

THE WONDER OF LEARNING

the hundred languages of children

Exhibition of the Infant-Toddler Centers and Preschools of the Istituzione - Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy



Present at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science for FREE admission to the Wonder of Learning Exhibit!!



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THE WONDER OF LEARNING PROJECT

June 19 to November 30, 2014, early childhood organizations and supporters who are interested in raising the quality of early learning experiences in New Mexico in collaboration with the **North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA)** and **Reggio Children**, will present a traveling exhibit from the early learning programs in Reggio Emilia, Italy, at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. **The Wonder of Learning: The Hundred Languages of Children** exhibit is a collection of engaging and interactive displays that describes the rich history, research, and documentation of the daily practice taking place in the world-renowned early childhood programs in Reggio Emilia, Italy. **The New Mexico Wonder of Learning Collaborative** in collaboration with **NAREA** is also planning coinciding educational opportunities for educators and families during the exhibit's stay in New Mexico.

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IMPORTANCE TO NEW MEXICO?

The unique characteristics of the Reggio Emilia approach reflect and honor the multicultural community of New Mexico. There is much about the Reggio Emilia approach that is of interest to educators, families, and communities throughout New Mexico. Early childhood programs throughout New Mexico that are inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy have reported dramatic improvements in children's learning experiences, teachers' professional development, and family involvement.

Every city that has hosted The Wonder of Learning exhibit reports an increased focus on the quality of their early education programs in their local communities. We know from research that providing young children with a quality start in education is a sound economic investment. It is anticipated that New Mexico children immersed in the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach with access to inspired and engaging learning experiences in their early years will show increased competence in their later school experiences, thus diminishing the achievement gap.

We also know that one critical way to improve educational experiences for children is through enhanced teacher learning and family education. The exhibit and coinciding professional development opportunities and family events will provide a setting to engage in meaningful discussions about the establishment of a high quality early learning system in New Mexico.

WHAT IS THE REGGIO EMILIA APPROACH?

Since post World War II, the northern Italian town of Reggio Emilia has had a firmly established worldwide reputation for forward thinking and excellence in its approach to early childhood education. Over the decades, the municipality of Reggio Emilia evolved this distinctive and innovative approach to child development that above all else, respects the rights of children and is based on the image of ALL children as capable and having tremendous potential. The approach nurtures children's intellectual growth and creativity through the development of their expressive, communicative, symbolic, cognitive, imaginative, and relational "languages." Much attention is given to detailed observation and documentation of learning; the learning process takes a priority over the final product. It is an approach that demonstrates a strong relationship between school and community and provides a remarkable program for professional development.

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