



Preschools and infant-toddler centres  
Istituzione of the  
Municipality of Reggio Emilia

Reggio Children

International Association  
“Friends of Reggio Children”

## **IN-DEPTH STUDY WEEK**

### **The experience of the Infant Toddler Centres and its contexts**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

**(max 100 participants)**

The Infant Toddler Centre is an educational experience that has its own characteristic and its own cultural and social identity.

The first Infant Toddler Centre was opened in Reggio Emilia in 1971.

It was one of the first Infant Toddler Centres opened in Italy.

It gave a contribution to build a new identity of early childhood, a stronger identity to an educational project 0 to 6, redefining the image of the child.

What is an Infant Toddler Centre? Which kind of educational identity does it have?

Who are the protagonists of an Infant Toddler Centre educational experience?

Which kind of relationships are there among them?

Which kind of projection of the work is possible in these relationships?

How can we give quality in a meaningful and rich daily life that points out children's amazement, their capability to explore and to learn through more than “100 languages”?

Which kind of didactical projection of the work can be done inside an Infant Toddler Centre?

The quantity and the quality of these relationships, the environment where they structure themselves, the times and the organization in which they take place, determine the quality and the identity of an Infant Toddler Centre.

These are some observations, reflections and questions that will orient the organization of this week of in-depth study.

The program will include, for example: aspects of multicultural, children with special rights, organization of the spaces, families' participation, encounters with the town of Reggio Emilia, approaching to social, cultural, political context, a deep encounter with the principles of the educational project, sharing experiences between the participants and the main protagonists (pedagogistas, teachers, atelieristas and parents) of the Reggio Emilia experience, visit to the Infant-toddler Centres and Preschools Istituzione of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, presentation and analysis of research projects realized inside the Infant-toddler Centres, visit to the International Centre Loris Malaguzzi, to the exhibitions, the Ateliers, the bookshop and the Documentation and Research Centre.

The organization of the days will be based on plenary sessions, lectures, presentations, discussion groups and workshops.

**Individual participation fee: Euro 1200 (20% VAT/taxes included)**

**Language: Italian/English**

The Loris Malaguzzi International Centre will be the venue for the study week. Accomodation and travel expenses are not included in the fee.

The deadline for registrations is **September 10, 2010**

Registrations will be confirmed by Reggio Children. The confirmation letter will include payment details.

Spaces are limited and registrations will be processed according to date of arrival.

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