

DIPTI A. DEV, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

Betti and Richard Robinson Associate Professor and
Childhood Health Behaviors Extension Specialist

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EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy. 2013. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Major: Nutritional Sciences, GPA: 3.96

Dissertation: *Head Start and Child Care Providers' Feeding Practices: A Potential Avenue for Obesity Prevention in Young Children*

Advisors: Dr. Brent McBride and Dr. Sharon Donovan; Committee: Dr. Karen Chapman-Novakofski (committee chair), Dr. Barbara Fiese and Dr. Margarita Teran-Garcia

Master of Science. 2004. Nirmala Niketan College, University of Mumbai, India

Major: Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics, GPA: 3.8

Thesis: *Development and Preservation of Whey Protein Concentrate (WPC) Enriched Juices of Pomegranate (Punica granatum L.) and Guava (Psidium guajava L.)*

Advisors: Dr. Arun Behere and Dr. Veena Yardi

Bachelor of Science. 2002. Sir Vithaldas Thackersey College of Home Science,

Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (SNDT) University, Mumbai, India

Major: Dietetics, GPA: 3.6

Research Paper: *Hyperhomocysteinemia and Risk of Cardiovascular Disease: Relation with Vitamins B6, B12, And Folate*

Advisor: Dr. Jagmeet Madan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Betti and Richard Robinson (Tenured) Associate Professor, Extension Specialist. July 2019-Present

Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

- **Assignment:** Improve the environments where food is used and consumed by children ages birth to 8 and where food choices take place, namely, home and family, and early childhood education settings.
- **Research (50%):** Conduct research that enhances knowledge about family dynamics and early childhood education environments that impact child health behaviors.

- **Extension** (45%): Design, deliver and evaluate curriculum, materials and program that will contribute to improve children's health behaviors that will foster healthy weights and lifestyles.
- **Service** (5%): Contribute as requested at the Administrative Unit, College/Division, Institute, and/or University level.

Assistant Professor, Extension Specialist, Jan 2014 – June 2019
Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Graduate Research Assistant, Aug 2009 – Dec 2013

STRONG Kids Program (Transdisciplinary research program from cell to society to prevent childhood obesity), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- **Research focus:** How genetic, family, community, child care, cultural, and media factors contribute to the development of childhood weight imbalance, obesity, health behaviors, and health beliefs. Translate findings for childhood obesity prevention programs.
- **Research skills:** Survey development, dietary assessment using 24-hour recalls and food frequency questionnaires, analyze nutrient and food consumption using Nutrition Data System for Research (NDSR), Childcare environment assessment with Environment Policy Assessment and Observation (EPAO) Instrument, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) data management and analysis, conduct in-person interviews, NVivo qualitative data analysis, and anthropometric measurements (height, weight, and sitting height), body fat percentage.

Graduate Assistant: Team Leader, Research Apprentice Program, Summer 2010, 2011

PepsiCo, Barrington, IL

- **Research focus:** Evaluate nutrition, sensory and texture characteristics of granola bars with varying ingredients (chocolate chips and rice crisps).
- **Research skills:** Product optimization, experimental design, sensory evaluation, nutrition and texture analysis, mentored eight high school students. Development of training manuals and reports for presentation to PepsiCo scientists.

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Applied Statistical Methods (CPSC 440), Aug 2010 – Dec 2011

Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Presented one lecture/week with a lab component for using SAS to analyze data.
- Conducted in-class discussion sessions and advised students individually during office hours.
- Managed online educational management system and evaluated students' homework, quizzes and tests.

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Investigator on *CELEBRATE Feeding: Coaching in Early Learning Environments to Build a Responsive Approach to Eating and Feeding*, an international collaboration with investigators at Mount Saint Vincent University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and the University of Prince Edward Island.

In 2025, the team submitted a grant application to the **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**, and I co-organized a symposium for the **Canadian Nutrition Society**, which was accepted with sponsored travel, enhancing international dissemination and visibility.

Co-Investigator on the *Adaptation and Implementation of the EAT Family Style Program for Portuguese Childcare Settings*, conducted in partnership with investigators at the **Universidade de Lisboa** (Lisbon, Portugal). This work focuses on cross-cultural adaptation and implementation of responsive feeding interventions. To date (2023- present), the collaboration has resulted in two international conference presentations, with a peer-reviewed manuscript currently in preparation.

Faculty Participant: Reggio Emilia and Pistoia, Italy, Study Abroad, April 2014

Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, UNL

Research Scientist (Intern): International Regulatory Affairs, July 2012 – Dec 2013

Abbott Nutrition, Champaign, IL

- **Research focus:** Develop scientific substantiation to support product launches for Foods for Special Dietary Uses (FSDUs) and Foods for Special Medical Purposes (FSMPs) in South Asia.
- **Research skills:** Develop systematic reviews (Totality of Evidence) for ingredients of interest, brand of products, health campaigns including broader areas—malnutrition and patient compliance. Develop guidance on how to conduct TOE reviews.

Nutrition Consultant, Sept 2006 – Feb 2007

Marico Ltd., Mumbai, India

- **Research focus:** Design, implement and evaluate a weight loss intervention in adults for management of obesity and associated conditions—cardiovascular disease, diabetes.
- **Research skills:** Planned customized nutritional care plans based on comprehensive assessment of needs, documented nutrition notes: dietary history, prescribed diets, calorie content, changes in biochemical parameters and fat loss, occasions of diet deviation et al. into the volunteer's electronic medical records

Lecturer, July 2005 – April 2006

SNDT University, Mumbai, India

- Taught University Grants Commission (UGC) approved certificate course in “*Physical Fitness and Weight Management*”

Dietitian, Aug 2004 – Aug 2005

Vandana Luthra’s Curls and Curves (VLCC) Health Care Ltd., Mumbai, India

- Nutritional planning, counseling and follow-up for weight loss and management

Dietetic Intern, 2002

Lokmonya Tilak Municipal General (LTMG) Hospital, Mumbai, India

- Assessed nutritional needs developed a therapeutic plan and provided nutrition education to patients and families

AWARDS, HONORS, AND RECOGNITION

- 2025 Nominee, Distinguished Research/Creative Activity Career Award, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2025 Faculty Student Mentoring Award, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2022 Early Professional Achievement Award for notable and novel contributions through leadership in the field of nutrition education and behavior during the early stages of her career, defined as less than 10 years, since Doctoral degree. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior. Press release: [2022-SNEB-Early-Career-Dev.pdf](#)
- 2021 *Early Childhood Child Care Training Award* category titled “Nebraska Go NAP SACC: An Impactful and Scalable Statewide Training Program for Improving the Nutrition and Physical Activity Environment in Childcare Settings” has been selected as **2nd Place Central Region Winner** in the NEAFCS Annual Awards Program.
- 2019 *Early Childhood Child Care Training Award* for leading the development and implementation of "An Ecological Approach to (EAT) Family Style Dining: A Child Care Training Program to Improve Children's Healthier Food Choices" selected a **1st Place National Winner and 1st Place Central Region Winner** in the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) Annual Awards Program
- 2018 *Platinum Project Award* project for leading the development of the Sensi-Plate in partnership with Raikes School. The Sensi-Plate will electronically measure children's dietary intake in childcare settings. The Sensi-plate was selected for the platinum award out of 29 teams by the Raikes School of Computer Science Design Studio. <https://cehs.unl.edu/cyaf/news/sensi-plate-team-wins-platinum-award/>
- 2018 *College-wide Emerging Scholar Research and Creative Award*, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska–Lincoln. <https://cehs.unl.edu/cehs/award-recipients/>

- 2018 *National Family Life and Human Development State Extension Specialist Early Achievement Award* (2017) by the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for leadership and contribution to the field locally, statewide, and nationally. <https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/family-life-and-human-development-state-specialists-awards>
- 2017 *Dinsdale Family Faculty Award* for outstanding teaching, research and outreach in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) at University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL). IANR received 10 nominations for this award. <https://ianr.unl.edu/dinsdale-award>
- 2017 *Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research, Agricultural Research Division* (ARD), UNL. ARD Advisory Council received 6 nominations for this award. <http://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/cehs-news/7337/41313>
- 2017 *Betti and Richard Robinson Professorship in Early Childhood Extension*, University of Nebraska–Lincoln. <https://cehs.unl.edu/cyaf/news/dev-selected-betti-and-richard-robinson-professorship/>
- 2016 *Innovation to Team Programming Award*, Nebraska Extension
- 2014 *Fellow, College of Education and Human Sciences Scholarly Enhancement Program*, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- 2014 *David H. Baker Nutrition Scholar Award* for excellence in research as documented through peer-reviewed publications, awards and research grants. During the selection of the award recipient, an emphasis is placed on the originality and creativity of the research. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2013 *1st Place, Poster Presentation Award*, Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program Symposium; <http://i-topp.fshn.illinois.edu/symposiums/symposium-2013.html>
- 2013 *2nd Place, Poster Presentation Award*, Division of Nutritional Sciences Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2013 *Toshiro Nishida Research Award*, Division of Nutritional Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 *1st Place, Poster Presentation Award*, Division of Nutritional Sciences Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 *William Rose Endowed Research Award*, Division of Nutrition Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 *Sponsorship* to attend Nutrition Policy and Regulatory Affairs Summit, Washington, DC
- 2012 *Abbott Nutrition Scholarship* for participation in the Certificate of Business Administration Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2011 Cited, *List of Teachers Ranked Excellent* with Outstanding Ratings, Applied Statistics
- 2011 *2nd Place, Poster Presentation Award*, Division of Nutritional Sciences Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2011 *Most Outstanding Team*, PepsiCo Research Apprentice Program (RAP) I, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Role: Team Lead

GRANTS (Integrated Research and Extension)

Total = \$7,529,618 (as PI/Co-PI since 2014)

Table 1: Funding Summary (2014–2025)

Role	External Grants	External Contracts	Internal Grants	Extension Funding	Total
Principal Investigator	\$4,345,962	\$964,243	\$282,398	\$175,000	\$5,767,603
Co-Investigator	\$40,000	\$0	\$1,702,015	\$20,000	\$1,762,015
Total	\$4,385,962	\$964,243	\$1,984,413	\$195,000	\$7,529,618

External Research Grants with Integrated Extension as Principal Investigator, Funded

Total = \$4,385,962 since 2014

2025-2027	Dev D.A. (PI, UNL), Hillburn, C. (Co-I, NE Extension), George R.M. (UNL), Rogers, A.E. (Co-PI, University of Nebraska Medical Center), Dzewaltowski D.A. (Co-I, UNMC), Seggern, M.J.V. (UNMC), Sisson, S.B. (Co-I, University of Oklahoma), Murie-Mazariegos, M. (Co-I, NICC), Hamilton, V. (NICC), & Sudbeck, K. (NICC). <i>Community-Engaged Adaptation of Feedback Processes for Improving Children's Diet</i> . (Great Plains IDeA-CTR Team Research Pilot Program, funded 149,000 for 2 years)
2024- 2029	Dev D.A. (PI, UNL) , Dzewaltowski D.A (Co-I, University of Nebraska Medical Center), Bayly B. (Co-I, Penn State Extension), Knoche L. (Co-I, UNL), Tovar A. (Co-I, Brown University), Koziol N. (Co-I, UNL), Sisson S.(Co-I, University of Oklahoma) , Martin C., (Co-I, Pennigton Biomedical Center), Stage C.V. (Co-I, North Carolina State University), Franzen-Castle L. (Co-I, UNL), Hasnin S. (Co-I, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Rogers A (UNMC) Sigman-Grant M. (Consultant, University of Nevada), Hillburn C. (Project Manager, Nebraska Extension). <i>Effectiveness of a Multilevel Rural Community Engagement Model for Improving Children's Dietary Intake in Family Child Care Homes</i> . National Institutes of Health (NIH) 1R01HD115951-01, 09/17/2024 - 05/31/2029; status: funded \$3.2 million for 5 years.
2022-2023	Dev, D.A. (Principal Investigator/ Faculty Mentor), Smith J. (Graduate Student Scholar). Mealtime Emotional Climate and Feeding Practices: An Avenue to Improve Children's Dietary Intake in the Early Care and Education Settings Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Child Care Research Scholars, Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (OPRE): \$25,000 for 1 year.
2022	Dev, D.A. (Principal Investigator/ Faculty Mentor), Smith J. (Graduate Student Scholar). The Development and Psychometric Testing of the Mealtime Emotional Climate in Childcare Observational Scales

