Longitudinal Study of Australian Children
(Growing Up in Australia)

In its 2000-2001 Budget, the Australian Government committed $20.2 million to the landmark Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC), the first nationally-representative study of its kind in Australia. LSAC is studying the impact of Australia’s unique social and cultural environment on the next generation. It will add to the understanding of early childhood development, inform social policy, and be used to identify opportunities for early intervention.

The LSAC Consortium, lead by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, comprises nine leading Australian institutions including the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute. A/Prof Melissa Wake of the Centre for Community Child Health heads the Health Design Team for the study.

Commencing March 2004, more than 5000 infants and nearly 5000 4-year-olds participated in Wave 1, to be followed by biennial waves of data collection for at least eight years. Data from the first wave were released for analysis in May 2005 and Wave 2 data (collected in 2006) are expected to be released in May 2007. Subsequent main waves are expected in 2008 and 2010.

The Centre for Community Child Health has focussed on data analysis regarding sleep, obesity and factors affecting the Outcome Index.

Methodology – Research

Date
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Finish: 2008 approximately «Finish»

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Publications


Invited presentations

Royal Australian College of Physicians Congress 2006, Cairns; May 7-11 2006
Wake M, Hardy P, Canterford L, Sawyer M, Carlin JB. Overweight, obesity and girth of Australian preschoolers: prevalence and socioeconomic correlates. (PRSANZ Research Award finalist).


Other presentations


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