

Strategic Objective:

4. Evaluation, Research & Training

POLICY:	4.1 Research		
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Purpose	<p>QEC is commitment to research informed evidence based practice as the foundation of its service delivery in the early parenting sector.</p> <p>It has strong research history focussed on QEC's core business: early parenting, working in partnership with families, effective programmes for vulnerable families and reflective practice.</p> <p>Research supports QEC's efforts to maintain and develop best practice and thought leadership, to implement the most effective and safe practices.</p>		
Target Audience	Staff, External organisations, government stakeholders, program partners, Community Members, Parents.		
Definitions	<p>Research is a process of steps used to collect and analyse information to increase our understanding of a topic or issue". It consists of three steps: Pose a question, collect data to answer the question, and present an answer to the question</p> <p>Best Practice A best practice is an industry-wide agreement that standardizes the most efficient and effective way to accomplish a desired outcome. A best practice generally consists of a technique, method, or process. The concept implies that if an organization follows best practices, a delivered outcome with minimal problems or complications will be ensured.</p> <p>Evidence Based Applying the best available research results (evidence) when making decisions about health care. Health care professionals who perform evidence-based practice use research evidence along with clinical expertise and patient preferences. Systematic reviews (summaries of health care research results) provide information that aids in the process of evidence-based practice.</p> <p>Action Research studies carried out in the course of an activity or occupation, typically in the field of education, to improve the methods and approach of those involved.</p>		
Policy	<p>QEC is committed to the development of an evidence-based practice culture. QEC research will use scientific enquiry in order to ascertain the efficacy of current practice and undertake transformational research in the field of early parenting in vulnerable families in Australia.</p> <p>The Research Advisory Group provides scientific advice, oversight and monitoring of QEC research projects. The group aligns research protocols with the QEC Strategic Plan.</p>		

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QEC publishes training packages and manuals to further support the distribution of this research knowledge.

QEC seeks to develop research projects with related agencies government, non-government, with the not for profit sector and other organisations. QEC will work to develop alliances with Universities facilities relating to the core business; nursing/social work/ psychology/paediatrics/early childhood.

QEC applies for funding from a range of sources to support its research program.

QEC is committed to sharing knowledge from research by submitting articles to professional journals and abstracts to conferences.

Related Links

Key Legislation, Acts and Standards

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1.0	1.1	Understanding Rights & Responsibilities	Y
Empowerment	1.2	Exercising Rights & Responsibilities	

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1.0 Empowerment	1.1	Understanding Rights & Responsibilities	Y
	1.2	Exercising Rights & Responsibilities	
2.0 Access & Engagement	2.1	Services Are clear	
	2.2	Services are delivered	
	2.3	Access to Services	
3.0 Wellbeing	3.1	Services Adoption	
	3.2	Services Participation	
	3.3	Goals Documented & Implemented	
	3.4	Reviews, Evaluations & updates	Y
	3.5	Delivery is in Safe Environment	
4.0 Participation	4.1	Choice & Control of Service Delivery	
	4.2	Community Participation	
	4.3	Maintaining Connections with Family & Friends	
	4.4	Strengthen Culture Connection - Aboriginal/Torres	
	4.5	Strengthen Cultural, Spiritual & Language	
	4.6	Life Skills - Develop Sustain Strengthen	

ISO 9001:2008 Listing

4.0 Quality Management	4.1	General	
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	6.1	Provision of resources	
	6.2	Human resources	
	6.3	Infrastructure	
7.0 Product Realization	6.4	Work Environment	
	7.1	Planning of Product Realisation	
	7.2	Customer-related Processes	
	7.3	Design & development	
	7.4	Purchasing	
	7.5	Production and service provision	
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	8.1	Measurement Analysis & Improvement	
	8.2	Monitoring & Measurement	
	8.3	Control of non- conforming Product	
	8.4	Analysis of Data	
	8.5	Improvement	

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