- (MECCOS). Dissertation Grant. Buffett Early Childhood Institute Graduate Scholars: 25,000 for 1 year.
- 2021-2023 **Dev, D.A.** (Principal Investigator/ Faculty Mentor), Hasnin S. (Graduate Student Scholar). *Can Family Childcare Home Providers' Preparation and Serving Practices Influence Children's Vegetable Consumption?* Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Child Care Research Scholars, Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (OPRE): \$50,000 for 2 years.
- 2021- 2022 **Dev, D.A.** (Principal Investigator/ Faculty Mentor), Hasnin S. (Graduate Student Scholar). *Can Family Childcare Home Providers' Preparation and Serving Practices Influence Children's Vegetable Consumption?* Dissertation Grant. Buffett Early Childhood Institute Graduate Scholars: 25,000 for 1 year.
- 2016 – 2021 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Williams, N., Gustafson, C., Pitla, S., Guru, A., Anderson-Knott, M., & Boeckner, L. *Food Systems, Health and Well-being: Understanding Complex Relationships and Dynamics of Change* Multi-State Hatch funding through USDA, NIFA NC1196: \$374,999 for 5 years
- 2016 – 2019 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Targeting Young Children's Eating Behaviors and Dietary Intake in CACFP-funded Child Care Programs in NE.* United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service, Team Nutrition Training Grant: \$478,963 for 3 years
- 2014 – 2018 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Williams, N., Gustafson, C., McBride B., & Sheridan, S. M. *An Ecological Approach to Family Style Dining: Encouraging Healthier Food Choices in Preschoolers in Childcare* The Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition: \$18,000 for 4 years
- 2011 – 2013 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Principal Investigator), & McBride, B. A. (Mentor). *Role of Head Start and Child-Care Programs in Childhood Obesity Prevention* (Dissertation grant) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation: \$50,000 for 2 years

External Grants with Integrated Research and Extension, Co-Investigator Funded

Total = \$40,000

- 2021-2023 **Dev, D.A.** (Co-Principal Investigator) Dzewaltowski, D. A.(PI), *Coordinating Whole-of-Community Systems for Early Life Cancer Prevention in the Great Plains: All Sports for All Kids Project.* University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion: \$50,000 for 1 year. UNL sub-award \$30,000 for 2 years.
- 2019 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Principal Investigator), Dinkel, D. (PI), Karabon, A., Bice, M., & Hatton-Bowers, H. *Improving the Mental and Physical Wellbeing of*

Child Care Providers – Great Plains IDeA-CTR Rural Patient & Stakeholder Engagement in Research Proposals. \$10,000 for 1 year.

External Grants and Contracts with Integrated Research and Extension as Principal Investigator, Funded

Total = \$964,243

- 2025 – 2026 **Dev, D. A.** (PI), Behrends D. (Co-PI). *Early Care and Education Policy, System and Environment Approaches for Improving Children's Health Behaviors: The Nebraska NAP SACC program* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$216,829 for 1 year
- 2024 – 2025 **Dev, D. A.** (PI), Behrends D. (Co-PI). *Early Care and Education Policy, System and Environment Approaches for Improving Children's Health Behaviors: The Nebraska NAP SACC program* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$216,829 for 1 year
- 2023 – 2024 **Dev, D. A.** (PI), Behrends D. (Co-PI). *Early Care and Education Policy, System and Environment Approaches for Improving Children's Health Behaviors: The Nebraska NAP SACC program* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$187,829.00 for 1 year
- 2022 – 2023 **Dev, D. A.** (PI), Behrends D. (Co-PI). *Early Care and Education Policy, System and Environment Approaches for Improving Children's Health Behaviors: The Nebraska NAP SACC program* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$187,829.00 for 1 year
- 2021 – 2022 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$20,000 for 1 year
- 2020 – 2021 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$20,000 for 1 year
- 2019 – 2020 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$20,000 for 1 year
- 2018 – 2019 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$20,000 for 1 year
- 2017 – 2018 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$20,000 for 1 year
- 2016 – 2017 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), & Foged, J. *Child's Health, Growth and Development* Nebraska Department of Education–Head Start, State Agencies, Public Service: \$5,000 for 1 year
- 2016 – 2017 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$19,927 for 1 year

- 2015 – 2016 Durden T., & **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Principal Investigator). *Child's Health, Growth and Development* Nebraska Department of Education–Head Start, State Agencies, Public Service: \$5,000 for 1 year
- 2015 – 2016 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$19, 978 for 1 year
- 2014 – 2016 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Healthy Eating in Childcare: An Interactive Providers' Curriculum for Feeding Preschool-Aged Children* Childcare and Youth Training and Technical Assistance Program (CYTTAP): \$15,000 for 2 years
- 2014 – 2015 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Nutrition and Physical Activity: Self-Assessment in Child Care: Website Development and Analysis* Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$10,000 for 1 year

Internal Research with Integrated Extension Grants, Funded as Principal Investigator (n=6; \$282,398) and Co-Investigator (n=8; \$1,702,015)

Total = \$1,984,413

- 2024-2025 **Dev D.A. (PI, UNL)**, George R.M. (UNL), Hamilton, V. (Nebraska Indian Community College [NICC]), Murie-Mazariegos, M. (NICC), Sudbeck, K. (NICC), & Miller, H (NICC). *Co-Creation of a Mealtime Program for Tribal Early Childcare Programs in Nebraska*. \$5000 for 1 year. UNL Community Engagement Seed Funding.
- 2023-2026 Li, Y. (PI), Yan, C., **Dev D.A. (Co-I)**, Ballester L. F., Wang B., Kim S., Lu Y., Romanova S., Release of Micro- and Nanoplastics from Plastic Food Containers — Characterization, Risk Assessment, Socioeconomic and Health Impacts, 1.3 Million for 3 years, UNL Grand Challenges Catalyst Grant Mechanism
- 2023-2025 Hughes M. (PI), **Dev D.A. (Co-I)**, Changmin Y., Sharif B., Nelson C., Bashford G., Ditmars H., Crawford L., Hines M., Iverson N., Ray S. Improving Health Care -Access for Underserved Populations. \$149,993 for 2 years, UNL Grand Challenges Catalyst Grant Mechanism
- 2023 **Dev, D. A. (PI)**, Dzewaltowski, D. A., Pitla, S. *Feasibility of an Assessment and Feedback Tool to Improve Dietary Intake in Childcare*. Project Leader Award, The Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Diseases (NPOD) National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant P20GM104320: \$150,000 for 12 months.
- 2023 **Dev D.A. (PI)** EAT for Prevention. NIH Revision Award, Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) 49,998 for 1 year.
- 2022-23 Pitla, S., Yufeng G., **Dev D.A. (Co-I)**, von der Dunk f., Magilton E., Keshwani J., Majumder K., Duncan B., Lowdes B., Schanble J., Roston R., Twomey R. **SPACE²: Space, Policy, Agriculture, Climate, and Extreme Environment** \$150,000, UNL Grand Challenges Planning Grant Mechanism

- 2021 **Dev, D.A** (Principal Investigator) Validating Children's Vegetable Consumption in Child Care through Veggie Meter. ARD Strategic Funding Equipment grant \$27,400
- 2021 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Pitla, S., Dzewaltowski, D. A., & Guru, H. (Submitted October 2020). *SensiTray: Improving Feasibility and Validity in Children's Dietary Assessment* Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Diseases through Dietary Molecules, University of Nebraska–Lincoln Seed Grant application: \$50,000 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant P20GM104320
- 2018 Yan, C. (PI), & **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator). *Imagine!: Improving Kindergarteners' Nutrition and Physical Activity Related Knowledge, Preferences and Habits through Virtual Reality Game in Rural Nebraska* University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Research Council grant: \$20,000 for 1 year
- 2018 Dinkel, D. M. (PI), **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Bice, M., Wisneski, D., Kuhn, M., Karabon, A., Escayg, K., & Hatton-Bowers, H. *Improving the Intersection of Policies, Practices, and Health Behaviors in Childcare: A Systems Approach to Childhood Obesity Prevention* University of Nebraska Research Initiative–Systems Science: \$14,680 for 1 year
- 2017 – 2018 Williams, N. (Principal Investigator), & **Dev, D. A.** (Investigator). *Needs and Adaptation of Caregivers of Young Children with Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome in Northeast Brazil: A Mixed Methods Pilot Study* University of Nebraska–Lincoln and Fundação Maria Cecilia Souto Vidigal (FMCSV): \$49,994 for 2 years
- 2017 – 2018 Williams, N. (Principal Investigator), & **Dev, D. A.** (Investigator). *Salivary Cortisol and Alpha-amylase Reactivity in Relation to Size and "Risky" Growth in Toddlers* Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior, University of Nebraska–Lincoln: \$7,348 for 2 years
- 2015 – 2017 Williams, N. (Principal Investigator), **Dev, D. A.** (Investigator), & Hansen, D. (Investigator). *Implications of Insecure Parent–Child Attachment for Early Childhood Obesity Risk* UNL Layman Award: \$10,000 for 2 years
- 2011 – 2012 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), & McBride, B. A. (Mentor). *Seed Grant* (Dissertation grant). U.S. Department of Agriculture I-TOPP (Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program) Seed Grant Program: \$10,000 for 1 year

Internal Extension Grants and Contracts, Principal Investigator, Funded

Total = \$282,398

2023-2026 Dev, D.A. (PI/ Graduate Student Mentor), Full-time Graduate Research Assistantship for Doctoral Student, **Roopan George**, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Nebraska Extension.

- 2024-2026 Dev, D.A. (PI/ Graduate Student Mentor), Full-time Graduate Research Assistantship for Masters Student, **Aya Abu Alrub**, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Nebraska Extension.
- 2024-2026 Dev, D.A. (PI/ Graduate Student Mentor), Full-time Graduate Research Assistantship for Masters Student, **Charlene Pereira**, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Nebraska Extension.
- 2024 Dev, D.A. (PI/ Mentor), Full-time Post-doctoral Research Associate, **Tirna Purkait**. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Nebraska Extension.
- 2022-2024 Dev, D.A. (PI/ Graduate Student Mentor), Full-time Graduate Research Assistantship for Doctoral Student, **Tirna Purkait**. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Nebraska Extension.
- 2022-2024 Dev, D.A. (PI/ Graduate Student Mentor), Full-time Graduate Research Assistantship for Masters Student, **Naveta Bhatti**. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Nebraska Extension
- 2020 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Hinrichs, K., Guenther, H., Behrends, D., Franzen-Castle, F., Verhage, A., Losey, A., Nacke, B., Hulse, E., Kampbell, E., Foged, J., Luxa, J., Werth, L., Manning, L., Reddish, L., DeVries, L., Wernick, P., Aspen, R., Ost diek, T., & Wulf, T. *EAT Family Style: Home Edition A Virtual Learning Platform to Improve Mealtime Emotional Climate and Promote Families' Physical, Social and Emotional Well-being* University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension Innovation Grant: \$10,000
- 2016 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Childhood Obesity Prevention: Transdisciplinary Graduate Education and Training in Nutrition and Family Sciences or Child Development or Related Fields to Prevent Childhood Obesity* – A2121 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Grant No. 2011-67002-30202 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture: \$10,000 for 1 year
- 2015 – 2016 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator). *Broadening the Scope of “The Learning Child” (TLC) through Social Media: Extension Program Marketing and Evaluation* Nebraska Extension Innovation: \$10,000 for 1 year
- 2015 – 2016 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Durden, T., Edwards, C., Durden, T., Williams, N., Wells, C., Brison, C., Sehi, N., Krause, K., Foged, J., Franzen-Castle, L., & Behrends, D. *Promoting Family Style Dining in Child Care: Development and Assessment of Web-based and Interactive Programming* Nebraska Extension Innovation: \$10,000 for 1 year
- 2014 – 2015 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Durden, T., Williams, N., Franzen-Castle, L., Sehi, N., Fischer, J., Werth, L., & Behrends, D. *Healthy Eating in Childcare: An Interactive Providers' Curriculum for Feeding Preschool-Aged Children* Nebraska Extension Innovation: \$10,000 for 1 year

