



SiREN

WA Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network

SiREN is the WA Sexual Health and Blood-Borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network coordinated by Curtin University. SiREN is a partnership between researchers, service providers, and policymakers working together to strengthen evidence-informed policy and practice in Western Australia.

SiREN is funded by the WA Department of Health

SiREN aims to:

1

Strengthen the research, evaluation and health promotion skills of people working to promote sexual health (SH) or prevent or manage blood-borne viruses (BBVs).

2

Promote and facilitate opportunities for collaboration between sexual health and blood-borne virus service providers, policymakers and researchers; and

3

Foster links with national sexual health and blood-borne virus (SHBBV) research centres and contribute to appropriate national research agendas in order to raise the profile of SHBBV concerns affecting WA.

SiREN maintains a free network of around 300 professionals working in the sexual health and blood-borne virus space. Through this network SiREN shares the latest sexual health and blood-borne virus evidence, news, events, jobs, funding opportunities, and more.



WHAT WE DO

SiREN supports service providers, researchers and policy makers working in the sexual health and blood-borne virus space to engage in research and evaluation.

SiREN's services

- Provide tailored project planning, evaluation and research support;
- Undertake applied research and evaluation;
- Identify and promote opportunities for collaboration;
- Develop research and evaluation skills and
- Share research and evaluation evidence.



How SiREN can support you

SiREN can provide strategic planning, evaluation, and research support and advice to people working in the WA sexual health and blood-borne virus space or to those working towards the prevention and management of STIs and BBVs. Support is free but there are a few criteria we require you to meet:

- a. WA sexual health and blood-borne virus sector organisation OR WA-based organisation that aims to reduce the incidence and impact of sexual health and blood-borne viruses in WA through a strategy and/or initiative.
- b. Project addresses the needs of a priority population.
- c. Organisation is committed to seeing the project through to completion (resources, capacity and executive support available).
- d. Organisation is committed to sharing and disseminating findings e.g. through seminar and conference presentations, case study reports and/or journal publications.

If you are unsure if your project meets the criteria please contact SiREN to discuss further. For more info visit: <https://siren.org.au/learn-support/access-personalised-support/>



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If you work in service delivery

Collaborate on projects and provide you with project planning, research and evaluation support that is specific to your needs.

You can contact SiREN for support on:

- How to design your project to increase effectiveness;
- evaluate outcomes for people accessing services;
- understanding ethics;
- clarifying your evaluation and research questions and methods;
- identifying grants and preparing funding applications;
- writing abstracts and presenting at conferences; and
- writing up the findings from your projects to maximise dissemination and more.



If you are a researcher

Connect you with individuals and organisations in Western Australia to support your research.

SiREN can also provide you with opportunities to share your research via our Evidence Update emails or biennial symposium.

There is also possibility for collaboration on research projects and research translation activities.



If you work in policy

Undertake applied research and evaluation to inform policy development; search for relevant evidence of what works in the peer-reviewed and grey literature; and offer a range of research and evaluation support to your funded organisations.

Resources

SiREN have great resources to support you and your organisation. You can find them all at siren.org.au

Our toolkit provides step-by-step guidelines for planning, implementing and evaluating SHBBV projects: <https://siren.org.au/resources/tools/shbbv-toolkit-new/>

Or check our latest case study videos here: <https://siren.org.au/learn-support/case-study-videos/>