

# **Jennifer Watling Neal**

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Jennifer Watling Neal researches how social networks can be leveraged to improve K-12 educational contexts

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## **Biography**

I'm an Associate Professor at Michigan State University with interests that span the fields of Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Community Psychology, Sociology, and Education. My research focuses on understanding social networks in K-12 educational contexts. I've studied the role of children's peer networks in shaping prosocial and aggressive behaviors and the role of educator networks in facilitating the adoption and use of new programs and practices.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Writing and Editing, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Development , Dissemination and Implementation, Psychology, K-12 Education, Social Networks, Peer Networks, Schools

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## **Affiliations**

American Journal of Community Psychology : Editorial Board, Social Development : Associate Editor

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## **Education**

**University of Illinois**

Ph.D. Community Psychology

**University of Illinois**

M.A. Community Psychology

**University of Arizona**

B.S. Psychology

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