

# Early Childhood Australia Digital Policy Group

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## Area of expertise or research

### Co-chair of Digital Policy Group

Research focus on early childhood curriculum and teacher thinking, theories and philosophies of learning and development, play-based and digital play-based learning.  
[www.lsia.acu.edu.au](http://www.lsia.acu.edu.au)

### Co-chair of Digital Policy Group

Research into young children's technology use and impact on musculo-skeletal, vision and other health/wellbeing,  
[www.curtin.edu.au](http://www.curtin.edu.au)

Researcher, educator of early childhood educators. Research includes early years language, children's talk and interaction, children and digital technology use, knowledge building and participation in everyday decision-making.  
[www.qut.edu.au](http://www.qut.edu.au)

Research, education and tools for children's safe, positive experiences online and to encourage responsible online behaviour.  
[www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/role-of-the-office](http://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/role-of-the-office)

Educator, technology consultant, advisor and developer. Member of former ECA Digital Business Kit Reference Group  
[deeperricher.com](http://deeperricher.com)

Translation of scientific research into online delivery and best practice in parenting support.  
[www.parentingrc.org.au](http://www.parentingrc.org.au), [mcri.edu.au](http://mcri.edu.au).

Family support and collaboration, rich environments for young children, educator support and development  
[www.gowrievictoria.org.au](http://www.gowrievictoria.org.au)

Children, media law and multidisciplinary approaches  
[www.flinders.edu.au](http://www.flinders.edu.au)

Child and family wellbeing, family relationships, gambling research  
[www.aifs.gov.au](http://www.aifs.gov.au)

Creative play and rich programs for out of school hours settings, UN project on play environments & children's rights.  
[www.networkofcommunityactivities.org.au](http://www.networkofcommunityactivities.org.au)

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Reducing cyber bullying and other cyber risks, advocacy for children's safety and wellbeing.  
[www.amf.org.au](http://www.amf.org.au)

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Researcher, educator of early childhood teachers, advisor on mathematical thinking, STEM, emerging technologies.  
Member of former ECA Digital Business Kit Reference Group

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Early Childhood Australia

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Australian National University  
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**Critical Friend:** Information & computing technology, access, engagement and inclusion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and families. Indigenous agency in education. [www.canberra.edu.au](http://www.canberra.edu.au)

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