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Authors are invited to submit manuscripts under the following categories:

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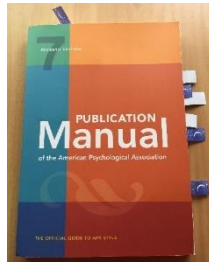
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Article in journal that does not have DOIs (digital object identifiers)

Gorst, L. (2020). Leadership development as a bus journey: Making sense of life experiences from childhood to adulthood. *The First Years: Ngā Tau Tuatahi/New Zealand Journal of Infant and Toddler Education*, 22(1), 20-24.

Paranthetical citation: (Gorst, 2020)

Narrative citation: Gorst (2020) found that ...

Hedges, H. (2017). Reflecting on our aspiration statement: Competent, confident, and capable infants and toddlers. *The First Years: Ngā Tau Tuatahi/New Zealand Journal of Infant and Toddler Education*, 19(2), 5-8.

Paranthetical citation: (Hedges, 2017)

Narrative citation: Hedges (2017) argues ...

Article in journals with DOIs

Jacobs, M. M., Harvey, N., & White, A. (2021). Parents and whānau as experts in their worlds: Valuing family pedagogies in early childhood. *Kōtuitui*, 16(2), 265-282. <https://10.1080/1177083X.2021.1918187>

Paranthetical citation: (Jacobs et al., 2021)

Narrative citation: Jacobs et al. (2021) valued ...

Matapo, J. (2021). Mobilising Pacific Indigenous knowledges to reconceptualise a sustainable future: A Pasifika early childhood education perspective. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Research in Early Childhood Education*, 15(1), 45-63. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17206/apjrece.2021.15.1.45>

Paranthetical citation: (Matapo, 2021)

Narrative citation: Matapo (2021) reconceptualises ...

Peters, S. (2018). Exploring new approaches to pathways from early childhood education to school. *Early Childhood Folio*, 22(1), 21-26. <https://doi.org/10.18296/ecf.0048>

Paranthetical citation: (Peters, 2018)

Narrative citation: Pathways to school, as Peters (2018) ...

Article online ahead of publication

Cooper, M. (2022). Everyday collective leadership: teachers enhancing education and care through goal-directed joint activity. *International Journal of Leadership in Education*. Advance online publication: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13603124.2022.2052757>

Paranthetical citation: (Cooper, 2022)

Narrative citation: ECL is described by Cooper (2002) as ...

Chapter in an Edited Book

Similarly, for one or two authors both surnames are used in-text and in the reference list. For 3-20 authors et al. is used in-text but all names are included in the reference list.

Reedy, T. (2019). Tōku rangatira nā te mana mātauranga: Knowledge and power set me free... In A. C. Gunn & J. Nuttall (Eds.), *Weaving Te Whāriki: Aotearoa New Zealand's early childhood curriculum document in theory and practice* (3rd ed., pp. 25–43). NZCER Press.

Parenthetical citation: (Reedy, 2019) Narrative citation: Mana, according to Reedy (2019) is ...

Hedges, H., Cooper, M., & Weisz-Koves, T. (2019). Recognising and responding to family funds of knowledge. In S. Alcock & N. Stobbs (Eds.), *Rethinking play as pedagogy* (pp. 107-120). Routledge.

Parenthetical citation: (Hedges et al., 2019) Narrative citation: Families in Hedges et al. (2019) ...

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Hedges, H. (2022). *Children's interests, inquiries and identities: Curriculum, pedagogy, learning and outcomes in the early years*. Routledge.

Parenthetical citation: (Hedges, 2022) Narrative citation: Hedges (2022) argues that ...

May, H. (2013). *The discovery of early childhood* (2nd ed.). NZCER Press.

Parenthetical citation: (May, 2013) Narrative citation: May (2013) describes ...

A chapter within an authored book

Canning, N. (2020). Observing empowerment in play (chapter 6, pp. 75-89). In *Children's empowerment in play: Participation, voice and ownership*. Routledge.

Parenthetical citation: (Canning, 2020) Narrative citation: Canning (2020) adopts ...

Edited book

Podmore, V., Hedges, H., Keegan, P., & Harvey, N. (Eds.). (2016). *Teachers voyaging in plurilingual seas: Children learning in more than one language*. New Zealand Council for Educational Research.

Parenthetical citation: (Podmore et al., 2016) Narrative citation: In Podmore et al.'s (2016) book ...

Policy Document/Report/Resource or Freely Accessible Internet-Publication

Leaupepe, M. (2011). Pasifika perspectives of play: Challenges and responsibilities. *He Kupu: The Word*, 2(4), 19-33. <https://www.hekupu.nztertiarycollege.ac.nz/article/pasifika-perspectives-play-challenges-and-responsibilities>

Parenthetical citation: (Leaupepe, 2011) Narrative citation: In Leaupepe (2011) ...

Ministry of Education. Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga. (2017). *Te Whāriki/He whāriki matauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa: Early childhood curriculum*. <https://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/teaching-and-learning/te-whariki/>

Parenthetical citation: (Ministry of Education, 2017)

Narrative citation: In *Te Whāriki* (Ministry of Education, 2017) ... OR The Ministry of Education (2017) curriculum document ...

Please note that not all Ministry of Education documents have the Māori name for the Ministry as well – check the authorship details. *Te Whāriki* does, so the above is the correct style now dual language names are recognised by APA. *Tapasā* that follows does not have the dual name.

Ministry of Education. (2018). *Tapasā: Cultural competencies framework for teachers of Pacific learners*.
<https://teachingcouncil.nz/content/tapasā-cultural-competencies-framework-teachers-of-pacific-learners>

Parenthetical citation: (Ministry of Education, 2018)

Narrative citation: In *Tapasā* (Ministry of Education, 2018) ... OR The Ministry of Education (2018) Pasifika cultural competencies document ...

Streaming Service e.g. YouTube Videos

Watson, B. (2022, February 21st). *The impact of social exchanges on mentor/PCT relationships: Five vignettes*. [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7OBgUbXNBc>

Parenthetical citation: (Watson, 2022)

Narrative citation: In Watson's (2022) vignettes ...