



Dr Cate Taylor

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Biography

Cate has a joint appointment as a Research Professor and Senior Principal Researcher at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and The University of Western Australia. She is proud to be a Life Course Centre Fellow. Cate has expertise in child development and life span/longitudinal epidemiology. Her primary research is in language development and disorders in childhood and related developmental outcomes such as school readiness, school achievement and social and emotional wellbeing. Her research has led to significant advances in what is known about children's language and literacy development in the first ten years of life. Her current program of research includes population level prospective cohort studies of: (1) Neurobiological and environmental influences on language, literacy and academic achievement in childhood and adolescence; (2) use of linked population health and education data to understand early lifecourse risks and inequalities that influence human capability formation across the lifecourse; and (3) evaluation of progressive universal and place based prevention and intervention programmes for young children and families. The overarching aim of this research is to contribute to the evidence-base that delivers equitable developmental opportunities for children and young people. Her professional interests include supervising and mentoring doctoral and postdoctoral researchers and industry based researchers. She has extensive networks in the health, education, university and research sectors and holds national advisory roles in the development and evaluation of early childhood services and supports for children and families. She especially enjoys working in partnership with government agencies and communities to create and share knowledge to improve preschool services and supports for children and families.