



Research

CDERP was founded as an independent centre to focus on research to develop, improve and ensure that disability employment practice was built on an evidence base that supported true client choice and control.

Research has highlighted that evidence-based disability employment practice today whilst well-intentioned lacked real systematic rigor in its application.

Our research programs focus on developing practice based on real-life evidence from the field – evidence well collect from our provider clients and from our own Work First practice.

Practice informed evidence and research – nothing ivory tower, just hard work in the field backed by applied research. Importantly we also use the evidence in practice ourselves – field testing in the real world.

Our Work First staff use the evolving evidence-informed practice models with our employment clients ensuring immediate feedback to support our CDERP College teaching programs.

Led by our founder; Dr. Peter Smith, we undertake research on behalf of the government and private clients looking at areas such as program evaluation, policy review, organisational change, staff capability, and outcome measures to name a few.

Our research partnerships are global involve some of the most renowned centres of research excellence and innovative employers.

If you would like to discuss your research needs, then contact us today. For information on some of our current research projects visit the Research page.

Our goal is the fidelity of practice to known evidence, underpinned by sound research into policy and practice.

Recent projects on behalf of clients have focused on areas such as provider change, organisational transformation, new systems design, staff capabilities, employer engagement, and employment transitions.

Applied Science at its best!