2014 – 2015 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Williams, N., Behrends, D., Fischer, J., Sehi, N., Wobig, K., Schwarz, C., Reich, J., Schneider-Miller, C., Losey, A., Brison, C., Mostek, D., Glup, S., Colgrove, K., & Wells, C. *Obesity Prevention Practices in Early Care and Education Programs: Development of a Web-based Instrument for Assessment and Evaluation*
Nebraska Extension Innovation Grant (a one-year programming grant partnership to develop a web-based NAP SACC instrument): \$10,000 for 1 year

Internal Extension Grants and Contracts, Co-Investigator, Funded \$40,000

2017 – 2018 Hatton-Bowers, H., Schachter, R., **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Foged, J., Gottschalk, C., Poppe, L., & Werth, L. *Coaching with Purpose, Relationships, Resilience and Reflection (CPR³): An Innovative Approach to Improve the Impacts of Early Childhood Interventions*
Nebraska Extension Innovation: \$10,000 for 1 year

2016 – 2017 Werth, L., Hatton-Bowers, H., **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Nash, E., Brand, G., Trainin, G., Foged, J., Esterach, J., Torquati, J., Krause, K., Crandall, L., Sherry, L., & Paulos, S. *Meeting Preschool Teachers Where They Are! Creating Digital Play Learning Communities in Rural Nebraska*
Nebraska Extension New Audiences: \$10,000 for 1 year

Other Grants

Total = \$17,500

2021 Undergraduate **Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program** (UCARE) Received funding one UCARE student, Program, Pepsi Endowment Funds UNL, \$2,500 for 1 student: *Maddie Holland*

2016 Undergraduate **Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program** (UCARE) Received funding for six UCARE students, Program, Pepsi Endowment Funds UNL, \$2,500 for 1 student: *Alyssa Schroder*

2015 Undergraduate **Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program** (UCARE) Received funding for six UCARE students, Program, Pepsi Endowment Funds UNL, \$7,500 for 3 students: *Ann Essay, Kelsey Doerr, Alexis Noeldner*

2014 Undergraduate **Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program** (UCARE) Received funding for six UCARE students, Program, Pepsi Endowment Funds UNL, \$5,000 for 2 students: *Christy Fergen, Emma Thomas*

Grants Under Review

2025 McIsaac J.L ([PI]Mount Saint Vincent University - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) and Rossiter M. ([PI] University of Prince Edward Island: UPEI Home Page), **Dev D.A. (Co-I)**. Fostering joyful eaters through CELEBRATE Feeding: Coaching in Early Learning Environments to Build

a Responsive Approach to Eating and Feeding. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Submitted August 2025)

2025 Yan C. (PI), **Dev D.A. (Co-I)**, Li Y. (Co-I), Ballester L.F. (Co-I), Lu Y (Co-I), Wang B (Co-I), Applegarth C (Co-I) Mitigating Nanoplastic Exposure Risks from Plastic Baby Bottles via Community-Engaged Research. National Institutes of Health (Submitted June 2025)

Grants Not Funded

2025 Frankel L., (PI, University of Houston), **Dev, D.A (Co-I)**, Domoff S., (Co-I, SUNY, Albany.) Development of Parent Intervention to Increase Responsive Feeding. (NIH R34, Submitted October 2024)

2023 **Dev D.A.** (Co-I, UNL), Sisson S.(Co-PI, University of Oklahoma), Weed A. (Co-PI, University of Oklahoma), Dewitt K., (Chickasaw Nation – Co-I), Wells J., (Chickasaw nation – Co-I), Bray L., (University of Oklahoma Co-I), Deacon Z., *Indigenous Early Childhood Obesity Prevention: Wellness Around Traditional Community Health* (**NIH R01**, Submitted October, 2023; status: not discussed).

2023 Dzewaltowski, D.A. (PI, UNMC), **Dev, D.A (Co-I)** *Fostering local community-driven innovation systems for child population physical activity: A cluster randomized trial comparing feedback coordination design principles for equitable performance.* (**NIH R01**, Submitted June, 2023; status: **impact score 39**)

2023 Frankel L., (PI, University of Houston), **Dev, D.A (Co-I)**, Domoff S., (Co-I, SUNY, Albany.) Development of Parent Intervention to Increase Responsive Feeding. (NIH R34, Submitted October 2023, status: under review)

2022 Dev, D. A. (Co-Investigator), Frankel L (PI), Domoff E. S. (Co-I). (Submitted October 2022) *Training parents to use less nonresponsive feeding practices regardless of parent weight status.* NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21) PA-20-195. \$275,000 for 2 years.

2022 **Dev D.A.** (PI), Dzewaltowski D.A (Co-I, University of Nebraska Medical Center), Bayly B. (Co-I, Penn State Extension), Knoche K. (Co-I), Tovar A. (Co-I, Brown University), Koziol N. (Co-I), Sisson S.(Co-I, University of Oklahoma) , Hatton- H. (Co-I), Sigman-Grant M. (Consultant, University of Nevada), *EAT for Prevention Multi-level System for Improving Young Children's Dietary Intake: A Rural Family Child Care Home Randomized Effectiveness-Implementation Trial* NIH R01 Dissemination and Implementation Science (Submitted June 15, 2022; status: scored but not funded), Score 40th Percentile.

2022 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Frankel L (PI), Domoff E. S. (Co-I). (Submitted October 2022) *Training parents to use less nonresponsive feeding practices regardless of parent weight status.* NIH

- Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21) PA-20-195. \$275,000 for 2 years.
- 2021 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Pitla, S., Dzewaltowski, D. A., Yu H., Wang H., Knoche L., Koziol N., (Submitted February 2021). *iEAT: A Multi-Level Adaptive Community Learning Healthcare System for Healthful Eating in Young Children*. Smart and Connected Communities, Integrated Research Program, Track 1 National Science Foundation : \$2,478,517 for 48 months.
- 2021 **Dev, D.A.** (Principal Investiator), Franzen Castle L., Pitla S., Williams N., Nam Y., Wielenga V., Koziol N., Dinkel D., Dzewaltowski D. "Promotion of Health and Nutrition in Early Care and Education Teachers in Nebraska". FY22 Hatch Multistate Enhanced Program. 250,000 for 4 Years.
- 2020 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), Tovar A., Bauer K., Byrd-Williams, C., Chriqui, J., Cotwright, C., Dzewaltowski, D. A., & Lessard L. *Implementation of Federal Response Across Seven States for Feeding Young Children in the Early Care and Education Setting: Implications for Policy and Programs*
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research 2020 COVID-19 rapid-response funding opportunity: \$50,000 for 1 year
- 2019 Pitla, S. (PI), **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Keshwani, K., Bradley, J., Herr, J, Shi, Y., & Nemala, H. *Next-Generation Interdisciplinary Student Workforce Development For Addressing Engineering And Technology Needs Of Agricultural Sciences*
USDA/ NIFA/ AFRI Education and Workforce Development: Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU): \$500, 000 for 5 years
- 2019 de Guzman, M., Pitla, S., **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Choi, E., Hong, S., Grace, M., & Kim, S. *Expanding the 21st Century Extension Workforce: Transdisciplinary, Innovative, and Entrepreneuria*
USDA/ NIFA/ AFRI Education and Workforce Development: Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU): \$500, 000 for 5 years
- 2019 Dinkel, D. M. (PI), **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Bice, M., Gallagher, K., Guastaferro, K., Dai, H., & Murry D. *Improving the Physical and Mental Wellbeing of Childcare Providers*
National Institutes of Health/NHLBI: \$684,630
- 2019 **Dev, D. A.** (PI), Ciftci, O., Subbiah, J., Zhang, Y., Karabon, A., & Dzewaltowski, D. *3D Food Printing: An Avenue For Encouraging Children's Healthier Food Choices And Preventing Obesity*
Proposal under review Collaboration Initiative, Formed/ Forming Team
Seed Grants: \$150,000 for 2 years
- 2019 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-PI), Dinkel, D. (PI), Karabon, A., Bice, M., Hatton-Bowers, H., Gallagher, K., Mocarski, M., Gustafson, C., Kuhn, M., Escayg, K., Wisneski, D., & Smith, T. *Improving the Mental and Physical Wellbeing of Childcare Providers in Nebraska*
Grant under review in Collaboration Initiative, Formed/ Forming Team
Seed Grants: \$150,000 for 2 years

- 2018 Mamo M., **Dev, D. A.**, Gebru, S., & McCormick, P. *Sustainable Wellbeing through Nutrition-Sensitive Small-Scale Irrigation in Two Drought Prone Regions in Ethiopia*
Concept proposal submitted in collaboration with the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute (DWFI) at the University of Nebraska (NU) to RISE for Nutrition. Eleanor Crook Foundation: \$1,059,301 for 1 year
- 2018 Choi, E. (PI), Franzen-Castle, L., **Dev, D. A.** (Investigator), Colgrove, K., & Fischer, J. A. *Using Behavior Change Support System Technology with Nutrition Education Programs for Parents to Significantly Impact Childhood Obesity* USDA, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program: \$100,000 for 8 months
- 2018 Pitla, S. (PI), **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), Keshwani, K., Bradley, J., Herr, J., Shi, Y., & Nemala, H. *Next-Generation Interdisciplinary Student Workforce Development For Addressing Engineering And Technology Needs Of Agricultural Sciences*
USDA/ NIFA/ AFRI Education and Workforce Development: Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU): \$500, 000 for 5 years
- 2018 Gustafson, C. (PI), & **Dev, D. A.** (Investigator). *Healthy Eating Research Special Solicitation on Beverage Consumption in Early Childhood*
- 2018 **Dev, D. A.** (Principal Investigator), & Smith, T. *Improving Mealtime Environments in Rural Nebraska Early Care and Education (ECE) Settings: An Avenue to Promote Children's Physical, Social, and Emotional Well-Being* Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Promote Health and Well-Being Among Children 2018 Call for Proposals program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
- 2018 Aguirre, T. (PI), **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator), & Reifsnider, E. *A Promotora to Mother Motivational Interviewing Intervention to Limit Low Nutrient Simple Carbohydrate Intake in 2- to 5-year-old Latino Children*
National Institutes of Health, Health Disparities and Equity Promotion (R01): \$356,420 for 3 years
- 2017 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator). *Improving Kindergarteners' Eating Habits and Physical Activity with Virtual Reality and Digital Tracking: Evaluating an Immersive Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Program in Rural Nebraska*
Food for Health: Formed team grant: \$149,119 for 2 years
- 2017 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator). *Using Behavior Change Support System Technology with Nutrition Education Programs for Parents to Significantly Impact Childhood Obesity*
USDA, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program: \$100,000 for 8 months
- 2017 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Investigator). *DesignLab21: Creating Pathways to 21st Century Skills*
National Science Foundation (NSF): \$1,055,088 for 3 years
- 2016, 2017 **Dev, D. A.** (Co-Principal Investigator). *A Promotora to Mother Motivational Interviewing Intervention to Limit Low Nutrient Simple Carbohydrate Intake in 2-5-year old Latino Children*

	National Institutes of Health: Health Disparities and Equity Promotion (R01)
2016	Dev, D. A. (Principal Investigator). <i>NU Sensi-Plate: Automating Children's Dietary Intake Measurement in Child Care Settings</i> Food for Health Collaboration Initiative, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2015	Dev, D. A. (Co-Investigator). <i>Child-focused Healthy Food Labeling and Incentives: Bringing Kids Into the Conversation</i> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Associations/Foundations, Research
2015	Dev, D. A. (Co-Investigator). <i>Empathy as an Agent for Behavior Change to Improve Early Childhood Nutrition</i> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Associations/Foundations, Research
2015	Dev, D. A. (Co-Investigator). <i>How the Frequency and Timing of the Release of Nutritional Assistance Benefits Affect Dietary Quality</i> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Associations/Foundations, Research
2014	Dev, D. A. (Principal Investigator). <i>Brazil: Global Engagement for Childhood Obesity Prevention</i> Global Gateway Faculty Associate Grant, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Research

