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In the thesis *Dilemmas in child protection*, the factors are investigated that influence and possibly may improve decision-making by professionals in cases of (suspected) child maltreatment. In the complex reality of child welfare and child protection, there is a continuing call for quality improvement of decision-making on and services for maltreated children. Two widely used methods aimed at the support of professional decision-making were investigated. In addition, the influence was investigated of professionals' reasoning and attitudes on intervention recommendations. The results of these studies are discussed, including the implications they have for practice and research.



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