

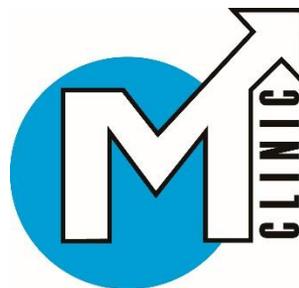


# SIREN

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

**A partnership between researchers, service providers and government**

- Promotes collaboration
- Strengthens skills, competencies and networks of SHBBV providers to ensure evidence-based practice
- Fosters links with national SHBBV research centres to reflect WA priorities in national research agendas



WA AIDS Council



metropolitan MIGRANT resource centre



Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society



# SiREN is a partnership

- **Steering group:** Key representative from stakeholder groups within the sector who play a strategic role in the operation of SiREN.
- **Management team:** Five staff members from Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH) who play both a managerial and strategic role.
- **Network:** Over 200 members from within the SHBBV sector, or with an interest in SHBBV issues.



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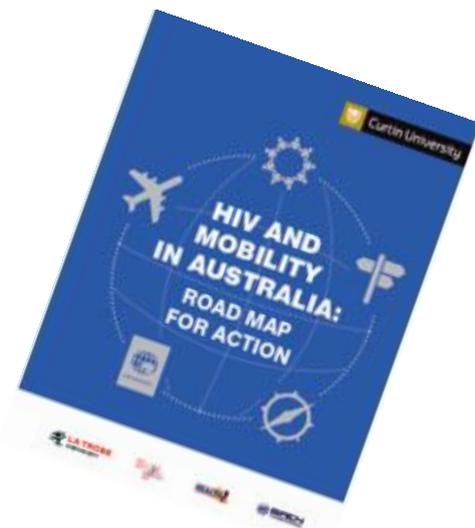
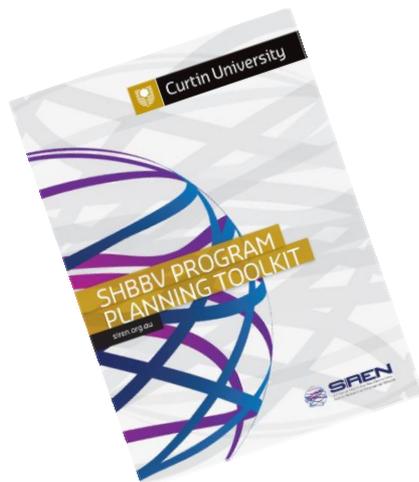


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# What we do

SiREN aims to increase evidence informed practice and research and evaluation capacity in the sector through:

- **Knowledge translation:** Website, e-news, evidence update emails, symposium, case studies, & Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility (CoPAHM)
- **Capacity building:** Evaluation and research support and training, toolkits, supervising and mentoring post grad research students
- **Research:** Co-produced with sector, grant based, post-grad research



# Research focus areas

Broad focus across sexual health, STIs and BBVs. Recent key focus areas are:

- HIV and mobility;
- sex work; and
- migrant sexual health
- Aboriginal Workforce Capacity Building



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# Current research projects

## **Law and Sex Worker Health (LASH) Study 2.0**

*Investigators: L. Selvey, B. Donovan, J. Bates, R. Lobo, J. Hallett, K. McCausland*

*Aims to assess the effectiveness of existing services, look at the impact of existing legislation relating to the sex industry and to identify challenges sex workers might experience in accessing services.*

## **Barriers and facilitators to HIV testing among sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia populations** (Gilead Grant and AHPA Scholarship)

*A team of Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility (CoPAHM) members will conduct focus groups with people from sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia in regards to barriers and enablers to HIV testing and interviews with health service providers to explore barriers to referring patients to HIV testing.*



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# Current research projects

## **South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)**

*Evaluation of the BBV and STI prevention and education programme. Uses a youth peer educator model to increase the uptake of testing and treatment rates of STI & BBV for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth living in remote and very remote areas of South Australia.*

## **Reducing health disparities in culturally and linguistically diverse populations.**

*An ARC linkage grant proposal (yet to be submitted). In collaboration with a large number of organisations across Australia.*

*Aims to reduce health disparities and improve early sexual health help-seeking for migrants from priority regions by*

- *Understanding health meaning making and help-seeking behaviours.*
- *Determining the feasibility of a repeatable behavioural surveillance survey.*
- *Building the capacity of health and migrant service providers to engage effectively with CALD communities.*



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