

RESEARCH AGENDA 2020-21

OUR VISION

THE CENTRE FOR BETTER RELATIONSHIPS' VISION IS TO BECOME A RESEARCH LEADER IN THE FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS FIELD. IMPROVING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH MEANINGFUL RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION.

OUR MISSION

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SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE

Social disadvantage and structural barriers such as poverty, discrimination, and reduced access to education or employment are risk factors for poorer relationship outcomes. Examining the nature of and possible preventative or primary interventions for social disadvantage will be a priority area for The Centre. For example, examining the links between, poverty and family violence for women accessing Better Place Australia's services.

FAMILY LAW SERVICE SYSTEM

Understanding the family law service system is essential for the work of The Centre and Better Place. The family law system has been subject to multiple reviews and inquiries over the last decade, change in this area is likely to continue at a rapid pace. Analysis of the system and contribution to the public debate and knowledge base will allow Better Place and The Centre to be agile in their response to these changes. Research activities in this area will contribute to positioning both The Centre and Better Place as research and practice leaders in the field.

PROGRAM ANALYSIS FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Deepening our understanding of Better Place services and the people who access them will allow The Centre to respond to the changing needs of Better Place and its clients in future research agendas. In addition, research activities in this area will help ensure that Better Place are utilising the most up to date evidence to inform practice and making informed resource management decisions based on client needs.

