



**Dr Emily Verstege**  
Senior Consultant

Emily has a background in academic research in the fields of human services, public health and epidemiology. She brings skills in research methodology, data analysis, and scientific writing to ARTD projects.

Emily is able to conceptualise complex problems and synthesize existing research to inform policy.

In her role, Emily contributes to research and measurement instrument design. She collects and analyses qualitative and quantitative data.

Emily also manages projects and works with clients from the health, education, crime prevention and housing sectors.

Emily specialises in science communication and has provided succinct summaries of scientific concepts for a variety of audiences, including consumers and government.

PhD (Epidemiology), University of Queensland (2007)

BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science, University of Queensland (2002)

Member, Australasian Evaluation Society

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## Program evaluation

Emily has managed and been involved in projects across a range of human service areas including housing, health, disability and young people. Her contributions to projects range from analysing quantitative data to collecting and synthesising qualitative data, doing literature reviews and report writing.

## Housing

- *Review of the Rent Start Pilot* (Social Housing Programs, Queensland Department of Communities, 2011)
- *Post-implementation Review of the RentConnect Tenancy Guarantee and Loans* (Private Housing Programs, Queensland Department of Communities, 2010)
- *Post-implementation Review of the RentConnect Advisory Service* (Queensland Department of Communities, 2009)

## Young people

- *Helping Children with Autism Package* (FaHCSIA, current)
- *Evaluation of four early intervention programs for children with autism* (Family and Community Services; Ageing, Disability and Home Care, current)
- *Pilot of Case Management of Young People with Challenging Behaviour* (Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW, 2011)
- *Evaluation of Camp Quality* (Camp Quality, 2011)
- *Outcome Evaluation of the Youth Justice Program* (Queensland Department of Communities, 2011)
- *Reconnect and Newly Arrived Youth Services, Analysis of Action Research Reports* (FaHCSIA, 2009)
- *Evaluation of the NSW Child Protection Interagency Guidelines* (NSW Department of Community Services, 2008)

## Health

- *Evaluation of Lifeline's Online Crisis Support Chat* (Lifeline, current)
- *Evaluation of Gambling Help Online* (Office of Gaming and Racing, Victoria, 2011)
- *Review of LifeScripts Resources* (Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, 2009)

## Previous experience in research and evaluation

Emily has done research in evaluation methodology, particularly in injury prevention. Prior to joining ARTD, most of her work was in partnership with state government to implement and evaluate a childhood injury prevention program.

- McClure R, Davis E, **Yorkston E**, Nilsen P, Schluter P and Bugeja L (2010) Special issues in injury prevention: Developing the science of program implementation. *Injury* 41(S1):S16-S19
- **Yorkston E**, Turner C, Schluter P, McClure R, (2007) Quantifying the effect of a community-based injury prevention program in Queensland using a generalised estimating equation (GEE) approach, *Injury Prevention* 13: 191–196