



Ofir Thaler

Consultant



Ofir is a skilled researcher specialising in qualitative data collection and analysis as well as document research and literature reviews. He has a deep understanding of different techniques for acquiring and using qualitative data.

He has been a key team member on many projects at ARTD, where his responsibilities also include data management and survey administration.

Ofir is a recent university graduate, with first class Honours in Sociology.

Prior to joining ARTD in 2007, Ofir completed a successful internship at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW.

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Evaluation and research

Ofir has worked on numerous projects, both large and small, where he has conducted stakeholder interviews and focus groups as well as detailed literature and document reviews. Ofir has also managed the analysis of qualitative data, establishing project-specific databases and using specialist software such as NVIVO 9. Recent projects include

- *Evaluation of the Shared Access trials phases I and II (Housing NSW, NSW Department of Human Services, 2008 and 2010)*
- *Evaluation of the Helping Children with Autism Package (Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, 2009, ongoing)*
- *Evaluation of the Settlement Grants Program (Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2010)*
- *Evaluation of Participation in Community Sport and Active Recreation (PICSAR), VicHealth, 2010, ongoing)*
- *Evaluation of the Drug Early Intervention Program (NSW Department of Education, 2009)*
- *Evaluation of the Carers Australia Supporting Young Carers program (Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, 2008).*

Monitoring and performance management

Ofir provides administration and database support and works closely with teams on projects to develop and implement monitoring systems. Recent projects include

- *Community Participation program (NSW Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care, 2007–2009)*
- *Transition to Work program (NSW Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care, 2007–2009)*
- *Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) for people with mental illness (NSW Health, 2007–2009).*

Previous research

Ofir is a central co-author of a Social Policy Research Centre report commissioned by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs:

- *Fisher, K., Parker, S., Purcal, C., Thaler, O., Abelson, P. and Pickering, E., Effectiveness of Supported Living in Relation to Shared Accommodation, Sydney: Social Policy Research Centre (UNSW). Report prepared for the Disability Policy and Research Working Group (2007).*

Ofir's recent honours thesis in Sociology investigated the effects of the shifts towards individualised funding in support services for people with disability.