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2019	Dev D. A. , Pitla S., Guru A., Weng A., & Guru H. International Patent Application No. PCT/US2019/057770; Filed: October 24, 2019 Claiming Priority to U.S. Serial No. 62/749,700; filed October 24, 2018 Entitled: Methods and Systems for Measuring Diet and Nutrition in Children
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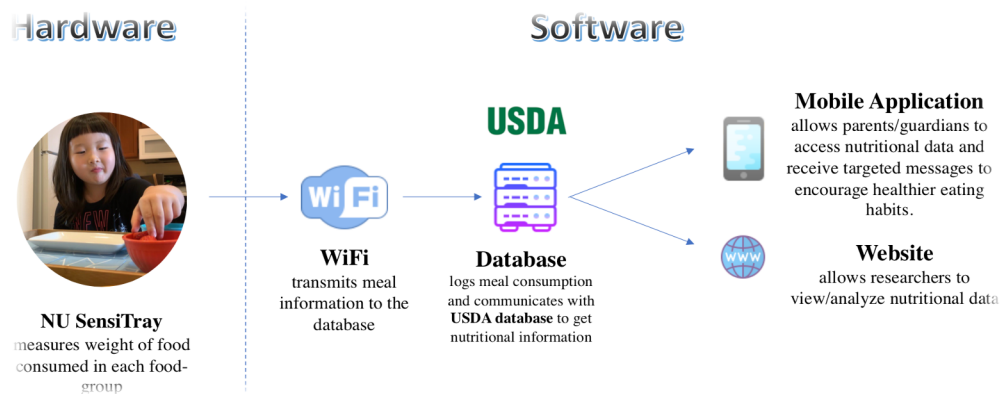


Figure 1. SensiTray hardware and software framework and data Workflow Pipeline

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Total journal publications since joining UNL in 2014: 70

Student Collaborators' Names Appear in Italics

- Senior/ Corresponding author indicated as “*”

- Selected press releases highlighting the translational aspect of the research are included

Table 2. Cumulative Record of Peer Reviewed Publications

Role	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	25'	26	Total
First/senior author	3	0	1	3	4	2	2	1	5	2	2	6	2	33
Co-author	0	0	3	1	4	4	5	6	6	3	2	3	0	37
Total	3	0	4	4	8	6	7	7	11	5	4	9	2	70

Citations: 1,850 total as of December 31st, 2025. Source: [Google Scholar](#)

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MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- *Student Collaborators' Names Appear in Italics*
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1. *Hasnin, S., Hillburn, C., Poelman, A., & Dev, D. A.* (Under Review). Family Child Care Home Providers' Vegetable Preparation Practices, their Association with Children's Liking and Providers' Perspectives for Serving Vegetables: A Mixed Methods Study. Manuscript submitted to Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.*

EXTENSION PRODUCTS

New Curriculum and Materials

1. **Dev D. A** (2022-24). EAT Family Style Online Series. Adapted and translated in Portuguese and disseminated to to **Portugal providers** through a partnership with Dr. Luisa Barros and Dr. Ana Gomes from the Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal. Dr. Ana Gomes visited UNL in August 2022, to discuss preliminary findings with Dev's team to continue adaptation and scalability of EAT Family Style in Portugal
2. **Dev D.A.** (2022-24). EAT Family Style Online Series. Adapted for Disseminated to **rural Family Child Care Homes**.
3. **Dev D.A** (2022). EAT Family Style Online Series. Adapted for Delivery and Disseminated to **Tribal Childcare Providers** based on the invitation from Southern Plains Tribal Health board
4. **Dev D.A** (2021). Ecological Approach to (EAT) Family Style Curriculum. Partnership with Better Kid Care- Penn State Extension for National Dissemination to Child Care Providers. http://bkc-od-media.vmhost.psu.edu/documents/BKC_EATSeries.pdf
5. **Dev, D. A.** (2020). *Ecological Approach to (EAT) Family Style at Home, Program for families to foster positive mealtimes*. Retrieved from <https://cehs.unl.edu/node/10730/memorable-mealtimes/>
 - Online videos and handouts for families to foster positive mealtimes and improve children's healthful eating. Content themes include Positive mealtimes, Gardening as a family, Cooking with Kids, Recipe Stories, Spark Conversations and Family Resources.
6. *Burger, C., Rida Z., Dev, D. A.* (2017). *Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)*
 - Online training modules (N=6, one hour each) to improve childcare providers knowledge about the changes to USDA meal pattern requirements and support them in providing healthy, balanced meals and

- snacks to the children they serve. The trainings are available for free on <https://moodle.education.ne.gov>
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 - The purpose of this interactive web-based curriculum is to improve childcare providers' feeding practices to encourage children's healthy eating habits, improve dietary intake, and prevent childhood obesity. Dr. Dev has served as PI on the grants that have funded the curriculum, and she has led the curriculum development. Dr. Dev also received a grant as PI to conduct a statewide evaluation of the curriculum to determine its impact on childcare providers' and children's knowledge and behavior change related to healthy eating.
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Extension Publications and Productions

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4. *Peter J., Garcia S., Dev D. A.*, Rida Z.* (2018) [*Using culturally responsive feeding practices: An avenue to promote healthy child eating behaviors*](#). Nebraska Extension.
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8. Swartz, A. R., & **Dev, D. A.** (2014). [*Little kids cook! Participant's guide.*](#) Nebraska Extension.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: *Total conference presentations = 179*

- *Student Collaborators' Names Appear in Italics*
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Table 3: Presentation Type since joining UNL in 2014	First author	Co-author	Student first author	Total
Peer-reviewed International Conference Presentations	18	13	39	70
Peer-reviewed State Conference Presentations	11	1	16	28
Invited National/International Presentations	25	0	0	25
Invited State-wide Presentations	32	0	0	32
Extension Educator Professional Development Sessions	15	0	0	15
Total	101	14	55	170

National and International Conference Presentations, Refereed

Total national and international conference presentations = n=71 since 2014

1. Figgner A., Behrends D, *Augustine R*, **Dev D.A.** (2025, April) *Fostering Healthy Communities: Using the IDPR Process to Strengthen Go NAPSACC Consultant Recruitment, Support, and Retention.* National Health Outreach and Engagement Conference. Omaha, Nebraska.
2. *Purkait, T.*, **Dev D.A.***, Koziol, N., Franzen-Castle, L. (2024, December). Participation in the US Federal Nutrition Assistance Program (WIC) Across Urban-Rural Communities: A Cross-sectional Study on Perceived Motivators and Barriers. Poster presented at *NNEdPro-IANE 10th International Summit on Food, Nutrition & Health conference*, Cambridge , UK. **(Received first runner up award)**
3. *Purkait, T.*, **Dev, D.A***, Srivastava, D., & Franzen-Castle, L. (2023, July). The Impact of FNAPs on Young Children's Food Environment in ECEs: A Systematic Review Using the RE-AIM Framework. Poster presented at the *Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior's 2023 Annual Conference.* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2023.05.092>. **(Received Nutrition Education for Children Division Student Poster Research Award)**

4. Purkait, T., **Dev, D.A***, Koziol, N., Bhatti, N., Fischer, J. A., Sehi, N., Behrends, D., & Franzen-Castle, L. (2024, May). Association of SNAP, WIC and Head Start programs with food and nutrition security in households with 2–6-year-old children. Full oral presentation presented at the *International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity's 2024 Annual Meeting*.
5. Purkait, T., **Dev, D.A***, Fischer, J. A., Behrends, D., Sehi, N., & Franzen-Castle, L. (2024, July). Perceived Benefits and Challenges of SNAP Participation Across Urban and Rural Population. Oral presentation at the *Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior's 2024 Annual Conference*.
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6. Hasnin, S., Hillburn, C., & **Dev, D.A.** (2024, May). *Comparing Effectiveness of Nebraska Go NAP SACC Intervention in Home vs. Center-based Childcare Settings*. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
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9. Patel, D., Vesely, SK., **Dev, D.A.**, Hord, NG., Eliot, K., Sisson, SB. (2024). Differences in Parent and Early Care and Education Provider Nutrition and Physical Activity Knowledge and Confidence. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
10. Wilmayani, N.K., Rogers, A., Hillburn., C., Rosen, M., Von Seggern, M., **Dev, D.A.**, Dzewaltowski, D.A (2024). Conceptualizing rural local youth sport systems: Two cases from the All Sports for All Kids project. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
11. George, R.M., **Dev, D.A.**, Miramonti, A., Yan, C., & Hughes, M. (2024). Examining Disparities in the Association of Obesity with Sociodemographic Factors along the Rural-Urban Continuum. [Short Oral Presentation]. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
12. **Dev, D. A.**, Hasnin, S., Hillburn, C., Tovar, A., Sisson, S., Stage, V. C., Koizol N., Franzen Castle L., & Dzewaltowski, D.A (2024) EAT for Prevention: Preliminary Preschool Children's Dietary Intake Effectiveness-Implementation Outcomes Due to a Responsive Feeding and Multilevel Engagement Intervention in Family Child Care Homes. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
13. Bhatti, N., **Dev, D.A.**, Hasnin, S., Purkait, T., Koziol, N., Fischer, J.A., Sehi, N., Behrends, D., & Franzen-Castle, L. (2024). Exploring Diet Qualities among

Nebraska's Young Children: A Comparative Analysis by Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Status. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.

14. George, R.M., **Dev, D.A.**, Hasnin, S., Hillburn, C., Smith, J., Sisson, S.B., & Tovar, A. (2024). Family Style Meal Service is Associated with Reduced Plate Waste in Nebraska Family Child Care Homes. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNA) 23rd Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
15. Smith, J., **Dev, D.A.**, Hasnin, S., Hillburn, C., Koziol, N., Kuo P., & Saltzman, J. (2024, May 20-23). *Adaptation of Mealtime Emotional Climate in Child Care Observational Scales (MECCOS) for Family Child Care Home Settings*. Presented at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, United States.
16. Gomes, A. I., Leitão, A. C., Simão, F., Barros, L., **Dev, D.A.**, Hillburn, C. (2024, September 3-6). *EAT Family Style in Portugal: Study protocol and preliminary findings about feasibility and impact*. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, Cascais, Portugal.
17. Gomes, A. I., Barros, L., Leitão, A. C., Simão, F., Lemos, R., **Dev, D.A.**, Hillburn, C. (2024, January 31- February 3). *Alimentação responsiva nos jardins de infância: Obstáculos e facilitadores do processo de mudança. [Responsive feeding in kindergartens: Obstacles and facilitators of the change process]*. Oral communication presented at the 15th Nacional Congress of Health Psychology, Campus Universitário da Egas Moniz School of Health & Science, Monte da Caparica, Almada, Portugal.
18. **Dev, D.A.**, Hillburn, C. (2023 April 10-14.) *A Call to Action for Policy Makers: Feeding Young Children During COVID-19*. Oral Presentation at the Child Nutrition Conference, San Diego, California, United States.
19. **Dev, D.A.**, Hillburn, C., Salazar, S. (2023 April 10-14.) *The Ecological Approach to Family Style: An online program to enhance childcare providers responsive feeding practices and mealtime environments*. Oral Presentation at the Child Nutrition Conference, San Diego, California, United States.
20. Hasnin, S., Bhatti, N., & **Dev, D. A.** (2023). Criterion Validity of Veggie Meter® to Estimate Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in Non-Hispanic White Preschool Children. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 55(7), 66. Poster presentation at the SNEB 2023 Annual Conference, United States.
21. Purkait, T., **Dev, D.A.**, Srivastava, D., & Franzen-Castle, L. (2023). The Impact of Federal Nutrition Assistance Program (FNAPs) on Young Children's Food Environment in ECEs: A Systematic Review Using the RE-AIM Framework. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 55(7), 42-43. Poster presentation at the SNEB 2023 Annual Conference, United States. **Poster received the best research poster award:** <https://www.sneb.org/awards>. Poster also selected for oral presentation for student research spotlight at the International Healthy Eating Research Conference, July 17th, 2023.

