

# Australian Centre for Health Access



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE  
FOR HEALTH ACCESS

*Helping under-resourced communities get fair, reliable and long-term access to healthcare by turning research, data and practice knowledge into action.*

ACHA builds and shares knowledge about health access so communities, services, researchers and decision makers can identify what is working, understand what is not, and act on practical solutions.

Many communities in Australia and internationally still cannot access the healthcare they need, when and where they need it. These barriers are shaped by workforce shortages, service design, funding, transport, cost, referral pathways, infrastructure and whether communities have a genuine role in decisions that affect them.

ACHA works with communities, services, researchers, funders and policy partners to identify health access problems, test practical responses, share what is working, and support better decisions across the health system.

We will do this by:

- Creating knowledge: generating and bringing together research, evaluation findings, data and practice evidence about health access
- Turning knowledge into action – Making sure research leads to practical changes
- Scaling success – Repeating and adapting what works in more places
- Raising awareness – Helping the wider public understand why health access matters and how they can help

ACHA is a social enterprise of [RDN – The Charity for Health Access](#).

## Who we work with:

We work directly with communities who face barriers to healthcare, and with the people and organisations who support them, including:

- Local community members
- Doctors, nurses, and other health providers
- Decision-makers in government
- Universities and researchers
- Other sectors linked to health (housing, education, etc.)
- Health administrators

## The work we do:

We run practical, community-led research projects that focus on addressing the barriers to healthcare in under-resourced communities. We also partner with and aggregate evidence from others in the health sector to support health access.

We make sustainable impact by offering:

- Commissioned research
- Expert advice
- Data and knowledge products
- Knowledge translation activities

This allows us to reinvest in:

- Community resources
- Building local skills and capacity
- Supporting new ideas and innovations in health access

## THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



Universities and researchers



Health professionals



Community members

## Get involved:



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