

WOMEN FLEEING VIOLENCE: from Sydney squat to complex domestic and family violence services

Introduction

- Research: Examining progress in accommodation, outreach & support for women experiencing and escaping violence
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Research aims and questions

- Document extent & nature of accommodation options
- Document the extent & nature of change- 'progress' over a decade
- Document the extent & nature of outreach support
- Identify referral & support pathways outside accommodation
- Identify alternative & innovative models

The Challenge of measuring 'progress'

A range of possible indicators

A multi-method approach

Our research method (I)

- Reference group- all States/territories
- Audit & invitation to participate
- The Measuring Progress Report Card- based on 71 research recommendations – key informants

Our research method (II)

- Measuring Progress: Services Reports
- Types of service
- Indicators of expansion
- Provision of access
- Indications of collaboration
- Ensuring safety
- Responding to unmet need

Our research method (III)

- Consultations and organisational visits
- Urban, rural & remote
- Indigenous
- Immigrant women

Some key issues arising

- A. Diversification of refuge & shelter models
- B. Insufficient attention to Indigenous models.
- C. The need for more transitional & longer-term housing

Vignettes from everyday life in refuges and shelters.

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