



Ofir Thaler

Researcher



Ofir is a skilled researcher specialising in qualitative data collection and analysis as well as document research and literature reviews. He is a key team member on projects 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

Ofir has worked on numerous evaluation and research projects, both large and small where he has conducted stakeholder interviews and focus groups as well as detailed literature and document reviews. Recent projects include

- Evaluation of the *Helping Children with Autism Package* (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, current)
- Evaluation of drug and alcohol early intervention strategies (NSW Department of Education, 2009)
- Evaluation of the *No Interest Loan Scheme* (Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development, 2009)
- Evaluation of *Private Rental Assistance* products and services (Housing NSW, 2009)
- Evaluation of the Carers Australia *Supporting Young Carers* program (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)
- *Shared-Access* trials (NSW Department of Housing, 2008).

External projects

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.