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Digkids –
The use of
touchscreens by
children up to 6 years
old

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We live in a society in which digital technologies (DT) are profoundly integrated in our daily lives. Thus, children are being born into homes where computers, smartphones and tablets proliferate, and they are coming into contact with these devices at increasingly younger ages.

Some view DT as harmful, considering that they are turning children into passive consumers, while others argue that we live in a digital world and that we should adopt these technologies to support the learning and the development of children. DT should be acknowledged as an important part of the daily life of children, now and increasingly in the future. We believe that is necessary for the community of academics, practitioners and for the society in general to discuss this topic and to reflect upon ways of using DT which are beneficial for younger children. The solution is not banishing technologies from their lives, but rather teaching them how to use them safely and in a balanced way, promoting their wellbeing. This aim can be accomplished through an agenda that offers guidance, and that should be developed and discussed by researchers, early childhood professionals and teachers, presenting a critical, creative and balanced perspective about how DT should be used in the first years.

With this eBook we intend to introduce theoretical concepts, research and good practices related to the use of digital technologies with children up to 6 years old, with special emphasis on children 0-3 years old.

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