22. Dixon, J., Hegde, A. V., Goodell, L. S., Arnold, N. L., Swindle, T., Dev, D. A., ... & Stage, V. C. (2023). Integration of Food-based Learning With Science in the Preschool Classroom: Implementation Gaps and Opportunities. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 55(4), 266-284. Poster presentation at the SNEB 2023 Annual Conference, United States.
23. Hasnin, S., Stage, V. C., Swindle, T. M., **Dev, D.A**, Sisson, S. B., Purkait, T., & Clifton, S. C. (2022). *Current Field Use of Reflection Spectroscopy Based Skin Carotenoid Assessment in Children: A Systematic Review*. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 54(7), S65 Poster presentation at the SNEB 2022 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.
24. Hillburn, C., **Dev, D.A.**, Franzen-Castle, L., & Dzewaltowski, D. (2022). *Using Diffusion of Innovations Theory to Explore Family Child Care Home Providers Perspectives on Responsive Feeding Practices*. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 54(7), S48 Poster Presentation at the SNEB 2022 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.
25. **Dev, D.A.**, Bauer K., Tovar A., Chriqui J. (June 2021) *COVID-19 Challenges & Opportunities in the CACFP Virtual Presentation* at the National Child Nutrition Conference. Live Views: 353 On Demand Views: 101 **Total Views: 454**
26. Zheng, L., Srivastava, D., Dinkel, D., & **Dev, D.** (2021). Parental Correlates of Preschoolers' Physical Activity. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 53(7), S77. Poster presented at the SNEB 2021 Annual Conference (Virtual), United States.
27. Williams, B., Sisson, S., Lowery, B., **Dev, D.**, Horm, D., Campbell, J., ... & Graef-Downard, J. (2021). Associations Between Community Nutrition Environments and Early Care and Education Barriers to Classroom Nutrition Practices. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 53(7), S8. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (Virtual), United States.
28. Chaudhary, P., Rech, J. P., Rasmussen, M., Snyder, K., **Dev, D.A**, & Dinkel, D. (2021, April). A Qualitative Comparison Of Childcare Providers On The Use Of Family Engagement Principles. Accepted for presentation in *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* (Vol. 55, Pp. S15-S15). Cary, NC, United States.
29. Dinkel, D., Rasmussen, M., Rech, J. P., Snyder, K., & **Dev, D.A** (2021, April). Parent And Childcare Provider Perceptions Of Communication And Family Engagement In Healthy Eating And Physical Activity. Accepted for presentation in *Annals Of Behavioral Medicine* (Vol. 55, Pp. S336-S336). Cary, NC, United States.
30. **Dev, D. A.**, Hasnin, S., Sigman-Grant, M., Fletcher, J., & Cox, J. (2021). Responsive Feeding During COVID-19: Evaluation of a Specialized Training for ECE Providers and Stakeholders. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 53(7), S75. Poster presented at the SNEB 2021 Annual Conference (Virtual), United States.

31. Chaudhary, P., Rech, J. P., Rasmussen, M., Snyder, K., **Dev, D. A.**, & Dinkel, D. (2021, April 12–16). *A qualitative comparison of childcare providers on the use of family engagement principles* [Research spotlight presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (Virtual), United States.
32. Dinkel, D. M., Rasmussen, M., Rech, J. P., Snyder, K., & **Dev, D. A.** (2021, April 12–16). *Parent and childcare provider perceptions of communication and family engagement in healthy eating and physical activity* [Research spotlight presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (Virtual), United States.
33. **Dev D. A.**, Swindle, T., McBride, B. A. (2021, April 8–12). *The impact of healthful nutrition practices in early childhood classrooms on child learning and development* [Session]. Oral presentation at the 2021 AERA Virtual Annual Meeting, United States.
34. Malek-Lasater, A., Kwon, K., & **Dev, D. A.** (2021, April 7–9). *Teachers' knowledge and use of best practices during mealtime and associations with children's mealtime behavior* [Presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (Virtual), United States.
35. Malek-Lasater, A., Kwon, K., Horm, D., Sisson, S., **Dev, D. A.**, & Castle, S. (2020, November 30–December 3). *Supporting children's healthy development during mealtime in early childhood settings* [Poster presentation]. The Virtual National Research Conference on Early Childhood, United States.
36. Dinkel, D., Rech, J. P., Guo, Y., Bice, M., Hulse, E., Behrends, D., Burger, C., & **Dev, D. A.** (2020, October 28–31). *Examining differences in achievement of physical activity best practices between urban and rural child care facilities by age* [Research presentation]. International Society of Physical Activity and Health, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
37. **Dev, D. A.**, Hasnin, S., Sisson, S., Stage, V. C., & Tovar, A. (2020, July 20–24). Validation of an observational measure to capture feeding practices in child care centers. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 52(7), S28–S29. SNEB 2020 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
38. **Dev, D. A.**, Padasas, I., Hillburn, C., Stage, V., & Dzewaltowski, D. (2020, July 20–24). Using the RE-AIM framework in formative evaluation of the EAT Family Style intervention. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 52(7), S80–S81. Poster presented at the SNEB 2020 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
39. Hasnin, S., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2020, July 20–24). Contextual factors influence childcare providers' barriers for serving healthy meals to preschool children. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 52(7), S28. Poster presented at the SNEB 2020 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
40. Smith, J., **Dev, D. A.***, & Saltzman, J. (2020, July 20–24). Mealtime emotional climate and child health: A systematic review. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 52(7), S62. Poster presented at the SNEB 2020 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.

41. **Dev, D. A.**, Dzewaltowski, D., *Hasnin, S.*, Hatton-Bowers, H., Rida, Z., Franzen-Castle, L., ... Sisson, S. (2019). P59 EAT Family-Style Dining intervention improves child care providers' responsive feeding practices and children's dietary intake. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 51(7), S58-S59. Poster presentation (2019, July 27–30), at the SNEB 2019 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.
42. *Elrakaiby, M.*, *Hasnin, S.*, & **Dev, D. A.*** (2019). P66 Feasibility, acceptability and effectiveness of 'Read for Nutrition' program in childcare settings. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 51(7), S62. Poster presented at the SNEB 2019 Annual Conference (2019, July 27–30), Orlando, FL, United States.
43. *Hasnin, S.*, **Dev, D. A.***, & Tovar, A. (2019). O2 Participation in the food program ensures availability of nutritious foods but not intake in children attending childcare. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 51(7), S1. Poster presentation (2019, July 27–30) at the SNEB 2019 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.
44. *Shin, J.*, **Dev, D. A.***, Choi, E., Rida, Z., Hulse, E., & Behrends, D. (2019, July 27–30). P135 Differential effectiveness of Go NAP SACC in urban and rural childcare centers. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 51(7), S93. Poster presentation at the SNEB 2019 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.
45. *Smith, J.*, **Dev, D. A.***, Choi, E., Franzen-Castle, L., Rida, Z., Behrends, D., ... Wielenga, V. (2019, July 27–30). P13 Implementation of and barriers to nutrition best practices in urban and rural Nebraska child care settings. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 51(7), S38. Poster presentation at the SNEB 2019 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.
46. *Srivastava, D.*, & **Dev, D. A.** (2019, July 27–30). P143 Examining nutrition practices across early childhood education programs in two rural counties of California. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 51(7), S96–S97. Poster presentation at the SNEB 2019 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.
47. *Malek, A.*, Kwon, K., Horm, D., Sisson, S., **Dev, D. A.**, Castle, S., & Roberts, C. (2019, June). *Quality of mealtime practice on supporting children's healthy eating and learning in the early childhood setting* [Poster presentation]. IT3 Advisory Board Meeting, Tulsa, OK, United States.
48. *Williams, B.*, Sisson, S., *Padasas, I.*, & **Dev, D. A.*** (2019, June 8–11). Participation in the child and adult care food program influences nutrition-related practices of child care settings in Nebraska (P04-172-19). Poster presented at Nutrition 2019 American Society for Nutrition annual conference, Baltimore, MD, United States.
49. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, July 21–24). Ecological Approach to Family Style Dining: A responsive feeding program for child care providers for improving children's dietary intake. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 50(7), S156–S157. Poster presented at the SNEB 2018 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.
50. *Garcia, A.*, & **Dev, D. A.***, & Stage, V. (2018, July 21–24). Factors influencing childcare providers' engagement of parents regarding child nutrition. *Journal of*

- Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 50(7), S61. Poster presented at the SNEB 2018 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.
51. Lundquist, A., McBride, B. A., Ward, A., Sandoval, E., Adochio, G., Sutter, C., & **Dev, D. A.** (2018, July 21–24). Feasibility of visual estimation using digital template photos to assess children's dietary intake in childcare settings. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 50(7), S171–S172. Poster presented at the SNEB 2018 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.
 52. Srivastava, D., Torquati, J., de Guzman, M. R. T., & **Dev, D. A.** (2018, July 21–24). Parental ethnotheories about healthy eating: Exploring the developmental niche of preschoolers. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 50(7), S20. Poster presented at the SNEB 2018 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.
 53. **Dev, D. A.**, & Frost, N. (2018, April). *Using the learning collaborative model to support research in the early childhood environment* [Roundtable discussion]. Healthy Eating Research Conference, Nashville, TN, United States
 54. Dinkel, D., **Dipti, D. A.**, Guo, Y., Hulse, E., Rida, Z., Sedani, A., Warehime, S., & Coyle, B. (2018, April 11–14). *Comparison of physical activity and outdoor play environments of family childcare homes and centers in Nebraska* [Poster presentation]. Society of Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, LA, United States.
*Chosen by the reviewers and Program Committee as an excellent submission; recognized as a Citation Abstract Winner at the conference.
 55. Garcia, A., **Dev, D. A.**, McGinnis, C., & Thomas, T. (2017, October 16–19). *Evaluation of a social media best practices program for Extension professionals* [Poster presentation]. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), Omaha, NE, United States.
 56. Manning, L., **Dev, D. A.**, Garcia, A., & Hinrichs, K. (2017, October 16–19). *Little kids cook!* [Poster presentation]. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), Omaha, NE, United States.
 57. Rida, Z., Hulse, E., Dingman, H., Lester, K., Burger, C., **Dev, D. A.**, & Behrends, D. (2017, October 21–24). Go NAP SACC: An effective approach in meeting the best practices of nutrition and physical activity for early childhood obesity prevention. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 117(9), A88. Poster presented at the 2017 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo, Chicago, IL, United States.
 58. Burger, C., Rida, Z., **Dev, D. A.**, Behrends, D., & Hansen, A. B. (2017, July 20–24). Nebraska Team Nutrition (NE TN) supports Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) providers in implementing CACFP new meal pattern. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 49(7), S125. Poster presented at the SNEB 2017 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
 59. **Dev, D. A.**, Hatton-Bowers, H., Guo, Y., Hulse, E., Rida, Z., Burger, C., . . . Foged, J. (2017, July 20–24). Nutrition environment and practices of family childcare homes and child care centers in Nebraska. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 49(7), S88. Poster presented at the SNEB 2017 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
 60. Hatton-Bowers, H., **Dev, D. A.**, Guo, Y., Rida, Z., Cruikshank, K., Behrends, D., . . . Burger, C. (2017, July 20–24). Go NAP SACC: A valuable and

sustainable approach for improving breastfeeding and infant feeding policies and practices in family child care homes. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 49(7), S92. Poster presented at the SNEB 2017 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

61. Dinkel, D., **Dev, D. A.**, Guo, Y., Hulse, E., Rida, Z., Sedani, A., & Coyle, B. (2017, June 7–10). *Improving the physical activity and outdoor play environment of family child care homes in Nebraska through Go nutrition and physical activity self-assessment for child care* [Presentation]. International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
62. McBride, B. A., **Dev, D. A.**, & Fiese, B. (2017, April 6–8). *The role of teachers in combating obesity in child care settings* [Presentation]. Society of Research in Child Development, Austin, TX, United States.
63. Rida, Z., Carr, T., Kohnke, C., *Srivastava, D.*, & **Dev, D. A.** (2016, October 15–18). *Food environment as the frontline for childhood obesity prevention: A mixed-methods study of nutritional competencies and skills of school nutrition professionals in Nebraska* [Poster presentation]. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo, Boston, MA, United States.
64. **Dev, D.**, Byrd-Williams, C., Ramsay, S., McBride, B., May, A., *Srivastava, D.*, Arcan, C., & Adachi-Mejia, A. M. (2016, July 30–August 2). ‘Let’s work together towards children’s nutrition’: Building bridge between child care providers and parents for promoting child health. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 48(7), S71. Poster presented at the SNEB 2016 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
65. **Dev, D. A.**, Williams, N., Iruka, I., *Patwardhan, I.*, Cummings, K., *Guo, Y. A.*, Dingman, H., . . . Rida, Z. (2016, July 30–August 2). Improving the nutrition and physical activity environment through self-assessment in Nebraska family childcare homes. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 48(7), S25. Poster presented at the SNEB 2016 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
66. **Dev, D. A.**, Rida, Z., *White, A.*, & McBride, B. (2015, July 25–28). Obesity prevention practices in childcare: Administrators’ barriers to healthy eating practices across childcare contexts. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 47(4), S44. Poster presented at the SNEB 2015 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
67. **Dev, D. A.**, Schober, D. Carraway-Stage, V., *Kok, C. M.*, & McBride, B. (2015, July 25–28). “Let’s learn about new and healthy foods!” Nutrition education in childcare: Providers’ motivators, facilitators and barriers. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 47(4), S89. Poster presented at the SNEB 2015 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
68. **Dev, D. A.**, *Thind, J.*, & McBride, B. (2015, July 25–28). “It’s celebration time!” Encouraging healthy holidays in childcare: Providers’ motivators, facilitators and barriers. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 47(4), S44. Poster presented at the SNEB 2015 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
69. **Dev, D. A.**, Williams, N., *Kok, C. M.*, & McBride, B. (2015, July 25–28). “Eat your veggies, the kids are watching and will mimic you!” Role modeling healthy eating in childcare: Provider perceptions. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*,

