



Reflection on ECE SIG research at ISBNPA's 23rd Annual Meeting in Omaha

The 2024 ISBNPA conference co-organized by the Center for Nutrition and Health Impact and ISBNPA was an incredible experience. As a recent PhD graduate, I was looking forward to networking with other researchers and ISBNPA provided me with an opportunity to not just make new connections but also learn about some meaningful research work ongoing in the field of behavioral nutrition and physical activity. One of the throughlines for ECE-related research was the emphasis on the need for parents and ECE providers to work in partnerships for establishing optimal child health behaviors. Moreover, researchers discussed logistical challenges and different ways to implement effective recruitment and implementation strategies, a much-needed conversation and knowledge exchange. A huge shoutout to the NESI team for making extra efforts to make students' and ECRs' experience worthwhile by organizing social networking activities, walks around Omaha, and other events. Overall, this was another successful year for ISBNPA and I am thrilled to attend the next one.

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Call for Best Paper Nominations

The Early Care and Education Special Interest Group are seeking nominations for the Best Paper in fields related to our research [remit](#).

To be eligible the paper must be published or accepted between May 2023 and May 2024.

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- [Outdoor and Nature Play; a global look at research, policy and practice](#)

Join the ECE SIG leadership team

We are looking for a new Early Career Researcher to join our ECE SIG leadership team. If you are interested in getting involved in international networking with the research community, organizing events (e.g. webinars) and shaping the ECE SIG agenda, please get in touch with Dr Penny Love at penny.love@deakin.edu.au.

Recent Publications

- Monsur, Muntazar, et al. "Effects of Childcare Hands-On Gardening on Preschoolers' (3–5 Years) Physical Activity in Semi-Arid Climate Zone." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 21.5 (2024): 548. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph21050548>
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- Searle, Bonnie, et al. "A Missed Opportunity? Meal Provision in Early Childhood Education and Care Services in the Context of Socioeconomic Disadvantage." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 28.2 (2024): 362-371. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-023-03849-4>
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