



*Inside, outside, all around: Three perspectives
on evaluation capacity building*

From outputs to outcomes

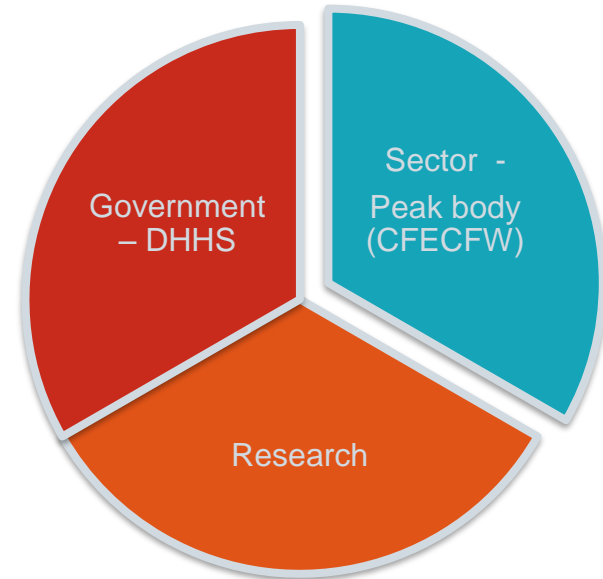
Supporting evidence-informed practice
across Victorian child and family services

Peak body leadership to strengthen sector capability

Key drivers

- Growing numbers of children entering statutory system (child protection / youth justice)
- Need for practical reforms drawing on research, practice expertise and client perspectives to change the life trajectories of children
- Need for a workforce able to use and create evidence to better support clients experiencing vulnerability & hardship
- Extensive government reforms, includes creation of a learning system

Partnership and system approach sector – government – research



Outcomes, Practice and Evidence Network (OPEN)

Bridge the gap
between research
and practice in child
and family services

Making better use of
data, incorporating
practice expertise
and client values and
feedback



Strengthen our
shared knowledge
about what works for
children, youth &
families

Support the sector to
create, share and
use the best
available evidence

Our ECB strategies are both bottom up and top down

Outcomes, Practice and Evidence Network (OPEN)

Online portal (free membership)

Steps in the **Outcomes Journey**
Evidence, resources, tools, case studies, newsletters, blogs

Events

Annual OPEN Symposium, OPEN forums for evidence and lesson sharing and skills development

OPEN services

Evaluation support, advice and training

<https://www.outcomes.org.au/>

Knowledge building and sharing projects

Learning system grants

Knowledge building and translation –

Research monthly
Review and share sector practice and challenges

With DHHS support learning system infrastructure :

- Menu of evidence informed practice and programs
- Evidence informed practice elements
- Evidence based program learnings