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### Abstract

#### **This work was conducted in the 'Michlol' unit of Shalem Fund**

"See me!" program, deals with the external appearance and hygiene of people with intellectual developmental disabilities. The purpose of the current evaluation was to examine the assimilation of the program over time (up to 7 years), and the ways in which the assimilation takes place. For the purpose of the evaluation, a questionnaire was developed (with closed and open questions) that was delivered to the managers of the facilities and the referents of the "See Me" program. 25 of the 40 facilities in which the program took place, starting in 2016, participated in the evaluation.

The evaluation findings indicated the ability of the program to exist over time. On the one hand, the program is present to this day (as of 2023) to a medium-large extent in a significant number of facilities. On the other hand, no significant differences were found in the effectiveness of the program and its presence in the facilities when a comparison was made between 'old' (2016-2019) and 'young' (2020-2022) facilities. The finding that indicates the program's ability to exist over time indicates mechanisms and routines that have developed in the facilities, which enable its continued existence in the facilities (as reported and demonstrated in the findings). Another notable finding is the achievement of the main goal of the program, which is to raise awareness and the mental-perceptual change, both among the recipients of the service and among the staff (as agents of change).

As part of the insights of this assessment, and in accordance with previous needs that emerged from the field, Shalem Foundation developed a Tutorial on the topic 'See me' which will be launched soon, and will be another tool for the facilities through which they will be able to learn, practice, assimilate and preserve the topic in the facilities. [Link here >> Tutorial "See me"](#).

## Keywords

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Program evaluation, 'See me' program, external appearance, hygiene, developmental intellectual disability

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