

Please Contact Me with More Information

Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone—Work: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Percentage of low income students: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please mark which ones you would like more information on:

- The Seminar Series
- Presentations
- Tours
- Summer Institute
- Visitation Days
- Mentoring

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Educational Outreach Program

“Changing the World through
a Partnership of
Early Childhood Educators”



The Educational Outreach Program provides a series of opportunities to support the educator's understanding of high quality practices. This includes sharing our work as we study and develop the teaching philosophy that children are competent, capable, strong and important citizens of the world.

St. Mary's will partner with educators to improve the quality of community early education programs, resulting in significant positive outcomes for all children.

Early Childhood Research indicates significant positive outcomes for children who participate in high-quality early childhood programs. These include: higher IQ scores, achievement levels and graduation rates. These children are less likely to repeat grades, enter special education or be incarcerated. The research shows that the children most affected by these programs are at-risk children. The early childhood program must be of high quality for the children to achieve these positive outcomes. It is estimated that for every \$1 spent on high-quality early education there is a savings of \$17 in reduced intervention costs.

The target audience is Early Childhood Educators working with low income children. Space permitting, we are happy to include all Early Childhood Educators in the community.

Scholarships are available based on the percent of children in your organization receiving free or reduced lunches. Please inquire for details and to determine if your organization is eligible.

Professional Development Offerings

Seminars

"Exploring and Interpreting the Work of the Schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy at St. Mary's Child Center"

The seminar series is offered three evenings each semester to educators in the community and includes materials and dinner.

Tours

One hour tours with a question and answer session and resource information offered free of charge for your first visit.

Visitation Days

A half day visit to St. Mary's Early Childhood Program including tour, lunch, classroom observations, resource materials and reflection with St. Mary's staff.

Presentations

St. Mary's will present a 90 minute presentation of our model and overview of the Reggio philosophy at your site to your staff and/or board with a question and answer session and resource materials.

Teach Butler

Offered through the Indianapolis Reggio Collaborative in conjunction with Butler University's Teach Butler

Fee Information

For fee information, please contact Kim Underwood at 317-635-1491

Program Development Mentoring

Programs receive one-on-one mentoring from a team of 2-3 St. Mary's staff. Staff will work with the program to develop an individualized mentoring plan that may include classroom demonstrations, staff trainings, and environmental/classroom set-up.

Every client will receive:

- Coaching: 18-24 hours of on-site coaching over 3 months
- Follow-Up Coaching: 4-6 hours of support for up to 3 months following coaching
- Resource Materials: Supplies and materials that programs may need to get started with curriculum and environmental improvements
- Seminar registration for 2 staff and/or board members
- Tour of St. Mary's Early Childhood Program

