



# Dr Dianne Jackson, CEO, ARACY

## Biography

Dr Dianne Jackson is the CEO of ARACY and has more than 30 years of experience in education, academia and not-for-profit management. She is passionate about collectively acting to get the best research evidence to those whose decision-making and practice affects the lives of Australia's children and young people, and her work is underpinned by ARACY's core values of collaboration, evidence and prevention.

Dianne's passion for children, young people and families is well known and she is regularly invited to work and present nationally and internationally. Her doctoral research won the 2010 Best Practitioner Research Award from the European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA), and she has also recently been appointed the Australia Country Coordinator for EECERA.

Dianne holds a degree in early childhood, a first class honours degree in social science and a PhD that crossed both of these disciplines. She co-authored the book *Engaging Parents in Early Years Settings*, and a chapter in *A Critical Companion to Early Childhood* (Reed and Walker), both published in 2014 by Sage publications.

Dianne has five children who inspire her work.