- 47(4), S89. Poster presented at the SNEB 2015 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
70. **Dev, D. A.**, McBride, B. A., & Speirs, K. E. (2014, June 28–July 1). *Take a no thank-you bite: Head Start and child care providers' perceptions to avoiding controlling feeding practices* [Oral presentation]. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, Milwaukee, WI, United States.
71. **Dev, D. A.**, Speirs, K. E., & McBride, B. A. (2014, May 21–24). *From policy to practice: Motivators, facilitators and barriers for responsive feeding in Head Start and childcare programs* [Poster presentation]. International Society for Nutrition and Physical Activity Behavior, San Diego, CA, United States.
72. **Dev, D. A.**, McBride, B. A., & Speirs, K. E. (2013, April 18–20). *Predictors of Head Start and childcare providers' mealtime supportive and controlling feeding practices: An ecological approach* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, United States.
73. McBride, B. A., **Dev, D. A.**, & Speirs, K. E. (2013, April 18–20). *Head Start and child care teachers' perceived facilitators and barriers to family style meal service: Implications for policy* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, United States.
74. **Dev, D. A.**, & McBride, B. A. (2012, October 23–25). *Risk factors of overweight and obesity in pre-school children* [Presentation]. Annual meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Bethesda, MD, United States.
75. **Dev, D. A.**, & McBride, B. A. (2012, June 18–20). *"Eat your peas!" Are Head Start and childcare providers meeting recommendations for healthful feeding?* [Presentation]. Head Start's 11th National Research Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
76. **Dev, D. A.**, McBride, B. A., Fiese, B., & STRONG Kids Team. (2012, June 18–20). *Addressing childhood obesity in child-care settings: STRONG Kids ecological approach and promising interventions* [Presentation]. Head Start's 11th National Research Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
77. **Dev, D. A.**, & McBride, B. A. (2012, April 21–25). *Early life risk factors for obesity in childhood: A cumulative risk model* [Poster presentation]. Experimental Biology conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
78. **Dev, D. A.**, & McBride, B. A. (2011, November 15–17). *Role of Head Start and child-care classrooms in childhood obesity prevention* [Presentation]. Annual meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Bethesda, MD, United States.
79. **Dev, D. A.**, & Kim, J. (2011, April 9–13). *Nutrition policies and practices in center-based child-care* [Poster presentation]. Experimental Biology conference, Washington, DC, United States.
80. Kim, J., & **Dev, D. A.** (2011, April 9–13). *Child-care nutrition environment: Is it related to children's fruit and vegetable intake?* [Paper presentation]. Experimental Biology conference, Washington, DC, United States.
81. **Dev, D. A.**, Yardi, V., Parte, M., & Behere, A. (2005, December). *Development and preservation of whey protein concentrate (WPC) enriched juices of pomegranate (Punica granatum L.) and guava (Psidium guajava L.)* [Poster

presentation]. National Conference of the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists, India (AFSTI), “FOOD PLUS-2005,” Bangalore, India.

State Conference Presentations

Total state conference presentations = 22

1. **Dev, D. A. (PI)**, Dzewaltowski, D. A., Pitla, S. *Feasibility of an Assessment and Feedback Tool to Improve Dietary Intake in Childcare*. [Oral presentation]. October 9-10, 2024. Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Diseases (NPOD) Advisory Committee.
2. **Dev, D. A.**, Garcia A. S., & Guo Y. (2018, April). *Nutrition practices & barriers in center- and home-based childcare in urban and rural Nebraska* [Oral presentation]. 2018 Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (CYFS) Biennial Summit on Research in Early Childhood, Lincoln, NE, United States.
3. Coffey, J., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2018, April). *The future of training: motivators, barriers and preferences for training* [Poster presentation]. University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Graduate Research Showcase, Lincoln, NE, United States.
4. Elrakaiby, M., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2018, April). *Formative evaluation of ‘Read for Nutrition’* [Poster presentation]. 2018 Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (CYFS) Biennial Summit on Research in Early Childhood, Lincoln, NE, United States.
5. Smith, J. A., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2018, April). *What’s in my lunchbox? An analysis of the foods parents pack for their toddler* [Poster presentation]. Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (CYFS) Biennial Summit on Research in Early Childhood, Lincoln, NE, United States.
6. Hasnin, S., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2018, April). *Are Nebraska children meeting nutritional recommendations in childcare?* [Poster presentation]. 2018 Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (CYFS) Biennial Summit on Research in Early Childhood, Lincoln, NE, United States.
7. **Dev, D. A.**, & Guru, A. (2017, November). *Evaluating impact of Extension programs for preventing childhood obesity: Innovative strategies* [Lightning presentation]. Nebraska Extension Fall Conference, Kearney, NE, United States.
8. Burton, A., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2016, October). *The Reggio approach and Ecological Approach to (EAT) family style dining for young children: Linking theory and practice* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
9. Elrakaiby, M., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2016, October). *Interactive shared reading: An avenue to improve children's acceptance of a novel vegetable* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
10. Guo, Y., & **Dev, D. A.*** (2016, October). *Improving the nutrition and physical activity environment through self-assessment in Nebraska Family Child Care Homes (FCCBs)* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.

11. Peter, J., **Dev, D. A.***, & Hatton-Bowers, H. (2016, October). *Do job stressors and child eating behavior moderate the relationship between child care provider attitudes and mealtime practices?* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
12. **Dev, D. A.**, & Burger, C. (2016, November). *Nutrition and physical activity training and technical assistance offered to childcare providers in Nebraska through the NAP SACC program* [Presentation]. Nebraska Extension Fall Conference, Kearney, NE, United States.
13. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, March). *EAT (Ecological Approach To) family style dining in child care: An avenue to improve preschoolers' eating behaviors and prevent childhood obesity* [Presentation]. Nebraska Extension's Eureka! Conference, Lincoln, NE, United States.
14. Noeldner, A., **Dev, D.***, & Thomas, E. (2016, August). *Utilizing Pinterest to promote The Learning Child curriculum* [Presentation]. Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium, Lincoln, NE, United States.
15. Essay, A., Doerr, K., & **Dev, D. A.** (2016, April). *Role modeling healthy eating in childcare: Program development and evaluation* [Presentation]. Undergraduate Research Fair, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
16. Fergen, C., Essay, A., Thomas, E., **Dev, D. A.**, & Thomas, T. (2015, August). *Nutrition education and Pinterest: Broadening the scope of social media for healthy eating in childcare* [Presentation]. Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
17. Thomas, E., **Dev, D. A.**, & Thomas, T. (2015, August). *Broadening the scope of "the learning child" through social media: Marketing and evaluation of nutrition education in child care* [Presentation]. Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
18. **Dev, D. A.** (2015, November). *EAT family style dining in child care: An introduction to the curriculum* [Presentation]. Extension Fall Conference, Kearney, NE, United States.
19. **Dev, D. A.** (2015, April). *An innovative approach to childhood obesity prevention in low income and minority families* [Invited presentation]. 2015 Minority Health Disparities Initiative Spring Retreat, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
20. Blitch, K., & **Dev, D. A.** (2014, October). *Using rewards effectively: Promoting healthful eating in preschool settings* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
21. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, October). *Nutrition education in child-care: Providers' motivators, facilitators and barriers* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
22. **Dev, D. A.**, Dingman, H., Williams, N., Behrends, D., Hope, M., Ramanan, J., Hulse, E., & Kirkland, E. (2014, October). *Nutrition and physical activity self-assessment for child care (Go NAP SACC): Collaboration with Nebraska Step Up*

- to Quality* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
23. Kok, C. M., & Dev, D. A. (2014, October). *Educating preschoolers about color, texture, and taste: Child care providers' perceptions for engaging children's senses* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
 24. Thind, J. A., & Dev, D. A. (2014, October). *Let's talk about your child's nutrition!" Child care providers' barriers to communicating with parents* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
 25. White, A. S., & Dev, D. A. (2014, October). *Child care administrators' barriers to implementing obesity prevention services in Head Start, Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP)-funded, and non-CACFP programs* [Presentation]. College of Education and Human Sciences Research Showcase, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
 26. Dev, D. A. (2014, February). *From policy to practice: Head Start and child care providers' motivators, barriers and facilitators to family style meal service* [Presentation]. Minority Health Disparities Initiative Winter Retreat, Lincoln, NE, United States.
 27. Dev, D. A. (2014, November). *Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (Go NAP SACC): Collaboration with Nebraska Step Up to Quality* [Presentation]. Nebraska Extension Fall Conference, Lincoln, NE, United States.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Total invited presentations = 59

National Invited Presentations

Total national invited presentations = 27

1. Purkait, T., Dev, D.A* (2025, June). *SNAP + Head Start: A Promising Policy Approach for Creating Healthy Household Dietary Environments for Young Children in Low-Income Families*. Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network, Early Childhood Workgroup online conference.
2. Dev D.A. (2025. 09/22- 09/23), *Advancing Responsive Feeding and Rural Childhood Obesity Prevention: Research to Practice*. Workshop Exploring the Nexus of Water, Agriculture, and Nutrition, Daugherty Water for Food Institute, Omaha NE
3. Dev D.A., Mobley A., Stage V., (2024) *Using Implementation Science in Early Childhood Nutrition to Close the Gap between Research and Practice*. Invited speaker at Symposium at the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior's 2024 Annual Conference.
4. Dev D.A, Stage V., Luecking C., MacMillan Uribe L.L, (2024) *Enhancing Nutrition Education Engagement Among Parents of Young Children from Low-Income*

Households. Invited speaker at Symposium at the *Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior's 2024 Annual Conference*.

5. **Dev, D.A.**, Hillburn, C., Richmond, M. (2024, April 16). *Culturally Responsive Care in Management of Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders*. Online Webinar. Invited Presentation for the Chicago Feeding Group (Virtual), Chicago, IL, United States.
6. **Dev, D.A.**, Hillburn C. (2024, March 22) *EAT Family Style Implementation and Next Steps*. Presented at the University of Lisbon, Portugal.
7. **Dev, D.A.**, Purkait T. (2024, April, 04) *Empowering Tomorrow's Researchers in Nutrition and Global Health*. Invited Presentation at Punjab Agricultural University. Featured at: <https://www.babushahi.com/view-news.php?id=182110>
8. **Dev, D.A.**, Richmond, M., Hillburn, C. (2023, March 22-April 3). *Culturally Responsive Care in Management of Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders* [Invited Speaker]. Webinar presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Conference (Virtual), United States.
9. **Dev, D.A** (2022, June 15th) *Leveraging research to promote obesity prevention in early care and education settings* [Invited Speaker]. Nemours Children's Health and Healthy Eating Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation based at Duke University
10. **Dev D.A.** (2022, September 15-16th) Invited expert panel member. *Infant and Young Child Nutrition*. The Center for Public Health Innovation and the National Association of City and County Health Officials. Sponsored trip. Boston. MA.
11. **Dev D.A** (2022, September 8th) Invited Speaker for Online Training. *Promoting Responsive Feeding in Tribal Early Care and Education Programs*. Osage Nation, Oklahoma.
12. **Dev, D.A.**, Richmond, M., Hillburn, C. (2021, November 18-20). *Using Culturally Responsive Strategies in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pediatric Feeding Disorders* [Seminar]. Invited presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Conference (Virtual), United States.
13. **Dev, D. A.** (2019, March 11). *Targeting children's health behaviors in child care: Utilizing the socio-ecological model to identify opportunities and gaps* [Invited presentation]. Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health, United States.
14. **Dev, D. A.** (2019, March 28–29). *Measuring feeding practices in child care settings: Using the Mealtime Observation in Child Care (MOCC) instrument* [Invited presentation]. Trained Faculty and Students to use the MOCC with acceptable inter-rater reliability. The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, United States.
15. **Dev, D. A.** (2019, March 25–27). *Implementing the EAT Family Style Dining Program to improve feeding practices in Tribal child care settings* [Invited presentation]. Wyandotte and E. Shawnee Tribal Child Care Programs, Oklahoma, United States.

16. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, April). *Promoting children's development and healthy eating in child care settings: Science-based practical strategies* [Invited webinar]. Presented during the NAEYC: Week of the Young Child to faculty, students and childcare providers in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Alabama, United States.
17. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, February). *Delivering nutrition education to children from the child-care providers' perspective* [Invited webinar]. Pediatric Obesity Mini CollN that supports state sponsoring agencies from 13 states in quality improvement process to improve nutrition and physical activity in early care and education (ECE) settings, United States.
18. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, January). *Role of early childhood education settings in childhood obesity prevention* [Invited oral presentation]. University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Allied Health, Oklahoma City, OK, United States.
19. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, January). *Targeting healthy eating habits in children: Practicing responsive feeding in child care* [Invited presentation]. Made to professional development and training of Osage Nation (Oklahoma Native Tribe) childcare providers, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, OK, United States.
20. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, August). *EAT (Ecological Approach to) family style dining: Developing a national learning collaborative* [Invited webinar]. Made to the Early Care and Education: Research to Practice call, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, United States.
21. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, November). *EAT—Family style dining: An integrated approach to responsive feeding in child care* [Invited webinar]. Made to the Early Care and Education: Research to Practice call, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, United States.
22. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, September). *Development of a national early childhood education learning collaborative for responsive feeding: Objectives, activities, and impacts* [Invited webinar]. National Early Care and Education Working Group, United States.
23. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, July). *Child care providers' barriers and supports for communicating with parents about their child's nutrition* [Invited webinar]. Early Care and Education: Research to Practice call, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, United States.
24. **Dev, D. A.** (Keynote Speaker). (2016, June). *Fun, fitness and food for Early Head Start and Head Start parents and staff* [Invited keynote presentation]. Head Start Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.
25. **Dev, D. A.** (2015, September). *EAT family style dining: An avenue to implement responsive feeding in child care settings* [Invited presentation]. Food and Family Conference hosted by the Christopher Foundation Food and Family Program, Chicago, IL, United States.
26. **Dev, D. A.** (2015, September). *Translating research to policy and practice: Broadening the impact and scope of nutritional science* [Invited presentation]. Dominican University, Chicago, IL, United States.
27. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, October). *Head Start and child care providers' motivators, barriers and facilitators to practicing family-style meal service* [Oral presentation].

Healthy Eating Research, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Program, Lincoln, NE, United States.

Invited Extension Presentations

Total invited Extension presentations = 32

1. Dev D.A., Hillburn C., Pitla S. Guru A., Guru H. (2024) NU SENSI-TRAY: An Innovative Tool For Measuring Children's Dietary Intake In Childcare Settings. Family, Youth, and Community Partners meeting. September 13, 2024.
2. **Dev, D. A.** (2021, February) *Research Suggests Family Mealtimes Are Essential to Lifelong Health*. [Invited presentation] Adult Education Forum at First Lutheran 1551 S 70th St., Lincoln
3. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, November). *NU Early Childhood Education Enterprise: A vision for shaping our children's future* [Invited presentation]. Invitation from Associate Vice Chancellor of Research to present at the Faculty Research and Creative Activity Slam. Hosted by the Research Advisory Board and the Office of Research and Economic Development, UNL, Lincoln, NE, United States.
4. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, October). *Nebraska early childhood obesity prevention: Innovative solutions and impacts* [Invited presentation]. Invitation from Assistant Vice Chancellor of Research to Present to Congressional Staffers, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
5. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, October). *Cooperative Extension and early childhood education: An avenue to prevent childhood obesity* [Invited presentation]. Invitation from the UNL Office of Admission to present **two** mock lectures for Distinguished Scholars Day, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
6. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, October). *Translation research and interdisciplinary approaches to prevent childhood obesity* [Invited guest lectures]. CYAF 160 (Human Development and Family) course, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
7. **Dev, D. A.**, Guru, A., & Pitla, S. (2018, October). *NU SENSI PLATE: Innovative method to measure the impact of behavioral nutrition interventions* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska Academy of Early Childhood Research/Nebraska Extension networking event: Connecting Nebraska Extension and Early Childhood Research, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
8. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, September) *NU SENSI-PLATE: An innovative solution to preventing childhood obesity in Nebraska* [Invited presentation]. Extension–Family Youth Community Partners meeting, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
9. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, March). *Promoting healthy eating habits in young children: Introducing the EAT Family Style Program* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska Association of Family and Consumer Sciences spring conference, Lincoln, NE, United States.
10. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, December). *Are Nebraska child care providers meeting nutrition-related best practices: Barriers and preferences for professional development* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska Department of Education, Lincoln, NE, United States.

11. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, November). *Preventing childhood obesity in NE: Innovative nutrition solutions* [Invited presentation]. Growing Nebraska Summit, Lincoln, NE, United States. <https://ianr.unl.edu/ianr-fall-conference#videos>
12. **Dev, D. A., Coffey, J., & Smith, J.** (2017, October). *Teaching children to serve themselves: Translating Chinese culture into child self-service activities* [Invited presentation]. East China Normal students' campus visit, Lincoln, NE, United States.
13. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, September). *Role of early childhood education settings in preventing childhood obesity: Linking research to practice* [Invited presentation]. Building Bridges for The Learning Child online conference, Lincoln, NE, United States.
14. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, July). *Preventing childhood obesity in NE: Innovative nutrition solutions* [Invited presentation]. Agricultural Builders of Nebraska Group, Lincoln, NE, United States.
15. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, March). *Implementing family style dining in child care* [Invited presentation]. Online conference for childcare providers, Lincoln, NE, United States.
16. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, February). *Encouraging healthy eating habits in children: What can child care providers do?* [Invited presentation]. ABC's of Child Care, Holdrege, NE, United States.
17. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, February). *Feeding young children in the child care setting?* [Invited presentation]. Let's Get Cooking, Ashland, NE, United States.
18. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, December). *Establishing research during the pre-tenure years* [Invited presentation]. Invited speaker in College Teaching (TEAC 936), University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
19. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, December). *Translating research to policy and practice: Broadening the impact and scope of nutritional science* [Invited presentation]. Interdepartmental Nutrition Seminar Series, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, Lincoln, NE, United States.
20. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, August). *Go NAP SACC and Step Up to Quality: What are the impacts, gaps and next steps for child development?* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska 2016 Go NAP SACC State Partnership Meeting, Innovation Campus, Lincoln, NE, United States.
21. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, August). *Making a larger impact on research and Extension through student engagement* [Invited presentation]. Community Nutrition class in Nutrition Department, Lincoln, NE, United States.
22. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, June). *Setting the stage for family style dining* [Invited Extension presentation]. Child Care Conference: Setting the Stage for Healthy Helpings, Family Service and ELC Central Region, Grand Island, NE, United States.
23. **Dev, D. A.** (2015, August). *EAT family style curriculum: Growing healthy children in child care* [Invited session presentation]. Nebraska Department of Education Team Nutrition Meeting, Lincoln, NE, United States.
24. **Dev, D. A.** (2015, June). *Growing happy healthy children with family style dining* [Invited Extension presentation]. Child Care Conference: Growing Happy Healthy

Children, Family Service and ELC Central Region, Grand Island, NE, United States.

25. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, November). *Eating well at home: Low cost and easy strategies* [Invited first presentation]. Educare Nutrition Parent Workshop, Educare of Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
26. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, November). *Eating well at home: Low cost and easy strategies* [Invited second presentation]. Educare Nutrition Parent Workshop, Educare of Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
27. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, October). *Child care providers' feeding practices: An avenue in childhood obesity prevention* [Seminar]. Department of Developmental Psychology, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, United States.
28. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, July). *Eating well at school: Low cost and easy strategies* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska Extension Growing Health Kids: Summer Teacher Workshops, Lincoln, NE, United States.
29. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, June). *Eating well at school: Low cost and easy strategies* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska Extension Growing Health Kids: Summer Teacher Workshops, Lincoln, NE, United States.
30. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, May). *Eating well in school: Low cost and easy strategies* [Invited presentation]. Nebraska Extension Growing Health Kids: Summer Teacher Workshops, Lincoln, NE, United States.
31. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, February). *Eating well in child care: Low cost and easy strategies* [Invited presentation]. Caring About Kids: Early Childhood Conference, Ainsworth, NE, United States.
32. **Dev, D. A.** (2012, August). *Childhood obesity prevention in child-care: Strategies for teachers to implement healthful feeding practices* [Training workshop]. Presented to preschool teachers; Child Development Lab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL, United States.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EXTENSION EDUCATORS

Total professional development presentations = 14

1. **Dev D.A, Behrends D. (2025, April)** *Building and Supporting Go NAPSACC Extension team through IDPR (Investigate-Design-Practice-Reflect) process.* Professional development session and needs assessment of Extension educators to support them and build their capacity to implement the Go NAP SACC program across the state of Nebraska with childcare providers.
2. **Dev D.A** (2022, February 3rd, 11th, 18th) *Ecological Approach To (EAT) Family Style: Utilizing an evidence-based coaching model for continuous feedback and improvement of childcare providers' responsive feeding practices.* Professional development series with 10 Extension educators to coach Nebraska childcare providers and participate in state-wide dissemination and evaluation of the EAT Family Style program.
3. **Dev D. A.** (2020, September). *Feeding children responsively during COVID-19.*

4. **Dev, D. A.** (2019, August). *Ecological Approach To (EAT) Family Style Dining Program: Improvements from pilot evaluation and dissemination*. Professional development and training for 18 Extension educators to participate in the state-wide dissemination and evaluation of the EAT Family Style Dining.
5. **Dev, D. A.** (2018, January). *Deconstructing the Ecological Approach To (EAT) Family Style Dining Program: 7 reasons why*. Professional development and training for 18 Extension educators to participate in the state-wide dissemination and evaluation of the EAT Family Style Dining.
6. Sisson, S., & **Dev, D. A.** (2018, January). *Measuring children's dietary intake in child care through observation*. 2-day training for students and Extension educators for lab and field certification. Invited Dr. Sisson from Oklahoma to lead the training.
7. **Dev, D. A.** (2017, September). *Cultural shopping and cooking experience: Indian cuisine*. Visit to Indian grocery store and cooking demonstration for Extension educators at the University of Nebraska Extension, Fall Nutrition Education Update, Lincoln NE, United States.
8. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, October). *Evaluating impacts for issue teams: Assessing knowledge and behavior change*. Invited presentation at The Learning Child Interest Group, Omaha, NE, United States.
9. Thomas, T., & **Dev, D. A.** (2016, October). *Broadening the scope of "the learning child" (TLC) through social media: Mapping success and next steps*. Invited presentation at The Learning Child Interest Group Meeting, Omaha, NE, United States.
10. **Dev, D. A.** (2016, August). *Impact of the Go NAP SACC intervention in NE child care programs: Successes, needs and next steps*. Invited presentation at the Nebraska Go NAP SACC trainers' 2016 professional development and annual update, Lincoln, NE, United States.
11. Conner, N., & **Dev, D. A.** (2016, May). *Improving adult learner engagement: Theories and strategies*. Presentation for Extension Issue Team 9: Increase the quality and frequency of learning experiences for children, Lincoln, NE, United States.
12. Thomas, E. M., **Dev, D. A.**, & Thomas, T. (2015, June). *Broadening the scope of "the learning child" (TLC) through social media: Hand-on planning and execution*. Extension presentation at a social media professional development workshop, Lincoln, NE, United States.
13. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, June). *Family style dining in child care: Providers' perceptions*. Presentation at the NAP SACC Professional Development, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska Extension, Lincoln, NE, United States.
14. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, April). *Healthy children and family in Nebraska: Extension initiatives 2014*. Presentation to the Learning Child Team Retreat, Lincoln, NE, United States.
15. **Dev, D. A.** (2014, March). *Family style meals in child care: Provider perceptions*. Presentation to the Nebraska NAP SACC Trainers 2014 Annual Update, Lincoln–Lancaster County Health Department, Lincoln, NE, United States.

POST- DOCTORAL MENTORING

1. Yao Yao, post-doctoral associate, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, December 2025- present
2. Selena Carbajal, post-doctoral associate, Nebraska Center for Children, Youth, Families and Schools, August 2025 -present
3. Tirna Purkait, post-doctoral associate, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, January 1st, 2025- August 30th 2025.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Chair:

Current Graduate Students.

