



The Professional Development Program provides a series of opportunities to educators, focusing on teachers who work with children living in poverty and/or dealing with adversity. The goal is to support the educator's understanding of high-quality practices and to share our work as we study and develop the philosophy and principles of the Reggio Emilia Approach and Applied Educational Neuroscience at St. Mary's Early Childhood Center.

St. Mary's Early Childhood Program is interested in working with your organization to design the professional development opportunities desired.

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## Reggio Collaborative

The Reggio Emilia philosophy of teaching embraces the idea that children are competent, capable, strong and important citizens of the world. The staff of St. Mary's is qualified and has studied the Reggio approach in St. Louis, Chicago, Boulder, Tulsa, Portland and Reggio Emilia, Italy. Louise Cadwell, the renowned author of American books about the Reggio Approach, has provided consultation. The North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) board has visited our schools and approved them for site visits by American educators.

## Applied Educational Neuroscience

St. Mary's Professional Development Program also has multiple staff members certified in Applied Educational Neuroscience through Butler University. Dr. Lori Desautels, a nationally recognized expert in this field, has worked closely with the staff at St. Mary's, sharing calming strategies as well as research related to adversity and brain development.

## Professional Offerings

### SEMINARS

Seminars are offered to educators in the community and includes materials.

### INTERNSHIP DAYS

A full day includes a tour, classroom observations, lunch and reflection with the staff. A half day does not include lunch.

### SCHOOL TOURS

One-hour tours of St. Mary's are offered free of charge for your first visit.

### PRESENTATIONS

St. Mary's will present our model and overview of the Reggio philosophy to your organization. We also offer professional development for project work, environments and documentation.

## Presentations

We offer two 3-hour presentations which detail the importance of quality relationships necessary for healthy brain development. In addition, we view videos which demonstrate calming activities that serve to be preventive measures, rather than the traditional reactive measures often seen in school and home settings. There is also time for questions and discussion.

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PLEASE CHECK OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED:

- SEMINARS
- REGGIO PRESENTATIONS
- SCHOOL TOURS
- NEUROSCIENCE PRESENTATIONS
- INTERNSHIP DAYS

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