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		Year	2018



Purpose 	<p>The Centre for Sport and Social Impact at La Trobe University was commissioned to evaluate the Reclink National Program, which is funded by the Department of Health, Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support, and is being delivered in 25 of the most disadvantaged communities across Australia. In particular, the evaluation was designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the impact of the Reclink Australia national program on the lives of participants • Assess the relationships formed by Reclink Australia in order to mobilise the unique model that enables delivery of the national program <p>The evaluation sought to establish the proportion of participants who had experienced a ‘better outcome’ via their participation with Reclink, defined as those people who reported a positive change in at least one of seven life events since their participation with the Reclink National Program.</p>
Method 	<p>In order to meet Reclinks objectives, the CSSI designed and conducted qualitative surveys and Interviews.</p> <p>40 Interviews were conducted with national program stakeholders and 529 surveys were completed by national program participants.</p> <p>The results of both the surveys and Interviews were subsequently analysed and evaluated to provide Reclink with valuable insights and recommendations.</p>
Application 	<p>Reclink programs when delivered successfully were able to overcome many of the individual, environmental and structural barriers to sport and recreation for target cohorts. Therefore, the value of Reclink to those participants who were most often the very hard to reach, was extensive.</p> <p>Reclink provided a positive environment and opportunity for community services to connect and build trusting relationships with vulnerable people.</p>