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The following pages (68-87) of this report present in tabular form a summary of research project performance across the Institute's research programs. For each of the research projects in these areas, project aims, planned outputs, actual outputs, and outcomes achieved are recorded.

Project aims	Planned outputs	Actual outputs	Outcomes achieved
PROGRAM A: CHILDREN AND PARENTING			
<p>Australian Temperament Project (ATP) <i>(Commenced at AIFS in 2000 but has been in existence since 1983)</i></p> <p>Data analysis</p> <p>Reporting and dissemination</p> <p>Brief data collection to gain overview of major life changes (e.g. relationships, parenthood)</p> <p>Planning for next general data collection, scheduled for 2006</p>	<p>Statistical analysis of longitudinal data set, and of the 13th data collection wave</p> <p>Preparation of journal articles, conference presentations and newsletters</p> <p>Collection of information about participants' current life circumstances, relationships, difficulties and future aspirations</p> <p>Initial planning commenced</p> <p>Identification of possible areas to assess and measures to employ</p> <p>Consideration of differing data collection methods</p>	<p>Statistical analyses completed and ongoing</p> <p>6 journal articles published</p> <p>5 conference presentations</p> <p>2 workshop presentations undertaken</p> <p>2 newsletters published</p> <p>Data collected which can also be used to select participants for particular purpose sub-studies</p> <p>In early planning stage</p> <p>Research literature and measures collected and synthesised</p> <p>Information gathered on the feasibility and costs of data collection via the internet</p>	<p>Findings provide new Australian data on young people's wellbeing and adjustment</p> <p>Findings cited widely in national and international publications</p> <p>Findings extensively discussed in media - print radio and television, including <i>Life Matters</i> (ABC) and <i>Today Tonight</i> (Ch 7)</p> <p>Invited to present findings to policy makers, practitioners and researchers</p>

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<p>ATP/Crime Prevention Victoria <i>(Commenced December 2001, scheduled completion 2004)</i></p> <p>Reporting and dissemination</p>	<p>Preparation of commissioned report (the third in this series)</p> <p>Presentation at international and national conferences</p>	<p>Third Report completed</p> <p>2 journal articles and 1 commissioned report published</p> <p>4 conference presentations undertaken</p>	<p>Findings widely cited in research and policy documents</p> <p>Findings seen as providing unique Australian evidence</p> <p>Invited to present findings to policy makers, practitioners and researchers</p> <p>Strong media interest, with findings discussed by print, radio and television, including <i>Today Tonight</i> (Ch 7)</p>
<p>ATP/Transport Accident Commission of Victoria and Royal Automobile Club of Victoria <i>(Commenced June 2003, scheduled completion 2004)</i></p> <p>Reporting and dissemination</p>	<p>Preparation of commissioned report</p> <p>Presentation of findings at national conferences and launch of report</p>	<p>Report completed, published and launched</p> <p>2 conference presentations undertaken, presentation at launch of report completed</p>	<p>Findings seen as valuable by road safety researchers</p> <p>New intervention and prevention initiatives, which have been influenced by the findings</p> <p>Strong interest in the findings from print, radio and television media, for example Channel 7 news</p>

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<p>Child Care Choices <i>(Commenced 2001; scheduled completion 2004)</i></p> <p>Data collection - Wave 3</p> <p>Collaboration with Macquarie University and Charles Sturt University</p> <p>Data analysis</p> <p>Dissemination of findings via written papers</p> <p>Dissemination of findings via conference papers and speaking engagements</p>	<p>Undertake CATI survey for Wave 3</p> <p>Regular teleconferences and face to face meetings for planning and development</p> <p>Analysis of Wave 1 data</p> <p>2 journal articles published 2 journal articles submitted</p> <p>8 conference papers 2 conference posters</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed and ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2 journal articles published 1 journal article waiting internal clearance 1 journal article preparation ongoing</p> <p>8 conference papers 2 conference posters</p>	<p>Interest in data by policy makers and practitioners</p> <p>Invitations to present to community groups</p> <p>Strong media interest in findings</p>
<p>Child Care in Cultural Context <i>(Commenced February 2000; scheduled completion December 2003)</i></p> <p>Dissemination of findings via written papers</p> <p>Dissemination of findings via conference papers and speaking engagements</p>	<p>3 Institute Research Papers</p> <p>2 journal articles submitted</p> <p>1 conference presentation</p>	<p>2 (externally reviewed and revised) Research Papers waiting internal clearance</p> <p>1 final analysis and literature review of 1 Research Paper completed</p> <p>2 journal articles waiting internal clearance</p> <p>1 conference presentation</p>	<p>Strong interest in findings from practitioners</p> <p>Invitations to present to community groups</p>

