

The Children and Young People's Safety Project:

A protocol for research to practice in the field of organisational child sexual abuse prevention.

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# Today's talk

- The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- 2. CAYPS project
- Research (in CSA prevention) methodology in practice

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### **The Royal Commission**



2013-2017

Focus: Sexual abuse in organisations

17 volumes of findings

#### Fast facts

42,041 Calls handled



8,013 Private sessions held 2,575 Referrals to authorities (including police)





#### **Australian Safe Kids & Young People**







## Children and Young People's Safety Project

Safeguarding Portal

ACU's one-stop shop for resources training and survey tools to support organisations to develop a culture of safeguarding. Children's Safety Survey

A survey tool youthserving organisations can use to measure *children's perceptions* of safety Safeguarding Capabilities Survey

A survey tool youthserving organisations can use to measure *staff and volunteers* capabilities to safeguard children

## https://safeguardingchildren.acu.edu.au

### How organisations take part



## **Industry-funded research**

Each organisation that wants to take part – pays to take part

## Why would they pay to take part in research?

They get access to their results instantly via an online dynamic dashboard with filters

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#### **Children's Safety Survey**



- Developed in partnership with children and young people
- Focus groups with 110 children and young people across Australia
- Child protection experts provided expertise into the survey's development

Designed for children and young people aged 10-18 to complete independently with minimal adult intervention Provides organisations with an opportunity to gain an understanding of children's perceptions of safety

#### **Safeguarding Capabilities Survey**

The Safeguarding Capabilities survey measures the capabilities of participating organisations' staff and volunteers related to safeguarding children and young people.

#### Original Article

Safeguarding Capabilities in Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: Exploratory Factor Analysis of a Scale Measuring Safeguarding Capabilities in Youth-Serving Organizations Workers Child Malcreatment 2020, Vol. 25(2) 233-242 © The Author(s) 2019 Article reuse guidelines: asgepub.com/journals-permissions DOI: 10.1177/107559519870253 journals.asgepub.com/home/cmx \$SAGE 73 items in the survey

## 4 areas of capability

- Awareness
- Confidence to act
- Attitude
- Knowledge

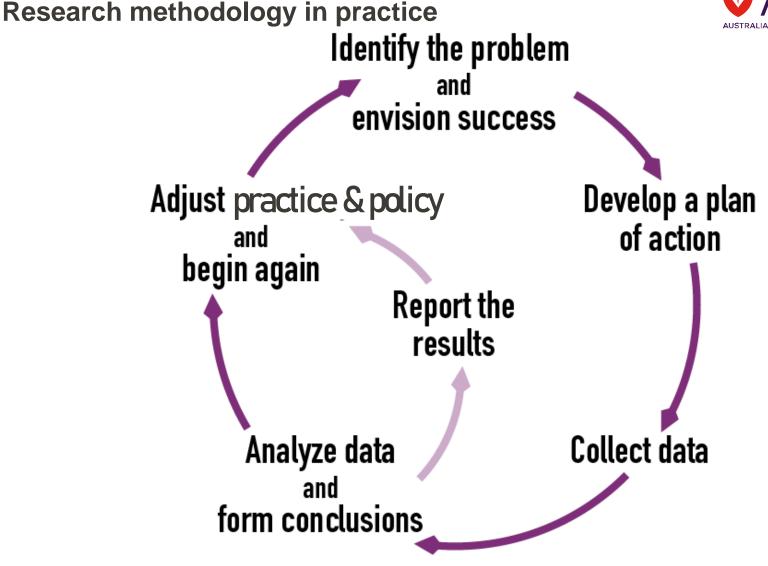
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#### Abstract

Media reports and government enquiries have shone a spotlight on institutional child sexual abuse (CSA) globally. With youthserving organizations seeking to identify how to improve policies and procedures developed to protect children, a gap exists in research and organizational quality assurance procedures. A new tool is needed to measure the capability of workers to







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- To conduct research and create resources for youthserving organisations that will sit on the Safeguarding Children Portal
- The project doubles as a **quality assurance** and learning tool.
- Based on the data, organisations using the Children's Safety Survey and/or the Safeguarding Capabilities Survey can develop tailored interventions, policies and practices to improve conditions of safety for the children and young people with whom they interact.



## **Questions and contact details**

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