

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

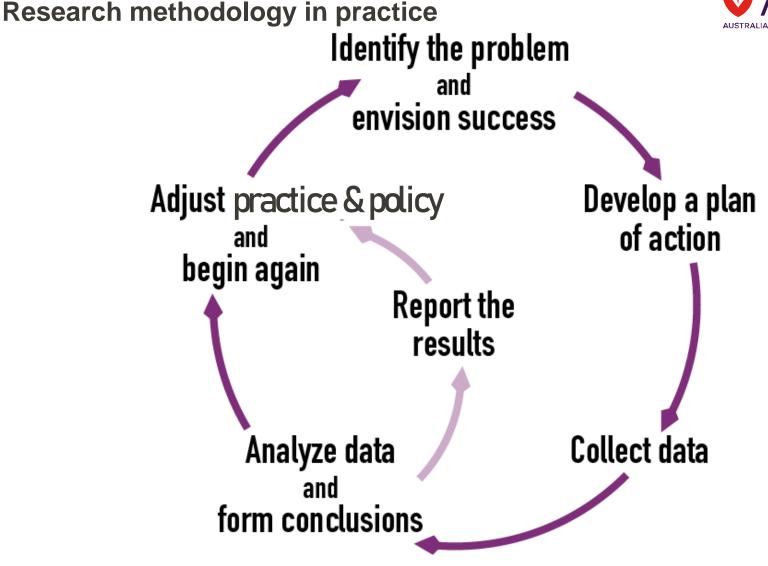
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Abstract

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.



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