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<p>Children and Family Life <i>(Commenced July 2002; scheduled completion 2004)</i></p> <p>Subject recruitment</p> <p>Data collection</p> <p>Data entry</p> <p>Data screening</p> <p>Analysis of data</p> <p>Dissemination of findings via conference papers and speaking engagements</p>	<p>Recruitment of families from 100 Victorian Primary Schools</p> <p>Finalise data collection</p> <p>Finalise data entry</p> <p>Finalise data screening</p> <p>Statistical analysis of study data</p> <p>1 conference presentation 1 conference poster</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed and ongoing</p> <p>1 conference presentation 1 conference poster</p>	<p>Institute was invited to present to policy-makers and community groups</p>
<p>Follow-up Study of Children Conceived through Donor Insemination <i>(Commenced 2003; scheduled completion 2004)</i></p> <p>Subject recruitment</p> <p>Analysis of data</p> <p>Consultancy report</p>	<p>Recruitment of 100 families</p> <p>Preparation of draft report</p> <p>Preparation of final report</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Efficacy of Early Childhood Interventions <i>(Commenced 2004; scheduled completion 2004)</i></p> <p>Consultancy report</p> <p>Publish consultancy report</p>	<p>1 unpublished report submitted</p> <p>1 report published</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Strong interest in findings from policymakers at multiple levels of government</p>

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<p>Parenting Influences on Adolescent Alcohol Use (Commenced May 2004, scheduled for completion August 2004)</p> <p>Reporting and dissemination</p>	Preparation of commissioned report	Commissioned report completed, published and released	<p>Findings cited and viewed as providing important new information for policy development</p> <p>Invitations accepted to attend policy development workshops</p> <p>Strong interest in the findings from print, radio, and television media</p>

PROGRAM AREA B: FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

Family Trends and Transitions			
<p>Trends in Family Transitions To analyse and disseminate information on a broad range of family trends and transitions</p>	Publish articles, present papers, and participate in media interviews on family transitions, most particularly, leaving home, partnering, fertility, relationship stability/separation, divorce and repartnering, and changes in family structure	<p>1 book</p> <p>2 <i>Family Matters</i> articles</p> <p>4 paper presentations</p>	<p>Ongoing analysis and dissemination of broad family trends and transitions</p> <p>Continuing requests for media interviews and paper presentations</p>
<p>Families in the Asian Region To establish or strengthen existing connections with Asian countries regarding family-related research</p>	Develop and strengthen links with representatives of Asia countries who are involved in research on families	<p>2 invited presentations in Singapore</p> <p>Participation in a conference in Kuala Lumpur (facilitating and participating in Roundtable discussions; chairing paper presentations)</p> <p>3 <i>Family Matters</i> articles</p>	<p>Invitation to assist in the development of the first Vietnam National Family Survey</p> <p>Continued communication with academics and policy makers in the Asian region</p>

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		<p>Visits to AIFS by a government official from the Social Welfare Dept, Philippines and the Vice Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Studies, National University of Singapore; delegations from Taiwan and New Zealand.</p> <p>Members of the Singapore Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports attended the AIFS conference and the Director of Family Policy participated in a panel discussion on family policy in the Asia Pacific region</p>	
<p>Fertility Decision Making Project (Collaborative project with the Australian Government Office for Women, FaCS) (Commenced 2002, completed 2004)</p> <p>To increase understanding of the factors influencing individuals' and couples' decisions regarding having children</p>	<p>Submission of report to the Australian Government Office for Women</p> <p>Dissemination of findings through AIFS publications and media interviews</p>	<p>Report to Office for Women</p> <p>AIFS Research Report no.9</p> <p>4 <i>Family Matters</i> articles</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>Request to present a workshop on the findings</p> <p>Requests for media interviews</p> <p>Invitation to join Confirmation Committee to assess a student's PhD candidature (Melb. Uni)</p> <p>Invitation to undertake further collaborative work in this area (by a university academic)</p>
<p>Positive Family Relationships</p> <p>Marriage and Relationship Education and Support To monitor and evaluate marriage-related research and policies, and disseminate information about marital and couple relationships, stability and satisfaction, marriage and relationship education</p>	<p>Relevant outputs include relationship stability versus instability. These are listed under family trends and transitions</p> <p>Handle media queries</p>	<p>See above-noted publications on relationship stability and wellbeing</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>Continued request for interviews and information from media and other relationship professionals</p> <p>Ongoing consultations with marriage and relationship education providers</p>

