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Reclink Australia delivers the HDHP in collaboration with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Community Services Directorate, ACT Health, and ACT Policing.

This program was a national winner in the 2013 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards, in recognition of excellence by the Australian Heads of Government and Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management.

It has demonstrated significant effectiveness in the area by:

- Reducing violent crime by 50%
- Reducing property crime by 60%
- Reducing disturbance incidents by 60%
- Increasing levels of social cohesion among residents
- Contributing to a 71% reduction of assault offences across a six year evaluation period

This research was undertaken by the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) in 2016-017, and can be read in full at https://aic.gov.au/publications/rr/rr6 [2]

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