



Family trajectories and terminations in conditional cash transfer programs: The case of Chile's Ethical Family Wage program

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Context

- Brief history of Chile's CCT programs
- The Ethical Family Wage Program, 2013
 - Non conditional, conditional and achievement cash transfers
 - Psychosocial and employment case management
- Previous research on program trajectories and terminations

Study Methodology

- Analysis of program registry from the Ministry of Social Development program. Data base included:
 - Individual, family and program variables including program status.
- Analysis only of families who entered program between January 1 and December 31st, 2014.
 - total of 52,084 families.
- Study sought to identify variables that could explain program termination.

Findings

- In its implementation program deviates sharply from its theoretical framework.
 - 9 Family categories (Assessed, finalized, not localized, terminated, amongst others)
 - 90% of families only complete up to a maximum of 6 psychosocial sessions. This includes families who completed the programs 24 month duration.
- Probabilities of facing termination:
 - Greater probabilities of termination in families with younger heads of households, female and single headed households, larger families, households with higher education levels, those with informal employment, and families who participate in both the psychosocial and socio-employment case management.
 - Less probabilities of termination in families with homeownership and greater number of children.

Conclusions

- Low adherence to psychosocial (APS) and social employment (ASL) case management component of the program.
 - Area for future research.
- Families participating in both the APS and ASL were more likely to face termination.
 - Is this due to over-intervention?
- Complex findings in terms of program terminations:
 - Some variables associated with greater vulnerability while others associated with higher levels of social and cultural capital.