



# The Consortium for **Social and Policy Research** on **HIV, Hepatitis C** and **Related Diseases**

## **Workshop** Research Methods: An introduction for the non-researcher

Thursday June 24, 2004

Dockside, Cockle Bay, Sydney

### **Aims**

- ▶ Build skills/knowledge around basic research methods;
- ▶ Provide an interactive skill building workshop; and
- ▶ Build knowledge on interpreting and critiquing results and methods of research.

### **The Workshop**

The Workshop will be held at the **Dockside Conference Centre** at Cockle Bay, Sydney on **Thursday June 24** from **8.30am–5.30pm**.

The workshop is designed to assist health and community workers better understand different research methods, and how they can interpret research in their daily work.

### **Delegate profile: who should attend?**

The workshop is designed for educators, managers and policy makers working in HIV/AIDS education and health promotion in NSW. Delegates should class their knowledge of quantitative and/or qualitative social research methods in the novice category.

### **Guest Speaker Bruce Bradbury, PhD**

Bruce is a senior research fellow at the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW. He has degrees in Sociology/Statistics, Economics/Econometrics and a PhD in Economics. Over the past 20 years Bruce has conducted quantitative research on household living standards, poverty and inequality, labour market and income support policy and the evaluation of social programs. Bruce has an in-depth understanding of quantitative theory developed over this 20 year period, and enjoys particularly innovative and appropriate use of advanced statistical and other quantitative methods.

Recent research includes estimates of the time and money costs of children, the within-household distribution of income, child poverty, indexation formulae for disability funding, and an evaluation of the Veterans' Home Care program. More information on this research, including recent papers, can be found at <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/people/Bradbury.htm>

### **Guest Speaker Justin McNab, MPhil**

Justin is an experienced qualitative researcher with a background in social anthropology working at the Social Policy Research Centre. Justin has carried out qualitative social research on sensitive topics, particularly work with HIV positive men, young drug users, mental health consumers, and socially marginalised men. His research experience has also involved working on numerous government and non-government evaluation projects including health and community service evaluations. He was recently a member of the UNSW Consortium for the Evaluation of the New South Wales Youth Drug Court Program and is currently working on a NSW Department of Community Services Availability of Foster Carers project. Justin has a strong interest in theory and analysis of qualitative data and has 10 years practical experience in qualitative data collection using a variety of methods such as in-depth face-to-face interviewing, participant observation, survey, telephone interviews; and focus groups.

### **Cost**

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

You may be eligible for funding from NSW Health Workforce Development Program to attend. Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at [www.wdp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wdp.nsw.gov.au)

### **Registration**

To register, please send an email to Rodney McDonald at [rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au) and include your name, job title, the organisation you work for, postal address and contact phone numbers (work and mobile) in the email.

**Please note:** There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first come first serve basis contingent on them meeting the delegate profile above. **Registrations open on May 24 and close on June 17.**

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