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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Criminology),
University of Western Sydney (2010)
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours I)
Criminology, University of Western
Sydney (2003)
Bachelor of Social Sciences,
University of Western Sydney (2002)



NATALIE SCERRA

MANAGER



Natalie is an experienced and skilled researcher with expertise in a range of applied research methodologies and adept working with both qualitative and quantitative data. Natalie joined ARTD in 2019, bringing 10 years' experience in applied research through her previous roles as Acting Manager and Principal Researcher in the Centre for Research, Innovation and Advocacy at Uniting and at the University of Western Sydney. Her work has been published in academic journals, including the Journal of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.



I always respect that the client is the expert in their work. I believe there's always something we can learn from clients, as much as they might learn from us. For this reason, I see our clients as partners, where we work collaboratively to achieve their aims.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Natalie leads and manages research-to-practice and capacity-building projects.

- » **Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation evidence building partnership** (Their Futures Matter, 2019): partnering with KBHAC to develop measures and a data collection system that will build their capacity to demonstrate outcomes.
- » **Aboriginal Research Team** (Uniting, 2015): led Uniting's Aboriginal Research Team, which provided skills and culturally appropriate training to Aboriginal staff to enable them to contribute to and lead research.
- » **Youth Mental Health** (Uniting, 2014–15): worked with youth services programs to identify and implement a validated tool to support case management and case work.
- » **Brighter Futures** (Uniting, 2013–15): Collaborated with the BF leadership team to identify measurable outcomes and develop key performance indicators.

EVALUATION

Natalie leads literature and policy reviews, mixed-method data analysis and report writing.

- » **Aboriginal Outcomes Strategy Evaluation** (FACS, 2019): developing an evaluation framework for the AOS and evaluating early implementation and outcomes.
- » **Young Mob Youth Leadership program evaluation** (World Vision Australia, 2019): co-managing the two-year evaluation to assess impact and inform future up-scaling.
- » **Newpin Inside Parents evaluation** (UnitingCare Tasmania, 2013): led the outcomes evaluation of a UnitingCare Tasmania program delivered to fathers in a correctional setting.

APPLIED RESEARCH

At Uniting, Natalie managed research projects working with young people and families in the justice sector, drawing on her academic background in criminology.

- » **Young People and Apprehended Violence Orders** (Uniting, 2015): conducted an exploratory study to assess the extent and impact of this issue in youth services of Uniting.
- » **Justice Reinvestment** (Uniting, 2012): collaborated with non-government, academic and legal stakeholders to support the Justice Reinvestment: Policy subcommittee, performing extensive data mapping to inform decision-making on a pilot location.