

Organisations and individuals often deliver activities to their client group based on what feels right or appropriate. However, without a programming framework that includes an evidence-based rationale, emphasises the core activities/outcomes and has an integrated evaluation process, their programs do not receive the funding or recognition that would otherwise be available. In the age of results-based accountability and performance measurement, getting program design right can be important for demonstrating results and securing ongoing funding.

CHD Partners have been involved in developing resources that facilitate organisations to deliver programs to their clients that are evidence-based, practical and engaging. Our work with these organisations has resulted in program manuals, program exercises, program logic charts and training materials. These resources have been well received by both staff and the participants involved in the programs. Specifically, we have developed the revised Targeted Programming Manual for NSW Police and Community Youth Clubs (PCYC); Targeting Offending Risk in Programming Manual for NSW PCYC; developed and facilitated workshops for Midnight Basketball Australia and worked on the development of a Traffic Offenders Program manual.

Further to the development of programming materials, we can provide a research service to supplement planners' and implementers' existing expert knowledge. The types of service we could offer include:

- **Literature reviews:** we can canvass the literature to find out more about the problem, or identify evaluations of programs or projects similar to that being considered;
- **Original Research:** the literature may not provide all the information required to assist with the decision-making process. We can conduct original research or analysis of existing data sets to help define the problem or to learn more about the problem;
- **Evaluation:** in the planning phase of a project, we can help project planners set up the measures that would be required to conduct an evaluation. We can also conduct 'process' and/or 'outcome' evaluations of existing projects.

We have been engaged to conduct the following evaluations:

- The NSW PCYC Mobile Van Program
- The NSW Crime Prevention Division's Aboriginal Youth Crime Prevention Grants Scheme
- The NSW Department of Community Services' Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program
- The Ted Noffs Foundation's Safe Partying Project
- The Granville Suspended Schools Project
- The Redfern/Waterloo Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan

Contact Garner Clancey on garner@chdpartners.com.au or 0425 231 825 to discuss your program design and evaluation and needs.

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