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			<p>AIFS representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marriage and Relationship Education Network committee - Victorian Association of Family Therapists Research Advisory Committee - <i>Threshold</i> Editorial Board
<p>The Case for Marriage in Australia (Commenced June 2003; to be completed in 2005)</p> <p>To examine whether marriage confers particular advantages on Australian individuals and couples</p>	<p>Preparation of literature review</p> <p>Analysis of Australian data</p>	<p>Literature review published in <i>Family Matters</i></p> <p>Analysis of Australian data to be completed in late 2005</p>	
<p>Family Relationships and Work Circumstances</p> <p>To assess the nature and strength of links between marital and family wellbeing and parents' work circumstances</p>	<p>In collaboration with Program C, dissemination of research on links between fathers' work hours and personal and family well-being</p>	<p>1 Research Paper</p> <p>1 article in external refereed journal</p> <p>4 conference presentations</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>This work stimulated further research by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research</p>
<p>Family Law</p> <p>Family Law Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>To monitor and evaluate family law-related research and policies, and disseminate relevant information</p>	<p>2 articles in <i>Family Matters</i></p>	<p>3 articles in <i>Family Matters</i></p> <p>1 book chapter</p> <p>5 presentations</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>Respond to calls for submissions to two government reviews</p> <p>Liaise with national and international research bodies and universities, community and professional groups</p>

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			<p>Institute reports and books continue to be used by Family Court, mediation agencies, international and national universities and research institutes</p> <p>Arranged a family law stream of papers at the AIFS conference</p>
<p>Caring for Children after Parental Separation <i>(Commenced 2002, revised completion data 2006)</i></p> <p>To achieve a better understanding of the dimensions, predictors, and outcomes of contact between non-resident parents and their children</p>	1 Research Report	<p>Deferred owing to Child Support Taskforce responsibilities and the introduction of new projects</p> <p>4 articles (1 in an international journal)</p> <p>9 presentations</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>Research cited in a number of publications in Australia and overseas</p> <p>Invitations to present papers at international and national conferences</p>
<p>Understanding Contact Disputes <i>(Commenced 2004, scheduled completion 2006)</i></p> <p>To gain insight into the prevalence of disputes about contact and the dynamics or trigger events that lead to disputes on contact escalating into legal conflict</p>	<p>Gain Ethics approval</p> <p>Conduct focus groups</p>	<p>Ethics approval granted</p> <p>Focus groups conducted</p>	
<p>Attitudes to Child Support <i>(Commenced Dec 2004, completed 2005)</i></p> <p>To explore attitudes to the Child Support Scheme in Australia to help inform the work of the Ministerial Taskforce on Child Support</p>	1 Research Report	<p>1 Research Report</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>Data drawn on heavily in the Final Taskforce report</p> <p>Influenced the recommendations of the Taskforce</p>

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<p>HILDA Survey</p> <p>Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey</p> <p>To develop the Family Dynamics module of the HILDA survey, and represent AIFS in Program Management Group and External Reference Group meetings</p> <p>To encourage use of the HILDA dataset where appropriate</p>	<p>Participate in Project Management Group</p> <p>Prepare Family Dynamics section of the forthcoming survey wave</p>	<p>Participation in the management of the HILDA survey is ongoing</p> <p>Development of family dynamics component for each wave is ongoing</p> <p>Development of survey wave</p>	<p>HILDA dataset is now being used extensively by researchers in universities and by Government departments, and by AIFS researchers</p>

PROGRAM AREA C: FAMILY AND SOCIETY

<p>Families, Social Capital and Citizenship <i>(Commenced 2000; project completed)</i></p> <p>To document and understand the extent and diversity of family engagement in the community, economy, and in Australian political life</p>	<p>No planned outputs</p>	<p>Advisory role to Australian Bureau of Statistics and Longitudinal Study of Australian Children</p> <p>Continued dissemination of research findings from the study</p>	<p>Citation of Institute research on social capital</p>
<p>Family and Work Decisions <i>(Commenced February 2001; scheduled completion December 2005)</i></p> <p>This is a study of the work decisions of families with dependent children</p>	<p>Conference presentations and publication of findings</p> <p>Further dissemination of results</p>	<p>5 papers presented at 9th Australian Institute of Family Studies conference</p> <p>Continued dissemination of research findings from the study</p> <p>Part of submission to House of Representatives Inquiry into Work and Family Balance</p> <p>Media interviews</p>	<p>Inform recommendations from the Committee</p>

