INITIAL FINDINGS ON THE 12-MONTH IMPACT OF THE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Abstract
The Early Years Education Program (EYEP) is a centre-based model of early years care and education targeted at the particular needs of children who are exposed to significant family stress and social disadvantage. The ultimate objective of EYEP is to ensure that at-risk and vulnerable children realise their full potential and arrive at school developmentally and educationally equal to their peers. The impact of EYEP is being evaluated through a Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT). The trial was initiated by the Children's Protection Society, and is taking place in the north-east region of Melbourne. This talk will: (1) Describe the main details of EYEP; (2) Provide an overview of the trial of EYEP; (3) Present a summary of the main characteristics of children and families participating in the trial of EYEP; and (4) Present results on the impact of EYEP on outcomes for children and their families after twelve months of participation in the program.

Presenter
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