

## MEET THE TEAM

## CMA Advisory Team Member - Dr Cara S. Swit



Dr. Cara S. Swit is a Senior Lecturer of Child and Family Psychology at the University of Canterbury. Her research interests are in child social development, parent-child interactions, child and parental mental health and wellness. Dr. Swit is a leader in advancing child-centred methodologies in developmental research.

Cara is most proud of her commitment to giving young people a voice about matters that impact them. Currently, she is leading a project codesigned with youth 12-15 years on the impacts of media and technology on their mental health and wellness.

## Why is Cara passionate about CMA?

CMA provides high quality evidence based information and resources for parents and families to support their children to become healthy media users.

## **Key publication**

Swit, C. S., Coyne, S. M., Shawcroft, J., Gath, M., Barr, R., Holmgren, H. G., & Stockdale, L. (2023). Problematic media use in early childhood: The role of parent-child relationships and parental wellbeing in families in New Zealand and the United States. Journal of Children and Media, 1-24.