



Dr Emily Verstege
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 worked with the team to deliver research and evaluation and has managed projects across a range of human service areas, including

- *Post Implementation Review of the RentConnect Tenancy Guarantee and Loans* (Queensland Department of Communities, current)
- *Review of the AGQTP Safe Schools: Making the Links Project* (NSW Department of Education and Training, 2009)
- *Post-Implementation Review of the RentConnect Advisory Service* (Queensland Department of Communities, 2009)
- *Review of GP-Term Evaluation Processes* (Sturt Fleurieu General Practice Education and Training, current)
- *Review of Water by Design Stakeholder Satisfaction* (South East Queensland Healthy Waterways Partnership, current)
- *Reconnect and Newly Arrived Youth Services, Analysis of Action Research Reports* (FaHCSIA, 2009)

Emily's contributions to projects range from analysing quantitative data to collecting and synthesising qualitative data, doing literature reviews and report writing.

Young people

- *Helping Children with Autism Package* (FaHCSIA, current)
- *Outcome Evaluation of the Youth Justice Program* (Queensland Department of Communities)
- *Evaluation of the NSW Child Protection Interagency Guidelines* (NSW Department of Community Services, 2008)

Education

- *Evaluation of the Playgroups Program* (FaHCSIA, 2008)
- *Ted Noffs Alcohol and Other Drug Education in Schools* (NSW Department of Education and Training, 2009)
- *Evaluation of an Early Childhood Road Safety Education Program* (NSW Department of Education and Training, 2008)

Health

- *Review of LifeScripts Resources* (Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, 2009)
- *Evaluation of the Otitis Media Screening Program* (NSW Centre for Aboriginal Health, 2008).

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. Examples of Emily's published evaluation findings include

- **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.
- McClure R, Turner C, **Yorkston E**, (2005) Making evaluation an integral part of injury program implementation, *International Journal of Injury Control and Safety Promotion* 12: 247-250.