Research for practice in small human service organizations

Doing and disseminating small scale research

Overview of presentation

- Introducing Rosemount
- Examples of research
- Common themes
- Dissemination and effects
- Strengths
- Challenges
Research projects

- Sexual assault prevalence studies [in process]
- Anger management and young people [2006/7]
- Marginalised young men [2006/7 with Youth Block]
- Adolescent violence towards parents [2004]
- Young people and train fines [2004]
- Young people and internet use [2003]
- Drug and alcohol use among young people in the inner west [2002]
- Early school leaving in the inner west [2001/2]
Common themes

- Arise from local practice issues
- Emerging issues
- Combination of primary and secondary research

Dissemination

- Website
- Conferences
- Publications
- Staff presentations
- Interagency presentations
Effects of the research

- Advocacy
- Programme development
- Focal point for local issues
- Promotes critical reflection on practice

Strengths of the role

- Ability to respond quickly to local and emerging issues
- Breaks down research/practice division
- Doing much with little
Challenges of the role

- Time and resources
- Sole worker
- Professional development/networks?
- Exploring the broader context of these challenges