

Summary of Research Project Performance

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Program Area A: Children and Parenting

Parenting-21 (commenced July 1995; date of completion under review)	Data analysis	Continuing	Paper on intergenerational influence presented at 4th National Parenting Conference	Achieved	
	Dissemination of findings via conference presentations, written papers and book			Conference paper on intergenerational influence for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
				Two presentations on parenting skills, supports and perceptions for DONCARE (Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre, Inc), Melbourne	Achieved
				Presentations on parental supports and beliefs for the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development Conference, Berne, Switzerland	Achieved
				Publication in <i>Family Matters</i> on intergenerational influences	Achieved
				Publication in <i>Family Matters</i> on parental sources of support	Achieved
				Media presentations (radio) on parents' sources of support learning parenting (3LO and 2CN)	Achieved
				AIFS Working Paper on parenting in three communities	Ongoing

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			International collaboration for publication of book	Ongoing
Parenting-21 Extension (commenced January 1998; scheduled completion March 1999)	Completion of data gathering exercise	Achieved	AIFS Working Paper on Parenting (includes findings from the Parenting-21 study of Anglo and Vietnamese families)	In progress
	Qualitative data analysis using NUDIST (Non-numerical Unstructured Data Indexing Searching and Theorising) qualitative software	Achieved		
	Dissemination of findings via written papers	Ongoing	Final report prepared by consultant and the University of Queensland for submission to the Department	First draft completed
	Dissemination of findings to the Torres and Northern Peninsula Area Health Council	Achieved		
	Completion of contract requirements	Ongoing		
Evaluation of 'Looking After Children' (commenced January 1997; scheduled completion July 1999)	Completion of second wave of data collection via interviews with children, young people and their caregivers	Achieved	Project report to Rotary Health Research Fund	Achieved
	Data preparation and analysis	Achieved	Project report to Victorian Department of Human Services	Achieved
	Dissemination of findings via conference presentations, and AIFS monograph	Achieved	Project report to Children's Welfare Association of Victoria	Achieved
			Conference paper for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			AIFS monograph on Looking After Children and the Victorian experience of implementation	Near completion

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Child Protection Project Evaluations				
a) Evaluation of the Family and Neighbourhood Links (FANL) and Enhanced Client Outcomes (ECO) projects (commenced July 1997; scheduled completion May 1999)	Data collection and analysis for ECO and FANL	Achieved	Interim FANL report submitted to the Department of Human Services, January 1999	Achieved
	Draft reports, make revisions and submit final versions	Achieved	Final FANL report submitted to the Department of Human Services, end of May 1999	Achieved
			Final ECO report submitted to the Department of Human Services, June 1999	Achieved
			Assist Department of Human Services to produce a published version of the ECO final report	In progress
b) Evaluation of the Western Metropolitan Region (in Brimbank, Victoria) Pilot Family Outreach Service (commenced July 1997; scheduled completion August 1998)	Data analysis and report writing	Achieved	Draft AIFS Monograph on evaluation methodology (based on ECO/FANL and Brimbank) to begin in late 1999	In progress
			Preparation and submission of final report	Achieved
			Published version of final report	Achieved
			Draft AIFS Monograph on evaluation methodology (based on ECO/FANL and Brimbank) to begin in late 1999	In progress

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Program Area B: Family and Marriage

Australian Divorce Transitions Project (commenced July 1996; scheduled completion December 2000)	Dissemination of findings via conference presentations, briefing papers, working papers and refereed journals	Ongoing	ADTP General: Presentation to Legal Aid and Family Services, Attorney-General's Department	Achieved
			Presentation to the Family Law Council	Achieved
			Superannuation: AIFS Briefing Paper	Achieved
			AIFS Working Paper	Achieved
			Conference paper for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			Publication in the <i>Australian Journal of Family Law</i>	Achieved
			Spousal Support: AIFS Working Paper	Achieved
			Submission to the Family Law Council: 'Clean Break' committee	Achieved
			Reasons for Marriage Breakdown: AIFS Working paper	Achieved
			Child support (under 18 yrs): AIFS Briefing Paper	Near completion
			Conference paper for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			Publication in the <i>Alternative Law Journal</i>	In progress

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			<p>Child Support (over 18 yrs): AIFS Briefing Paper</p> <p>Paper presented at the 4th National Parenting Conference, Melbourne</p> <p>Publication in the proceedings from the National Parenting Conference, Melbourne</p> <p>Property Division: AIFS Working Paper</p> <p>Submission to the Federal Attorney-General: A response to 'Property and Family Law: Options for change – a discussion paper'</p> <p>Conference paper for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne</p> <p>Financial Agreements AIFS Briefing Paper</p> <p>Living Standards: AIFS Working Paper</p>	<p>Near completion</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Near completion</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Near completion</p> <p>In progress</p>
<p>Spousal Violence and Post-Divorce economic circumstances</p> <p>(commenced September 1997; completion date July 1998)</p>	Contract completed		<p>Report published</p> <p>Submission to the Family Law Council in response to the discussion paper – Violence and the Family Law Act: Financial remedies</p> <p>Presentation at the Community Forum on Property and Family Law, Canberra</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>