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<p>Work and Family Interactions/ Family-Friendly Work Practices <i>(Commenced 2002; ongoing)</i></p> <p>This project area is ongoing and contains much of the research (other than the Family and Work Decisions Project) into families and their relationship with the labour market, including work and family issues, family-friendly workplace issues and transitions into and out of the labour market</p>	<p>Analysis and dissemination of result from ABS <i>Managing Caring Responsibilities Survey</i></p>	<p>1 <i>Family Matters</i> article and a further article in press for Winter edition</p> <p>2 conference presentations</p> <p>Part of submission to House of Representatives Inquiry into Work and Family Balance</p>	<p>Inform policy development</p>
<p>Australians Working Together (AWT) Parenting Payment Activity Requirement Evaluation <i>(Commenced March 2004, scheduled for completion end 2005)</i></p> <p>This was an evaluation of the impact of compulsory Centrelink interviews and activity requirements introduced by the Government in September 2003. Respondents were Parenting Payment customers who had a youngest child aged 13-15 years and had signed a formal Participation Agreement with Centrelink in February/March 2004</p>	<p>Collection of two waves of data</p> <p>Write commissioned report for Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Maintenance of stakeholder relationships in an important area for future policy development</p>	<p>Informed policy implementation and development</p>

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DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS ANALYSIS (Supporting the above three program areas)			
To analyse and disseminate broad social and demographic trends related to families	Statistical profiles of Australian families Articles on family trends for <i>Family Matters</i> New series to online database <i>Family Facts and Figures</i> on AIFS website Collaborative research with Program areas	Book entitled <i>Diversity and change in Australian families: Statistical profiles</i> has been published 3 <i>Family Trends</i> articles in <i>Family Matters</i> 2 conference presentations 1 new series on parent-child contact after separation added to <i>Family Facts and Figures</i> Published articles with Programs B and C 1 article in AIFS Research Report with Program B 2 AIFS Research Reports with programs B and C 2 international conference presentations with programs B and C 2 national conference presentation with program B 2 presentations on family trends to overseas visitors (with Program B) 5 other presentations with programs B and C	The release of the book and the information in the book has been reported extensively in the media Debate stimulated in the media Increasing number of pages downloaded and informal feedback from university lecturers indicating that this online database has become an important source of information for students in the social science field Debate stimulated in the media

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<p>Warehouse the data at the Institute and provide User Support to facilitate the use of the data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution of detailed data to a policy analysis report prepared by the Department of Family and Community Services • Development of an Outcome Index to compare how well children are doing <p>WAVE 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit data collection agency for waves 2 to 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations for wave 2 content • Pilot test wave 2 instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioned report on data management and validation • User documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive set of tables provided for the policy analysis report • The Outcome Index has been developed and relevant data included with the wave 1 data file • A technical paper on the Index has also been prepared • Tender process undertaken to select a data collection agency. After evaluation, there were no successful tenderers and, through facilitation by the Department of Family and Community Services, an agreement was reached for data collection to be undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for waves 2-4 • Several reports on wave 2 content prepared • Pilot test held in April/May 2005 • Report prepared on data management • Extensive user documentation prepared including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive user manual including full descriptions of derived items and highlighting any issues found with the data 	<p>Wave 2 instruments have been prepared prior to the wave 2 Dress Rehearsal in September 2005</p> <p>About 20 requests for data access</p>

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<p>Retain as many families as possible in the study for future waves of data collection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User support through training and email/telephone response to queries <p>In-between waves 1 and 2 contact with families via a questionnaire and newsletter for both Dress Rehearsal and Main Wave participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-line data dictionary and hard-copy coding framework - Technical paper on the Sample Design • Telephone/email support provided • Newsletter and questionnaire distributed to all Dress Rehearsal participants in September - December 2004 • Newsletter and questionnaire distributed to all Main Wave participants commencing May 2005 	<p>In-between waves contact with Dress Rehearsal participants resulted in contact being made with 97 per cent of families</p>

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT (ACSSA)

