

We are excited to present the new



PLAY newsletter

Play & Learning
Across a Year

We will send out a newsletter every 2-3 weeks
to keep you up to date with the PLAY project.

NEWS



[We have a new website!](#)

The website is designed to help you find everything you need in a single place. While we continue to develop the website, we would love for you to check it out and provide us with feedback.

You can find all our newsletters at
www.play-project.org/newsletters

Meet the PLAY team. If you need help with anything, we are here for you.

Karen Adolph, Ph.D., Principal Investigator



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Logistics, project oversight



Swapnaa Jayaraman, Ph.D., Research Scientist

Databrary, Datavyu



Orit Herzberg-Keller, D.P.T., Research Scientist

Data collection, data coding



Sandy Gonzalez, A.B.D., Research Scientist

Transcription, language, dual language



Melody Xu, B.A., Program Coordinator

Equipment, subcontracts, IRB

We established an **Advisory Board** to handle ethical and practical issues that affect the launch group and/or participants. Advisory board members were

selected to represent expertise across content areas and range from newer to more established investigators. We added two external advisors to balance our

the expertise and to provide input from researchers at the host universities.

Internal advisors

- Rachel Barr - Georgetown
- Kathy Hirsch-Pasek - Temple
- Jeff Lockman - Tulane
- Laura Prosser - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Meredith Rowe - Harvard
- Dan Yurovsky - CMU

External advisors

- Helen Egger - NYU
- David Hunter - Penn State

Helen Egger is the Chair of NYU's Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and has expertise in social-emotional development, naturalistic home studies, and apps for collecting parent report and live data.

David Hunter is Professor of Statistics at the Pennsylvania State University and leads the University's data science initiative (<https://datascience.psu.edu/>).

Protocol updates

We sent a message about the status of the *five-minute structured play* episodes in February. After intensive piloting, we retained the ***five-minute dyadic structured play*** episode. We identified a set of toys that elicit rich and interesting data on different play types including visual-manual exploration, non-symbolic play, and pretend play. Infants are happy to sit with their mothers for the entire episode.

We made the executive decision to eliminate the solitary structured play episode because (1) we could not find toys that elicited sufficiently rich data to warrant inclusion, (2) infants would not sit and play for the entire 3-minute episode, and (3) the extra materials for the researcher to carry on home visits did not warrant inclusion.

CENTRAL IRB

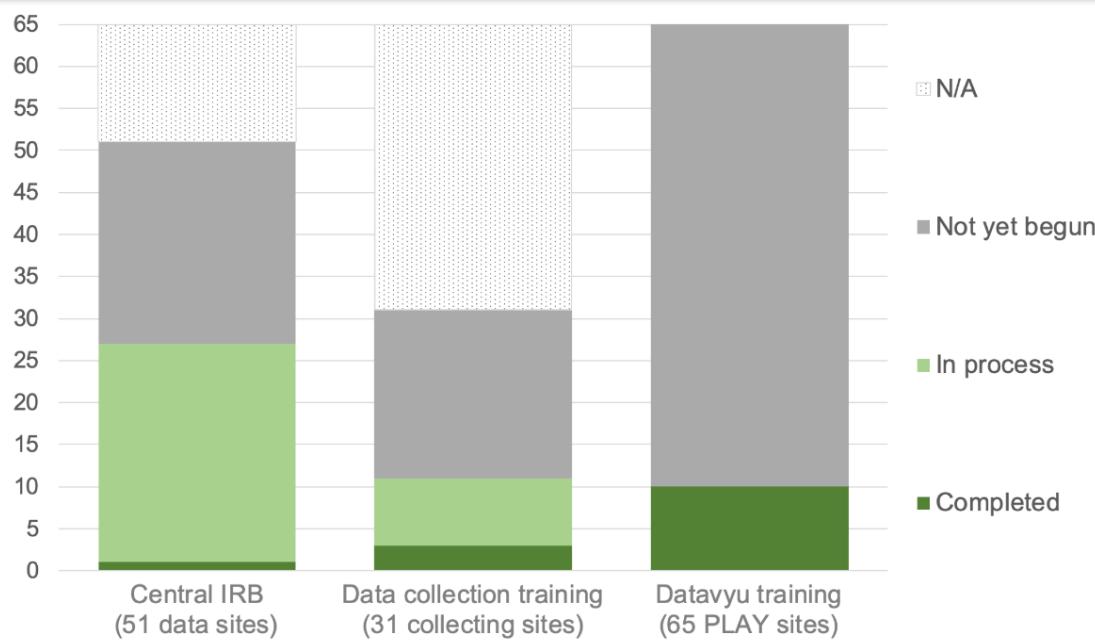
The Central IRB is mandatory. Applying a single IRB across 65 sites is an unexpectedly difficult challenge, but we need everyone to do their part ASAP for the project to stay on track. Over half the PLAY sites have begun the process and are well on their way to completion.

We have a form to solicit information to build your application with BRANY. It also includes a place to upload CITI certificates for everyone involved in the project. *This process should take less than 20 minutes to complete.* If you have not filled it out yet, please do so by Aug 1, 2019.

[Fill BRANY form now](#)

UPDATES

Among the 65 PLAY sites, 31 sites will collect data and 50 will code data. This section tracks our progress and will be updated in each newsletter.



All 65 sites must get trained on Databrary and Datavyu regardless of their role in the PLAY project. Please set up a meeting with the [PLAY team](#) to complete these necessary steps.

Central IRB

Completed



NYU

In progress



Boston University

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Georgetown University

Harvard University

Indiana University

Michigan State University

Ohio State University

Penn State University

Princeton University

Rutgers University

Stanford University

University of California at Los Angeles
University of California at Merced
University of California at Riverside
University of California at Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Miami
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas at Austin
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University

Not yet begun 

Brooklyn College
California State University at Fullerton
California State University at Long Beach
Carnegie Mellon University
College of William & Mary
Cornell University
CUNY, College of Staten Island
Lehigh University
Michigan State University
Mount Allison University
New York University
Penn State University
Penn State University
Purdue University
Purdue University
Texas A&M
University of California at Riverside
University of Connecticut
University of Connecticut
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas at Austin
University of Toronto Scarborough

Data collection training

Completed

Georgetown University
New York University
Rutgers University
University of California at Santa Cruz

In progress

Indiana University
University of California at Riverside
University of Georgia
University of Miami
University of Oregon
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University

Not yet begun

Boston University
California State University at Fullerton
California State University at Long Beach
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
College of William & Mary
Cornell University
CUNY, College of Staten Island
Michigan State University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Stanford University
Tulane University
University of California at Davis
University of California at Merced
University of Chicago

Datavyu training

Completed 

Brooklyn College
Cornell University
CUNY -- College of Staten Island
Harvard University
Texas A&M University
University of California, Riverside
University of Connecticut
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas, Autstin
University of Waterloo

Not yet begun 

Arizona State University
Boston University
Brown University
California State University at Fullerton
California State University at Long Beach
Carnegie Mellon University
Carnegie Mellon University
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
College of William & Mary
Cornell University
Cornell University
Georgetown University
Indiana University
Lehigh University
Michigan State University
Michigan State University
Mount Allison University
New York University
New York University
NICHD

Penn State University
Penn State University
Penn State University
Penn State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Purdue University
Rutgers University
Society for Research In Child Development
Stanford University
Temple University
Temple University
Tulane University
University of California at Davis
University of California at Los Angeles
University of California at Merced
University of California at Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Georgia
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