



100 Families WA

What is 100 Families WA?

100 Families WA is a **collaborative action research project** with a vision to address the issue of entrenched disadvantage as experienced by families living in Western Australia (WA).

This problem is agreed to be complex and beyond the scope of any one agency to impact upon significantly and is the reason why the ten partner organisations involved have joined forces and are working towards a set of objectives that achieve a common goal of reducing entrenched disadvantage in WA.

Lotterywest is the primary and substantial funder of this project.










How is this being done?

Research - Alongside families

400 families taking part in a longitudinal survey; baseline and wave 2 (completed July 2020)






100 families taking part in fortnightly, in-depth qualitative interviews (completed August 2020)

All families involved in the project live in entrenched disadvantage. Although some commonalities exist the group is diverse in their backgrounds with a range of lived experiences e.g. street homeless, grandparent carers, single mothers etc. Although during the semi-structured interviews families could talk about any issues impacting upon them, some common areas of focus include:

-  Income poverty, material deprivation and social isolation
-  Physical and mental health
-  Economic participation (jobs) and education
-  Wellbeing & quality of life
-  Adverse life experiences
-  Service access and use
-  Impact of Covid-19

Action - Informed by families' experiences

The project is dedicated to ensuring that findings, insights and realizations are communicated outwardly as quickly as possible and do not sit internal of the project or communication only through traditional pathways e.g. academic audiences. Some ways in which this has been achieved to date are:

-  Range of printed communications; Reports (Full), Bulletins (mid-length), Snapshot (1-2 page)
-  Across digital media; Podcasts, videos (Speaking from Experience videos) social media etc.
-  Media; social media, media, sector communication platforms, newsletter audience, events,
-  Presentations (online and in-person)
-  Formal groups and engagements

Participatory Action Research (PAR)

Significant effort has been made to engage a wide range of stakeholders that have supported the project through participation and collaboration via various channels. By seeking to better understand problems as a collective we can more effectively seek solutions. Engagement of this nature will likely increase as we go deeper into our next phase of the project; action.

Going forward

From November to June 2021 the project will prioritise the ongoing analysis of qualitative data as well as the development and implementation of an action plan. These priorities will operate concurrently with one informing the other. Insights collected from the in-depth interviews will build upon the survey data, providing depth and context to issues and inform our action focused efforts.

Some ways in which qualitative outputs will action processes are through:

- Case studies and 'customer journeys'
- Attributes of success/failure (goals, relationships, services, community etc.)
- Policy and practice recommendations
- Highlight initiatives that have worked (or could work based on findings)

100 Families WA has a significant opportunity to draw upon the wealth and strength of the partnership formed as well as other collaborations created to lead the way in terms of positive change. How this looks is currently being developed but could incorporate impactful outputs such as; piloting of innovative initiatives, development of guides/training, community awareness campaigns etc.



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Visit www.100families.wa.org.au where you can learn more about the project, subscribe to our quarterly newsletter and follow our Speaking from Experience series.