<p>Note: ACSSA commenced in January 2003 with funding until December 2005. There is a possibility of extension for a further two years</p> <p>Publications</p> <p>Each of ACSSA's publications is distributed in hard copy to almost 7000 subscribers. Electronic copies are also available on the website</p>	<p>3 Issues Papers</p> <p>5 Newsletters</p> <p>2 Briefing Papers</p>	<p>3 Issues Papers distributed to ACSSA subscribers</p> <p>5 Newsletters distributed to ACSSA subscribers</p> <p>2 Briefing Papers distributed to ACSSA subscribers</p> <p>Additional publications produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authored Foreword to a book published to assist victims going through the legal system 	<p>Publications widely requested post release</p> <p>Requests for multiple copies of particular publications to assist with training and education</p> <p>Most popular pages downloaded from website</p> <p>Over thirteen requests for presentations to speak publicly about ACSSA and current issues relating to sexual assault</p>
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<p>Advisory</p>	<p>Respond to small-scale research enquiries, or requests for advice to key stakeholders</p> <p>Promote national use of enquiry service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to External Newsletters (outlining ACSSA functions) <p>1 Submission to the Office of Ombudsman Victoria/Office of Police Integrity, Victoria</p> <p>3-4 requests per month for media interviews</p> <p>Responded to 252 research queries in the reporting period</p> <p>Participated in 4 consultative committees</p> <p>Increased use of enquiry service by non-Victorian States and Territories</p> <p>Member of ABS Advisory Committee for the National Personal Safety Survey</p> <p>Member of Conference Organising Committee for “Home Truths” conference</p> <p>Member of Victorian State-wide Steering Committee to Reduce Sexual Assault</p>	<p>Information from publications used in policy documents/consultations papers</p> <p>Approaches for media interviews and information from publications included in newspaper articles</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>Develop and maintain a website that provides electronic access to ACSSA's publications and other resources</p>	<p>Over 470,437 hits on website</p> <p>Over 132,315 hits accessing the publications online.</p>	<p>The work of ACSSA and information about sexual assault made readily accessible to national audience</p>

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<p>Research Victorian Office of Women's Policy (OWP) on behalf of the State-wide Steering Committee to Reduce Sexual Assault</p> <p>Aim: Identify the characteristics of cases that are finalised as complaints withdrawn, no offence disclosed, and offender processed - including characteristics related to the offence, the victim, the offender, the relationship between the victim and the offender and the time between the offence and the report to police</p>		<p>Contracted to undertake "complaints withdrawn" research (Now formally titled "An Analysis of Police Investigations into Sexual Assault")</p> <p>Data collection using 891 electronic police files relating to reported rapes to Victoria Police between 2000-2003</p> <p>1 written progress report to OWP</p> <p>1 verbal presentation to Statewide Steering Committee to Reduce Sexual Assault</p>	<p>Building of an important evidence-base - the findings of which are much awaited by organisations both in Victoria and interstate</p>

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION CLEARINGHOUSE (NCPC)

Publications	2 Issues Papers	3 Issues Paper published and distributed to a mailing list of over 8,000 individuals and organisations	100,000+ electronic copies of Issues Papers downloaded from the website
	2 Newsletters	2 Newsletters published and distributed to over 8,000 individuals and organisations	200,000+ electronic copies of Newsletter articles downloaded from the website
	10 Resource Sheets	10 Resource Sheets published on the web	Publications cited in research and policy publication
Consultation and advisory service	Significant consultation and advice to international agencies, governments, national bodies, the non-government sector and the child abuse research community	<p>Ongoing advisory role for Australian Government and State departments</p> <p>Responded to 212 queries</p> <p>409 messages were posted on <i>childprotect</i></p>	<p>16 formal invitations to present at meetings, seminars, conferences etc.</p> <p>Numerous other consultations and meetings</p>