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Sibling relationships and adjustment to parental divorce (commenced February 1998; scheduled completion February 2001)	Data collection for Phase 1: Families from Queensland	Ongoing	Presentation for the Family Law and Psychology Association of Australasia	Achieved
	Data collection for Phase 1: Families from Victoria	Ongoing		
Positive Marriage and Family Relationships Pilot Study (commenced April 1999; scheduled completion early 2000)	Literature review on strong families	Achieved	Literature review published in <i>Family Matters</i> (August 1999 edition)	In progress
	Recruitment of focus group participants and conduct of focus groups	Ongoing		
	Data analysis and write up	August - October 1999	AIFS Working Paper	To be completed December-January 2000

Program Area C: Family and Society

Families, Social Capital and Citizenship (commenced July 1998; scheduled completion July 2001)	Development and approval of detailed research proposal	Achieved	Conference presentation on families, social capital and citizenship to 11th National Health Promotion Conference, Perth	Achieved
	Policy development through liaison with key stakeholders	Achieved		
	Contracting of an edited collection of works, <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>	Achieved	Conference presentation and publication of paper in Conference proceedings on families, social capital and sustainable communities to Council to Homeless Persons Conference, Melbourne	Achieved and ongoing (publication of conference papers)
	Manuscript planning session with authors for <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>	Achieved		
			Organisation of Symposium on social exchanges and social capital for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved

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	Editing of chapters for <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>	Achieved and ongoing	Conference paper for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne on the following topics:	Achieved
	Design, co-ordination and organisation of conference on <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>	Achieved	- families, social exchanges and social capital	
	Co-ordination of theme issue of <i>Family Matters</i> on social exchanges and social capital	Achieved	- range of child care services available and used	
	Literature review	Achieved	- history of family self-reliance	
	Secondary data analysis	Achieved	AIFS Working Paper on families, social capital and citizenship	In progress
	Design of data collection instruments	Achieved	AIFS Working Paper on measuring social capital	In progress
	Design of analytical framework	Achieved	Publication of edited monograph <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>	In progress
			Writing of introductory literature review and concluding chapters for <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>	In progress
			Publication of theme issue of <i>Family Matters</i> on social exchanges and social capital	Achieved
			Publication of an overview paper on social exchanges and social capital in <i>Family Matters</i>	Achieved
			Publication of a literature review on social exchanges and social capital in <i>Family Matters</i>	Achieved

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			<p>Publication of a paper on family supports and social exchanges in <i>Family Matters</i></p> <p>Holding of a conference on <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i>, Rydges Hotel, Canberra</p> <p>Publication of a report on <i>Social Capital and Public Policy in Australia</i> conference in <i>Family Matters</i></p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>
<p>Newtown Revisited</p> <p>(commenced January 1995; scheduled completion July 1997)</p>	Complete project dissemination	Achieved	Publication of monograph: Bryson, L. and Winter, I. (1999) <i>Social Change, Suburban Lives: An Australian Newtown 1960s to 1990s</i> , Allen and Unwin, Sydney	Achieved
<p>Housing Across the Lifecourse</p> <p>(commenced July 1996; scheduled completion December 1999)</p>	Data analysis	Achieved and ongoing	Conference presentation on housing careers and social polarisation to the International Sociological Association World Congress, Montreal, Canada	Achieved
	Policy development	Achieved and ongoing		
	Promotion of public discussion	Achieved and ongoing	Conference presentation on the impact of social and economic restructuring on housing careers to the Australian Population Association Conference, Brisbane	Achieved
	Publishing	Achieved and ongoing		
	Establishment of collaborative research projects	Achieved	Organisation of Symposium, <i>The Vision of the Dream: Home Ownership and Family Life into the 21st Century</i> to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved

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			Conference paper on the future of home ownership in Australia for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			Conference paper on the incidence and nature of family intergenerational accommodation support for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			Conference paper on young people’s access to home ownership for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			Conference paper on family and kin accommodation support for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne	Achieved
			Seminar on Housing Across the Life Course project to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Seminar Series, Melbourne	Achieved
			Seminar on home ownership and demographic change to Department of Infrastructure, State Government of Victoria, Melbourne	Achieved
			Seminar on housing and community change to Department of Human Service, State Government of Victoria, Melbourne	Achieved

