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The Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault aims to improve access to current information on sexual assault in order to assist policy makers and others interested in this area to develop evidence-based strategies to prevent, respond to, and ultimately reduce the incidence of sexual assault.

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Introducing the

# ACSSA GOOD PRACTICE DATABASE

The Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault is seeking to develop a national collection of “good practice” programs and/or approaches that aim to improve our understanding of, as well as our responses to, sexual assault.

The programs will be incorporated into a public access database and will be available via the ACSSA website or through the Australian Institute of Family Studies website. The database will also be used to inform the work of other service providers who are developing or refining best practice models in responding to sexual assault.

“Good practice” approaches might be those that specifically:

- take account of contemporary research and practice developments in the field of sexual assault;
- position diversity as key to the development, understanding and delivery of good practice models;
- contribute to improving systems responses to sexual assault, or directed at preventing sexual assault;
- demonstrate a sensitivity towards the barriers faced by victim/survivors in disclosing and reporting sexual assault;
- have a clearly defined conceptual framework;
- include processes of accountability and evaluation; and
- demonstrate a capacity for replication (that is, other services and organisations could adapt or model the program for their use).

The Centre welcomes submissions to the Good Practice database from service providers, policy and program developers, educators and trainers, researchers and others working to address sexual violence.

If you or your organisation is involved in developing or conducting a program, initiative or approach related to sexual assault we would like to encourage you to contribute your program to the database by completing a specially designed program questionnaire. Submissions are assessed through the questionnaire by ACSSA research staff against the above criteria. We will respond to individual submissions within two weeks of the lodgement date to indicate whether the program has been selected for inclusion.

Contact or email the Centre for copies of the Good Practice database questionnaire, or download it from the ACSSA website. Please feel free to contact ACSSA research staff for any assistance you may need in completing the programs questionnaire.

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