

Catholic Social Services Australia works with its members to **produce evidence/research which informs public opinion and assists lawmakers to develop just and compassionate social and economic policies** that will improve the lives of the poor and vulnerable in Australia.

OUR COMMITMENT

- We provide a **credible and respected voice for the poor** and vulnerable
- We produce **evidence to provide a blueprint for an equitable and modern social services system**
- We **partner with universities, academics and others in research that model pathways to reform**
- We **partner with departments, peak bodies and members to provide the evidence for improved outcomes**
- We promote **evidence of impact and case studies of success** from among our membership

OUR RESULTS

- **Nation-wide evaluations** in aged care, home care and mental health for Commonwealth Departments
- A **national collaborative framework** to measure and monitor family support outcomes
- **Australian Research Council Linkage projects** in some of Australia's poorest communities
- **Sector-wide financial impact modelling** of national policy changes (partner with faith-based providers)
- **National and place-based analysis** of intergenerational disadvantage (DOTE partners with Jesuit Social Services)



OUR PARTNERSHIP OFFERS

Research Funds

1. Support for Category 1-3 grant applications involving industry partners
2. Support researchers and members to develop funding partnerships
3. Identify opportunities for data and in-kind support from member agencies

Member Advice

1. Review and advise when considering new academic research partnerships
2. Review and advise when commissioning research with private consultants
3. Strategic advice to match evidence methods with evaluation needs

Networks

1. Support to make the right connections across sector, Catholic and university networks
2. Provide a national perspective on possibilities for data sharing, bench-marking and big data
3. Access to emerging trends from across the national Catholic research network

Research Impact

1. Develop impact strategies based on experience in Russell Group impact centre
2. Design research to inform media and for policy impact
3. Translate research into high-level political advocacy

Member Partnerships

1. Partner to improve data collection, program monitoring, outcome frames and evaluation tools
2. Coordinate member partnerships to improve outcomes and evidence-based practice

Workshops

1. Research design workshops to define aims and match methods
2. Design and case design workshops to set logics and improve outcome evaluation
3. Case study and narrative method workshops to enhance evidence and impact



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With more than 20 year's academic experience and over 80 peer-reviewed publications, Brenton understands research and impact.

His experience producing evidence across academic, political, public and private sectors means that he can link high-level policy research to mixed method evidence production and service delivery evaluation.

