



## Ofir Thaler

Researcher



Since joining ARTD in 2007, Ofir has provided research support on numerous projects. He specialises in qualitative data collection and analysis as well as literature reviews. 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, Ofir completed a successful internship at the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW.

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### Projects for ARTD

#### Evaluation

Ofir has worked on several large evaluation projects. He conducts stakeholder interviews, literature and document reviews. His role includes managing project databases and data analysis. Recent projects include:

- 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 the Carers Australia *Supporting Young Carers* program (the Department of Housing, Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, 2008)
- evaluation of the NSW Interagency Guidelines for Child Protection Intervention 2006 (NSW Department of Community Services, 2008)
- evaluation of Private Rental Assistance Projects (Housing NSW, 2009)

#### Monitoring and performance management

Ofir provides support and works closely with teams on monitoring and performance management projects. His role includes assistance with design and formulation of baseline information, data management, analysis and administration. Recent projects include:

- Monitoring of the *Community Participation* program (NSW Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care, Ongoing )
- Monitoring of the Transition to Work program (NSW Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care, Ongoing)
- Monitoring of the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative for people with mental illness (NSW Health, Ongoing)
- the inter-agency *Shared-Access* program (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 recently completed his honours thesis in Sociology at Sydney University. His thesis investigated the theory, context and effects of the shifts towards individualised funding in support services for people with disability.