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			Seminar on economic restructuring and housing market change to Centre for Public Policy, University of Melbourne	Achieved
			Paper on home ownership and demographic change published in Department of Infrastructure, State Government of Victoria, newsletter	Achieved
			Paper on home ownership and social policy in an ageing society published in <i>Family Matters</i>	Achieved
			Paper on housing careers in a risk society published in <i>Family Matters</i>	Achieved
			Publication of AIFS Working Paper on reconceptualising Australian housing careers	Achieved
			Completion of contracted report for Commonwealth Department of Social Security, <i>Family Intergenerational Accommodation Support</i>	Achieved
			Completion of contracted report for Commonwealth Department of Social Security, <i>Tenure Choice: Perceived Benefits of Public Renting Compared with Private Renting (1986 – 1997)</i>	Achieved
			Publication of AIFS Working Paper on family accommodation support	In progress

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			Publication of journal article on housing careers and social polarisation	In progress
			Publication of journal article on reconceptualising housing careers	In progress
			Media presentations (television, radio, press) on issues surrounding home ownership, family life and public policy	Achieved
Australia's Housing Choices: Changing Opportunities and Constraints (commenced January 1998; scheduled completion January 2001)	Liaison with collaborative partners	Achieved	Seminar on home ownership and demographic change in Australia to project team	Achieved
	Specification of AIFS contribution to the project	Achieved	Seminar on home ownership and demographic change in Australia to Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra	Achieved
	Policy development	Achieved and ongoing	Chapter on home ownership and demographic change in Australia published in Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Monograph	Achieved
	Data analysis	Achieved and ongoing	Paper on meanings of home ownership for different cohorts of home owners	In progress
	Publication of findings	Achieved and ongoing		

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<p>Increasing Labour Market Inequality in Australia: Trends, Causes, Implications and Responses</p> <p>(commenced January 1998; scheduled completion January 2001)</p>	<p>Liaison with collaborative partners</p> <p>Specification of AIFS contribution to the project</p> <p>Preliminary data analysis</p> <p>Dissemination of findings</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved and ongoing</p> <p>In progress</p>	<p>Paper on impact of long term unemployment on family and marital stability</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>Transgenerational Income Support Dependence Project</p> <p>(commenced March 1999; scheduled completion August 1999)</p>	<p>Design and pilot telephone interviews and focus groups, and produce interim report</p> <p>Carry out 50 sets of paired interviews and 16 focus group interviews</p> <p>Analyse interview data and focus group transcripts and produce final report</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Interim report to the Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra</p> <p>Final report to the Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra</p> <p>Paper for special issue of <i>Family Matters</i> on family and social policy, Dec. 1999</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Planned</p>

Research Operations Unit

<p>Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing Unit (CATTI)</p> <p>(a) Survey of Carers for the Department of Social Security</p> <p>b) Healthy Behaviours and Outcomes of Ageing Project (3rd Wave) for the Lincoln Gerontology Centre, La Trobe University</p>	<p>Telephone interviews and statistical advice and analysis</p> <p>Telephone interviews</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>		
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(c) People's experiences of retirement (before and after they leave work) for the Lincoln Gerontology Centre, La Trobe University	First stage of project	Nearing completion		
	Second wave of the study	In progress		
(d) Study on attachment to neighbourhood for the Sociology Program, University of Melbourne	Telephone interviews	Achieved		
(e) Field testing of HACC Consumer Service Appraisal Survey Tool for the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Preliminary planning and development work	In progress		
(f) Phone-in Survey for the Child Care Accreditation Council	Telephone interviews	Achieved		
Institute projects which used CATI:				
Looking After Children	Interviewing respondents	Achieved		
Australian Family Life Course Study (Stage 1) (commenced October 1995)	Dissemination of findings via conference presentations, <i>Family Matters</i> articles and Briefing Papers	Achieved	Briefing Paper on the new Australian Family Panel Survey Publication in <i>Family Matters</i> of paper on work and family life Conference paper on cohabitation, commitment and the future of couple relationships, for the 12th National Christian Family Conference, Wahroonga, Sydney	Achieved Achieved Achieved

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			<p>Conference paper on work and family life for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne</p> <p>Conference paper on premarital cohabitation and its outcomes for the Australian Population Association Ninth National Conference, Brisbane</p> <p>Series of joint papers on family formation issues with Professor P. McDonald, ANU</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>In progress</p>
<p>AIFS Australian Family Panel Survey (planning commenced May 1999)</p>	<p>Initial planning (including one day seminar on indicators; meetings with stakeholders, etc.)</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>AIFS Briefing Paper on the new Australian Family Panel Survey</p>	<p>Achieved</p>