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<p>Indigenous out-of-home care project for the Australian Council for Children and Parenting (ACCAP) To identify best practice for Indigenous out-of-home care through a literature review, nation-wide consultations with Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Associations and other key stakeholders, and focus groups with carers and children/young people in care</p> <p>Literature Review and Research Report for Community Services Minister's Advisory Council (CSMAC) Child-Safe Organisations Working Group To provide a substantial literature report on risk factors for child maltreatment, risk assessment tools for use in child related employment screening, and data on abuse of children within organisations</p> <p>Literature Review for Community Services Minister's Advisory Council (CSMAC) National Foster Care Working Group An in-depth review of the literature identified in Cashmore and Ainsworth's (2004) audit of Australian out-of-home care research</p>	<p>In-depth literature review due 30 June</p> <p>Stakeholder consultations, focus groups with carers of Indigenous children and focus groups with Indigenous children to be conducted in May and June 2005</p> <p>Interim report to be completed by 30 June 2005</p> <p>Report on dissemination strategies to be completed by 30 August 2005</p> <p>Final report of data analysis due 31 Oct 2005</p> <p>Phase 1: Report on literature review due July 2005</p> <p>Phase 2: Report on data audit and implications due December 2005</p> <p>Phase 1: Report on literature review due 30 June 2005</p> <p>Phase 2: Report on implications and dissemination strategy due December 2005</p>	<p>Project commenced February 2005</p> <p>In-depth literature review completed 30 June</p> <p>Data collected from 80 stakeholders, and 7 focus groups, and preliminary analysis completed</p> <p>Interim report drafted and submitted 30 June 2005</p> <p>Literature review completed and submitted to FaCS by 30 June 2005</p>	<p>ACCAP is keen to see literature review published and disseminated to inform future research and policy development</p> <p>CSMAC Working Group has invited the Clearinghouse to attend future meetings to discuss implications of the report</p> <p>CSMAC Working Group has invited the Clearinghouse to attend future meetings to discuss implications of the report and how it will contribute to the National Plan for Foster Children, Young People and their Carers 2004-2006</p>

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<p>Effectiveness of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs A briefing paper to FaCS that provides an overview of the current state of knowledge on the effectiveness of programs that aim to prevent the child abuse and neglect of children</p> <p>National Audit of Child Protection Research in Australia 1995-2004 To produce an audit of research being conducted in the areas of child protection, child maltreatment and child abuse prevention</p> <p>Indigenous Community Development Evaluation Funded by the Telstra Foundation to evaluate 15 Indigenous community development projects they have funded, and to document 'early learnings'</p> <p>National Comparisons Project To provide appropriate national comparison of key elements of policy, legislation and service delivery across the states and territories in matters relevant to child protection services and prevention of child maltreatment</p>	<p>Internal report to FaCS</p> <p>Progress report</p> <p>Final report</p> <p>Early Learnings, vol. 2 by September 2005</p> <p>Issues paper(s), conference presentations and/or journal articles on key topics</p>	<p>Extensive literature review and briefing report were provided to FaCS in September 2004</p> <p>Progress report submitted 30 May 2005</p> <p>Final report due to be submitted August 2005</p> <p>Data have been collected from 15 projects. Draft reports have been collated and will be submitted to Telstra Foundation in July 2005, with final reports due September</p> <p>Issues Paper no. 22 published May 2005, focusing on mandatory reporting laws, grounds for intervention and service system responses</p>	<p>FaCS is keen to work with the Clearinghouse to find ways of usefully disseminating key messages that emerge from the report</p> <p>Issues Paper no. 22 has been well received (already receiving many hits on the web)</p> <p>Conference paper at Australian Institute of Criminology (June 2005) based on this was also well received</p>

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STRONGER FAMILIES LEARNING EXCHANGE (SFLEX)			
<p><i>(Commenced January 2002; scheduled completion June 2004; extended until June 2005)</i></p> <p>Provide a repository of information and data on projects funded under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy, and other related national and international research on early intervention and prevention projects</p> <p>Support projects funded under the Stronger Families and Communities through providing access to tools and information on project management</p> <p>Enable information exchange between projects through electronic discussion groups, newsletters, website, etc</p> <p>Work with key players in the Department and others as agreed, to explore a future model of support for projects under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy</p>	<p>Maintain Website</p> <p>Maintain Databases</p> <p>Maintain help desk and catalogue</p> <p>Conduct regional workshops</p> <p>Conference papers presented</p> <p>2 Bulletins</p> <p>Learning Series</p> <p>Host e-discussion list</p> <p>Provide input to the Department on future models for Clearinghouse</p>	<p>Website maintained - 434,445 hits and 183,610 pages downloaded</p> <p>Databases maintained</p> <p>Help desk and catalogue maintained</p> <p>4 regional workshops conducted in Coonabarabran, Mandurah, Cairns and NSW Central Coast</p> <p>2 conference papers</p> <p>2 Bulletins produced and distributed</p> <p>7 papers completed</p> <p>67 members</p> <p>Several options explored and documented</p>	<p>Website continues to be used</p> <p>Requests received to provide training and support</p> <p>Invited to present at conferences</p> <p>Positive feedback and new subscribers</p> <p>New members joining</p> <p>Negotiations for future funding are continued</p>