



Kerry Hart
Consultant and Research Coordinator

Kerry is an experienced qualitative researcher and fieldwork coordinator with over fifteen years experience with ARTD. She leads teams to produce reliable and detailed research data, working with managers and clients in government and community programs around Australia across many fields, especially in the youth, disability and health sectors.

Kerry's specialist skills in face-to-face and telephone interviewing, small group processes, case study research and thematic analysis consistently produce sound and meaningful data. She advises on the qualitative data collection methodology, drawing upon her understanding of the feasibility of applying different research methods.

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Program evaluation

Kerry manages fieldwork, and is skilled in collecting and analysing qualitative data for evaluation and research. She is a proficient interviewer and ARTD's expert on conducting focus groups. She has been an important team member on the following recent projects:

- *Evaluation of the Helping Children with Autism Package* (FAHCSIA, 2009–2012). Kerry is managing and conducting case studies of families around Australia
- *Review of the Young Carers Program* (FAHCSIA, 2008). This Australia-wide review consulted with young carers, service providers and peak bodies, with the information being used to redesign the program.
- *Ted Noffs Foundation Counselling Program* (Ted Noffs Foundation, 1999/2000, 2001, 2005 and 2008). ARTD evaluated the Ted Noffs Foundation's alcohol and other drugs counselling program in schools, which involved interviews with school and program staff.
- *Evaluation of Supported Playgroups* (Department of Community Services, 2007). The evaluation involved interviews and focus groups with service providers, playgroup staff and parents and care-givers, and case studies.
- *Evaluation of the NSW Early Childhood Road Safety Education Program* (NSW Roads & Traffic Authority, 2004, 2008). This evaluation involved over 3,000 early childhood centres, with a survey of all centres and 10 case studies.
- *Evaluation of NSW Youth Partnership Pacific Communities* (NSW Department of Community Services, 2005-2007). This evaluation involved 8 lead agencies and 15 initiatives addressing children and young people's engagement in education; young offenders; family environments; and building community capacity.
- *Reconnect (National Youth Homelessness Program)*. This involved assessments of over 120 community-based services around Australia. Kerry has been involved in the annual assessment of Reconnect services since the pilot projects (Department of Family and Community Services, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005).

Social research

Kerry has managed and conducted research projects:

- *Children of Parents with Mental Illness General Practitioner Training Package* (Canterbury Division of General Practice and the Sydney South West Area Mental Health Service, 2006-2007) — interviewing GPs on their perceptions of the training, a thematic analysis of the data and the preparation of a report.
- *Alcohol education for primary school children* (NSW Department of Education and Training, 2006) — gauging attitudes of principals, teachers and students to an alcohol education teaching resource for primary school children.