

Research and Evaluation

Position Statement

Introduction

yourtown is committed to providing innovative and effective programs and services that support young people and their families, especially those who are marginalised and without voice.

We recognise that to remain informed and accountable we must undertake research and evaluate our programs, activities and the needs of our client group.

yourtown's Position

Research and evaluation of programs and activities occurs to ensure we meet client needs and service expectations, use resources in ways that improve the lives of our clients, continuously inform and improve programs and practices and provide an evidence base on which to give voice to the needs of young people and their families.

Research and evaluation of programs and activities are conducted in line with applicable program requirements, in accordance with relevant governing ethical standards and with informed consent in a respectful, anonymous and confidential manner, keeping participant interests and rights at the core.

Research and evaluation findings are disseminated to relevant internal and external stakeholders and feedback is encouraged.

Where applicable the development of partnerships and collaborative processes with other agencies and research institutions is undertaken.