1. **Roopan George**, Doctor of Philosophy, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Fall 2023 – Present
2. **Ashna Chauhan**, Doctor of Philosophy, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Summer 2024 – Present
3. **Rebecca Blay** Doctor of Philosophy, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Fall 2025- present
4. **Stephanie Diaz, Doctor of Philosophy (Accelerated)**, Child Development/Early Childhood Education, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, Fall 2025- Present
5. **Aya Abu Alrub**, Master of Science, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Spring 2024– Present
6. **Rachel Nicole Augustine**, Master of Science, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Fall 2024– Present
7. **Charlene Pereira**, Master of Science, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Fall 2024– Present

Students who have Graduated and Current Positions.

1. **Tirna Purkait**, Doctor of Philosophy, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Fall 2021 – Fall 2024. **Current Position.** Post-doctoral Research Associate, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Georgia.
2. **Jasmin Smith**, Doctor of Philosophy, Child Development/Early Childhood Education, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, Fall 2017 – Summer 2024. **Current Position.** Community Nutrition and Health Advisor with University of California Cooperative Extension.
3. **Naveta Bhatti, Master of Science** , Child Development/Early Childhood Education. Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, Fall 2022- Summer 2024. **Current Position.** Doctoral Student, University of Nebraska Medical Center.
4. **Saima Hasnin**, Doctor of Philosophy, Child Development/Early Childhood Education, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, Fall 2017 – Summer 2023. **Current Position.** Assistant Professor (tenure-track) and

Extension Specialist in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign.

5. **Maha Elrakaiby**, Master of Science, Child Development/Early Childhood Education. Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, UNL *Interactive Shared Reading: An Avenue to Improve Children's Acceptance of a Novel Vegetable*, Graduated, Summer 2018, **Current Position**. Program Evaluation Coordinator, Maricopa County Public Health, Phoenix, Arizona.
6. **Carly Hillburn**, Master of Science, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, *Context Matters: Using Diffusion of Innovations Theory to Adapt EAT Family Style To Family Child Care Home Providers*, Graduated, Summer 2021. **Current Position**. Health and Wellbeing Extension Educator: Nebraska Extension.
7. **Irene Padasas**, Doctor of Philosophy, Global Health and Family Wellbeing, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, Graduated Fall 2022. **Current Position**. Extension Advisor. Community Health and Nutrition. University of California.

Committee Member

Current Students.

1. **Mary Von Seggern**. Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Health Promotion, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center (2023)
2. **Amy Grace Lewis**. Master of Nutrition Science (Thesis) Department of Nutrition Science. College of Allied Health Sciences. East Carolina University Greenville, NC 27858 Fall 2021

Students who have Graduated.

1. **Divya Patel**. Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Family Child Care Home Provider and Parental Feeding Practices, Nutrition Knowledge, and Home Environment Influences on Child's Weight. Received funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (2022).
2. **Bethany D. Williams**. Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Association Between Health-Enhancing Community Environment and Early Childhood Education Classroom Health Practices. Received funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (2019). Graduated 2021
3. **Ruddy Benavides**, Master of Science (Thesis), Child Youth and Family Studies, Graduated Summer 2017
4. **Kaysha Sleet**, Master of Science (Thesis), Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Oklahoma Fall 2017 – Summer 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES (INVITED)

International, National and State-wide groups

2025	External Reviewer for a faculty for promotion to associate professor with tenure. University of Minnesota School of Nursing
2024	External Reviewer for a faculty for promotion to associate professor with tenure. Colorado State University.
2024	PhD Dissertation Reviewer, School of Health and Society, University of Wollongong, Australia
2018 – 2019	Early Head Start and Head Start Policy Council, Nebraska
2017 – 2021	Member, Steering Committee, Go Nutrition and Physical Activity in Child Care, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
2016 – 2018	Member, NC 1196 Multi-State Research Group Food Systems, Health and Well-Being: Understanding Complex Relationships and Dynamics of Change
2015 – 2021	Co-Chair, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Healthy Eating Research Early Childhood Working Group, "How to Better Use Research to Change Practice" https://nopren.org/working_groups/early-care-and-education/
2015 – 2019	Member, eXtension Community of Practice (CoP), Encourage Kids to Eat Healthy Foods content group of the Healthy Food Choices in Schools

Invited Reviewer

2024	Invited Reviewer for 2 commissioned research proposals solicited by Healthy Eating Research.
2021	Grant Reviewer, Collaborative Centers in Children's Environmental Health, NIEHS, NIH
2016	Grant Reviewer, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
2015 – 2019	Member, Board of Editors, Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2015 – 2019	Ad Hoc Policy Reviewer, USDA Food and Nutrition Service
2015 – 2018	Ad Hoc Policy Reviewer, Food, Nutrition and Policy, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
2015 – 2018	Ad Hoc Reviewer, eXtension Healthy Food Choices in Schools Community of Practice
2015 – 2017	Grant Reviewer, USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) grant: Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge Area
2014 – Present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, 21 peer-reviewed journals

*Journal of Academy of Nutrition
and Dietetics*

Preventive Medicine

Journal of Family Psychology

Nutrients

Eating Behaviors
Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition
Childhood Obesity
American Journal of Health Promotion
Pediatrics
British Medical Journal
Evaluation and Program Planning

Physiology and Behavior
Preventing Chronic Disease

Maternal and Child Health
Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
Developmental Psychology
Early Childhood Research Quarterly
Appetite
Acta Paediatrica
Health Education and Behavior

Nutrition Research

Professional Service Activities: University of Nebraska–Lincoln

2023-2024	Chair Elect, ARD Advisory Committee
2022	Search Committee Member, ARD, Dean
2022	Search Committee Member, Nebraska Extension, Food Nutrition and Health, Extension Educator
2021-present	Faculty representative 3 year term) from District 7 (Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications; Child, Youth and Family Studies; Nutrition & Health Sciences; Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design departments) for the ARD Advisory Council.
2021- 2022	Search Committee Member, Rural Prosperity Nebraska, Program Leader
2021-2022	Search Committee Member, Rural Prosperity Nebraska, Program Director
2019	Search Committee Member, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UNL
2019	Search Committee Member, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences, UNL

Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies

2025- present	Member, Recruitment Committee
2024 – present	Member, Chair's Advisory Committee
2025- 2026	Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor position in Rural Mental Health and Substance
2021-2024	Member, Graduate Education Committee
2021-2023	Member, Peer review committee
2017-2021	Member, Chair's Advisory Committee
2019-2020	Member, Peer review Committee

2018	Committee Member, Assistant / Associate Professor – Overcoming Opportunity Gaps in Early Childhood
2018	Dev, D. A. <i>"Different Cultural Perspectives on Dating and Coupling Norms"</i> ; Invited panel member in CYAF 285: Dating and Couple Relationships
2017	Dev, D. A. <i>Courtship, love, and marriage in India</i> . Invited presentation at CYAF 495: Special Topics in Family and Cultural Diversity (Guest Lecture)
2016, 2017, 2018	Search Committee Chair, Early Childhood Education Pre-K through Grade 3 Specialist Position
2015 – 2017	Member, Graduate Executive Committee
2015 – 2017	Member, Scholarly Engagement and Recognition Committee
2015	Search Committee Member, Early Childhood Education Specialist Position

Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences

2015 Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Health Policy

College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) and UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR)

2021-2022 Member, Peer Review Committee, Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design

2018-2021 Member, Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee

2019 – 2020 Member (invited), Steering Committee, Heuermann Lectures Series

2019 Member, Chair's Advisory Committee

2019 Member, Dean's Advisory Committee

2019 Speaker (invited), Preparing Future Faculty Advanced Doctoral Seminar "Getting Tenure at an R1"

2019 Faculty Panel Member (invited), "Getting Started: Tips from Early Career Faculty"; IANR Faculty Research Workshop

2019 Grant Writing Panel Member (invited), Grant Writing Class, CYFS

2019 Panel Member (invited) for research collaboration, Scholarly Enhancement Program

2018	IANR Faculty and Staff Awards Selection Committee (Invited)
2018 – present	Representative of CYAF, CEHS Faculty Advisory Committee
2018	Search Committee Member (nominated), College of Education and Human Sciences Dean Search Committee
2018	Dev, D. A. “Moving Forward after Failure Feedback on Grants: Secrets from Insiders”; Presentation at the Agricultural Research Division, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Invited Speaker)
2017	Dev, D. A. “Preparing 3-Year Review Documents for Junior Faculty”; Invited presentation at the College of Education and Human Sciences, Lincoln, NE (Invited Speaker)
2017	Member, Search Committee, Nebraska Center for Children, Youth, Families and Schools
2016	Dev, D. A. “Preparing to Meet with Program Officers in Washington, DC: Writing a Concept Paper and Asking the Right Questions”; Invited presentation at the College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE (Invited Speaker)
2016 – Present	Member, Advisory Committee, Social Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium
2017	Member, IANR Committee on Teams. The charge of the Committee on Teams was to address how IANR can ascertain, evaluate and reward interdisciplinary research, Extension, and educational efforts
2016	Member, Search Committee, Director of Student Recruitment

Extension

2018	Member, Search Committee, Extension Educator – Food, Nutrition & Health position in Beatrice, NE (Gage County)
2018	Organized a visit to Macy with Extension educators, Thurston County, Nebraska, to establish partnership with American Indian Native Tribe
2018	Facilitator and Member (invited by the Extension Dean) “Engaging Nebraskans in Productive and Valued Ways” Strategy Group
2016 – 2017	Conference Planning Committee Member, <i>Energizing Early Childhood Professionals: Shaping the Health of the Whole Child</i>
2016	Search Committee Member, Extension Educator: The Learning Child
2016	Search Committee Member, Extension Educator: Food, Nutrition and Health

2015 Member, Technology 2020

Professional Development

2022-2023 Competitively selected to participate in the “NU 2 NIH” program to submit an R01 proposal to National Institutes of Health

2022 Road Trip to establish a relationship with Omaha Nation Tribe to submit a CDC grant in 2023, Thurston County, Nebraska

2022 Application Materials submitted for the National LEAD21 program. Nominated by Associate Vice-Chancellor for Faculty and Academic Leader Success

2022 Attended two webinars Anti-Racist Pedagogy: Rethinking How One Teaches and How To Be An Anti-Racist Researcher, NCFR.

2019 “Nebraska: Introduction to Customer Discovery”: 5-week customer discovery training program hosted by NUtech Ventures, the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Nebraska Business Development Center

2019 Dissemination & Implementation Science Grant Development Workshop: Understanding, specifying, and applying implementation strategies, University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), Omaha

2018 Road Trip to establish relationship with Omaha Nation Tribe, Thurston County, Nebraska

2018 Five Choices for Extreme Productivity. Presented by Keith Niemann, Lisa Kaslon; Sponsored by University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension

2018 EAT Family Style Coaching *with Purpose, Relationships, Resilience and Relationships*

2017 Meet Nebraska – Attended 2-day road trip to visit with rural Nebraska communities, Extension educators and businesses to learn about their needs, successes and challenges

2014 – 2016 Scholarly Enhancement Program, College of Education & Human Sciences, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

2016, Summer Social Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium Grant Writing Workshop Series

2015 Grant Writing Seminar: “Writing Winning Grants.” Presented by Dr. Stephen Russell, grant writing consultant. The focus was to improve successful perusal of external funding, specifically NIH, NSF, and USDA. Sponsored by the Office of Research and Economic Development, University of Nebraska–Lincoln Union (March 12)

- 2015 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People for Extension Professionals Workshop. Presented by Keith Niemann, Lisa Kaslon, and Linda Boeckner. Sponsored by University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension, Camp Comeca (March 30 – April 1)
- 2014 Attended the Reggio Emilia, Pistoia Study Group, Italy
- 2012 Completed *Certificate in Business for Non-business Graduate Students*, College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 Participant, Service Learning workshop series for conducting *Community-Based Participatory Research*, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 Participant, *Nutrition Policy and Regulatory Affairs Summit*, Washington, DC, co-sponsored by Kraft Foods and International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) North America (May)
- 2012 Reviewer, American Society of Nutrition (ASN) *Nutrition Education* RIS, for EB 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Research in Child Development
 National Association for the Education of Young Children
 Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior
 International Society for Nutrition and Physical Activity Behavior
 National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences