

“Uniting Forces, Creating Meaningful Changes”

*The impact of the Reggio Emilia philosophy in today's society.
Stories of Reggio Inspired schools from North and South America.*

**Conference in Occasion of the 15th Anniversary of L'Atelier
in Miami, Fl.**

**With the collaboration of Amelia Gambetti, Reggio Children International Network
Coordinator & Liaison for consultancy to schools, Reggio Emilia, Italy.**

Special speaker: Rocio Gomez, aeioTU, Suba, Colombia.

Visit to L'Atelier School included in the conference!

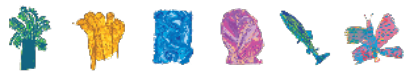
Why have educators, philanthropists, politicians, and many other people decided to invest in early childhood education inspired in the Reggio Emilia Philosophy in order to create a change in their society, city and country?

For the past 20 years Americans have made a priority to better the quality of the experiences at school through their interpretation of the Reggio philosophy in their contexts. Which are the experiences and learning processes that teachers have encountered in schools as they weave theory and practice? In which way have they built a new image of school where the children and their families are co-partners with the educators in learning?

In South America, specifically in Colombia, Reggio Emilia is welcomed as a new hope for the country. What lessons can we learn from their school experiences, the organizational system and the strong belief that a country can be transformed through significantly empowering the quality of early childhood services in the country?

When: February 13, 2010

**Where: Best Miami Hotel
across the street from L'Atelier.
5960 SW 71 St. Miami, Fl.**



L'ATELIER SCHOOL

A REGGIO EMILIA PHILOSOPHY INSPIRED SCHOOL SINCE 1995

Conference fee: \$ 100.00

(10% discount to NAREA, Florida
Reggio Collaborative, and Quality
Counts members).

Enquire for large group discount.
Fee includes: Visit to L'Atelier,
lunch and refreshments,
materials, gift.

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PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 13

Morning session

9:00 - 10:30 am:

Registration at L'Atelier. Visit to the school.

Refreshments

10:30 - 11:15 am:

The school seen from the perspective of its visitors

Amelia Gambetti, facilitator

11:15 - 12:15 pm:

Perspectives from Reggio Emilia, Italy.

Amelia Gambetti.

12:15 - 1:15 pm: Lunch break at L'Atelier

Afternoon session

1:15 - 2:15 pm:

Perspectives from South America

Rocío Gómez, aeioTU, Suba, Colombia.

2:15- 3:00 pm:

Group discussions

3:00- 4:00 pm:

Perspectives from Reggio Emilia, Italy.

Amelia Gambetti.

4:00- 5:00 pm:

Plenary group reflections

Closing remarks

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Amelia Gambetti.

Amelia Gambetti was an educator in the Reggio Emilia Municipal Preschools for 25 years. She worked on the creation and consequent updates of “The Hundred Languages of Children” traveling Exhibition of the Municipal Infant-Toddler Centers and Preschools of Reggio Emilia. Currently she is part of the New Exhibit “The Wonder of Learning. The Hundred Languages of Children” Research Group. Since the beginning of 1992, Amelia Gambetti has led several professional development initiatives in Italy and abroad, for example in North Europe, North America, Asia. She was one of the Reggio Emilia coordinators of the Research Project with Project Zero, Harvard. She is a pedagogical consultant to many Schools, Universities, and Colleges in North America. Currently Amelia is the Reggio Children/International Centre Loris Malaguzzi, Responsible for Project Promotion and Development, International Network Coordinator, International Liaison and consulting to Schools. She is a member of the Managing Coordinating Group of Reggio Children/International Center. She is a Member of the Istituzione Scuole e Nidi d’Infanzia of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia Advisory Board. Amelia is also a member of the World Forum Foundation on Early Care and Education. She is a Member of the Editorial Board of Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Exchange, and the Reggio Children Liaison for the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA). In the United States, many articles on Amelia Gambetti’s experiences done in Reggio Emilia as well as in North America in terms of her work with educators, parents and children, have been published on books and newsletters on early childhood education.

ABOUT L'ATELIER...

Since its birth L'Atelier has had the strong desire to create a community of children, teachers and parents that learn together and support the development of meaningful school experiences. We are located in South Miami and surrounded by mango trees and waving palms. Our school welcomes children from 3 months to 5 years old and together with the faculty we represent more than 30 different countries of the world. Our school is in an ongoing dialogue with the Reggio Emilia educators in Reggio Emilia since its birth in 1995. Amelia Gambetti has been our consultant since 2000. In 1995, L'Atelier hosted the exhibit “The Hundred Languages of Children” of the Municipal Infant Toddler Centers and preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy for the entire year. In connection with the exhibit, The Florida Reggio Collaborative was born as a non-for-profit organization to promote and support the exchange of experiences within the study of the Reggio Emilia philosophy. Amelia has become a partner in learning and a provoker in thinking. L'Atelier has built strong relationships with American, Caribbean, and South American schools and organizations. Our ongoing dialogue and sharing of experiences have been key factors in our mutual evolution. It is our wish to continue to build strong relationships in the world that support the development of a powerful attitude of the educators in thinking about and with the child.

