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**Improving our impact: Building institutional capacity for effective knowledge translation**

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**Objectives/aims**

The Australian Institute for Family Studies has recently developed an organisation-wide approach to knowledge translation. This presentation will provide an overview of the development and implementation process to guide organisations interested in the development of strategic approaches to KT.

**Methods**

There is limited guidance on *how* to develop and implement an agency-wide approach to KT. The development and implementation of the AIFS KT Strategy has required multiple approaches. This has included the development of externally facing documents that describe our approach to KT, internal staff workshops, staff intranet, mentoring and template development. The KT Strategy operates at an organisational level, identifying agency-wide approaches to improving our impact and sits alongside the AIFS Communications Strategy. It also provides direction for the development of project-level KT plans that are sensitive to context, audience and purpose. Ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the KT Strategy will be undertaken.

**Main findings**

AIFS staff have a long history of engaging in KT activity. The AIFS KT Strategy provides a framework for this existing activity while also supporting innovative approaches to achieving research impact. The presentation will reflect on preliminary findings from the evaluation of the KT Strategy. A series of 4 workshops were held in early 2018. These were critical to ensuring internal engagement. This was supplemented with the development of an internal online platform for sharing project-level KT plans. Ensuring that the KT Strategy and the Communications Strategy operate in synergy has been critical. organisations and government departments are interested in knowledge translation and research impact. This presentation will share our experience of the process.