use of a checklist for the evaluation of qualitative research proposed by The Joanna Briggs Institute (Lockwood et al., 2020). In addition, a manual search of the articles contained in the references of the final sample will be performed.

The results will be submitted to a qualitative synthesis through thematic analysis and in the light of the Social Network framework proposed by Sanicola (2015) for the construction of thematic categories relevant to primary social network dynamics and secondary social network dynamics. The thematic categories will be validated through discussions with research groups with expertise in the framework, method and theme in order to ensure the necessary rigor for the discussion of the results.

3. Expected Results

The study intends to propose educational support technologies for mothers, fathers and guardians of transgender children and adolescents and their social network. It is also expected to make information available in the academic context and for health professionals at the local level, aiming to support social networks in the recognition of gender identity, social transition and coping with transphobia.

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