



Wendy Hodge

Principal Consultant

Wendy is one of ARTD's most experienced consultants and research managers. She has expertise in research and instrument design, evaluation theory and developing evaluation frameworks.

Since joining ARTD in 1989, she has managed over 150 research and evaluation projects across human service fields including in education, crime prevention, disability, health prevention, child protection and environment.

Wendy is skilled in managing complex projects through tight deadlines, unexpected barriers, and changing circumstances.

Wendy delivers reports that address key strategic issues. She understands how to synthesise evidence from multiple sources and draw out findings. Her reports provide clients with credible information on the effectiveness of interventions and the scope for improvements.

Wendy has a background in public health, product evaluation and health promotion.

Masters of Public Health,
University of Sydney (1998)

Grad. Dip. With Merit
(Nutrition/Dietetics),
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B.Sc (Honours),
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Disability services

Wendy designed and led significant evaluation projects in the disabilities field

- *Helping Children with Autism Package* (2009-2011), a comprehensive three stage evaluation of a major Australian Government initiative uses mixed methods to collect data from carers and service providers, as well as analysing monitoring data (FaHCSIA, current)
- *Young Carers Program*, an Australia-wide review which consulted young carers, service providers and peak bodies. The information was used to redesign the program (FaHCSIA, 2008)

Education sector

Over the last decade Wendy has designed and managed a series of research studies of pilot drug education programs in NSW schools, including cannabis education programs for secondary and primary schools.

In 2010, high-profile evaluations for the NSW Department of Education and Training she managed included

- Smarter Schools National Partnerships NSW (initial evaluation)
- Evaluation of the National Literacy and Numeracy Pilot Programs
- Evaluation of the Cannabis Game.

Crime Prevention

- Sober Driver Program, a major education intervention for repeat drink-driving offenders. The large multi-method evaluation used a quasi experimental design complemented by qualitative methods (NSW Department of Corrective Services, 2004-2005).
- Youth Opportunity Program, evaluation of a suite of three youth crime prevention programs (Qld Department of Communities, 2010).

Health

- Australian Council of Health Care Standards Member Survey, Wendy developed a customer satisfaction framework, designed an on-line survey and facilitated national workshops to explore the findings (2009).
- PICSAR Program, Evaluation of a large state-wide program to encourage people from disadvantaged backgrounds to participate in organized sport (VicHealth 2009-2010).
- Metro Active Program, evaluation of a demonstration program for physical activity in six metropolitan councils in Melbourne (VicHealth 2007).
- Health promotion in NSW Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Justice Centres, an investigation of the feasibility of introducing preventative health programs into correctional facilities (Justice Health, 2005).

Child Protection

Wendy has led significant evaluation projects in the human service sector

- Evaluation of the 2006 NSW Interagency Guidelines for Child Protection, methods included an on-line survey of 6000 professionals, case studies, interviews with policy makers and a desktop review (NSW Department of Community Services, 2008).