

National Agenda for Early Childhood in Australia

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Healthy Young Families

Early learning and Care

Supporting Families and Parents

Creating Child Friendly communities

Early Years Learning Framework

National Regulatory Framework

Early childhood educators are the implementers of these policies. How they interpret and are lead through the process of implementation is the focus of my research

Implementing the Policy

Challenges and Dilemmas

- Curriculum documents that are based on research where children are positioned as active learners who learn through play and the '100 languages'
- This document demands new strategies such as helping children to communicate and think using the arts and play as the medium
- BUT these are different teaching strategies than those from the 1950's and 60's
- There is a new era of accountability
- Complexity of working in the field of Early Childhood
- Fragmentation of the field
- Female leadership within the field and predominantly male leadership externally to the field

