



## Miriam Motha

Researcher



Miriam is a skilled researcher with experience in stakeholder interviews and literature reviews.

She joined ARTD in 2011, bringing her experience in the health sector and in multi-phase research projects to apply to her work at ARTD.

Prior to joining ARTD Miriam worked as a physiotherapist in both the public and private sectors. In her role, she assisted with two large multi-phase physiotherapy projects: a research project and a clinical trial, using a range of quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Miriam is currently completing a Graduate Diploma of Policy and Applied Social Research. As part of her research studies, she has undertaken literature reviews, fieldwork and data analysis. She has designed and administered surveys.

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### Evaluation and Research

Since joining ARTD Miriam has worked on a range of evaluation and research projects in the health, human services and environment sectors. She has conducted qualitative data collection and literature reviews, and worked with the team on survey design. Recent projects include

- My Time for Grandparents Peer Support Groups (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, 2011)
- Perinatal Depression Screening (NSW Department of Health, 2011)
- Four Autism Early Childhood Intervention Programs (Human Service, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, 2011)
- Clean Air, Healthy Communities Program (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2011)
- Family Case Management Model (NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, 2011).

### Monitoring

Miriam has worked on projects to develop and implement monitoring systems for human services programs. Recent projects include

- Monitoring System for Community Builders, a program covering a range of local projects designed to strengthen local communities by developing cohesiveness and trust, increasing participation in social and civic activities, and fostering access to resources (Department of Community Services, 2011)
- Monitoring System for Domestic and Family Violence Programs, including the Staying Home Leaving Violence and Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Programs, which support women, and their children, affected by domestic violence (Department of Community Services, 2010–2011).

### External Experience

Miriam is currently undertaking a Graduate Diploma of Policy and Applied Social Research. As part of her diploma, she is currently working on a project looking at the ways Australian society has changed over the past thirty years. Her methods include a literature and media review, observation fieldwork and interviews.

Over the past four years in her role as a physiotherapist, Miriam assisted with a large research project, which included an in-depth literature review, survey design and administration, data collection and analysis. She was also involved in submitting ethics applications, developing testing protocols, collecting and analysing data for a clinical trial.

Prior to that she designed and implemented a large neighbourhood survey to collect demographic data on people living in two Sydney suburbs for a charity organisation.