

## **Application of Expressed Emotions Study in United Kingdom, Hong Kong and China**

Expressed Emotion (EE), is a measure of the emotion displayed, typically in the family setting, usually by a family or care takers. In general, a high level of EE in the home can worsen the prognosis in patients with mental illness or act as a potential risk factor for the development of psychiatric disease. Professor Julian Leff is one of the founders of EE. Typically whether a person or family has high EE or low EE may be determined through a taped interview known as the Camberwell Family Interview (CFI). Families' EE may be different in various cultural contexts. Given most persons with mental disorders (over 90%) in contemporary China live with their families, EE concept is crucial for the development of family intervention for persons with mental disorders.