

## Siobhan Fitzpatrick



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***What is one of your favourite article (or other publication) on implementation?***

I have been reading a lot from Alison Metz and especially like her 2012 article co-authored with Leah Bartley (2012), [‘Active Implementation Frameworks for Program Success’](#). It looks at lessons for implementation success in work with young children 0-3. I find that Allison Metz’s work applies more to the social policy field than that of many other writers in implementation science. And putting a framework for implementation science on the world of early childhood is especially useful for my work

***What are you currently working on that relates to implementation?***

I am leading an Implementation Team across the organisation with the aim of applying the science of implementation to taking a number of evidence based Early Childhood programmes to scale. I have been leading this team for over 10 years now and have faced the many challenges of adhering to implementation fidelity in a real world setting over a significant period of time.

***If you were to have lunch with another ‘implementer’, whom would you pick?***

I would love to have lunch with [Robert Franks](#) from the Judge Baker Children’s Center at Harvard University. He has written and presented on a range of implementation models and I would love to explore with him what he would think would be the best approaches for the challenges that we face within the Early Childhood and Development world.

***If you had the resources for it, what within implementation science or practice would you want to work with next?***

I would love to have the resources to develop an effective and sophisticated data management system that would help to effectively monitor implementation progress and provide real time feedback in relation to implementation issues. Strong data can be an effective motivator for implementation teams and to date we have not cracked a system which will give us reliable data on implementation issues and challenges.

***Who in the implementation science and practice world would you like to see interviewed as part of this EIC series of ‘implementer portraits’?***

I would like to see a portrait [Nina Wallenstein](#) from the University of New Mexico. I would love to hear about her work on Participatory Community based intervention and implementation research. Another great candidate would be [Bonnie Duran](#) from the School of Social Work at the University of Washington. She, like Wallenstein, is interested in the power of participatory research approaches and how they fit within the implementation science world.