



Exhibition of the infant-toddler centers and preschools
of the Istituzione - Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy
North American Version



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As part of The Wonder of Learning exhibition, Para Los Niños presents

The School as a Place of Community & Collaboration: The Community as a Context for Learning March 4 - 6, 2010

Inspired by the preschools in Reggio Emilia, Italy, the Para Los Niños early childhood centers and charter elementary school have begun to use their community as a context for learning. The areas of Los Angeles which surround our schools have more often than not been perceived as places where the deficits far outweigh the advantages. However, through a series of encounters with the people and places in our local communities, the students, teachers and parents of PLN are beginning to view our city as one that is rich in potential and full of possibilities. We invite you to share our experience of how these encounters have enriched our students' learning experience.

Conference Information

- \$225.00 (10% NAREA discount) includes dinner on Thursday, continental breakfast and lunch on Friday, continental breakfast on Saturday, and chartered bus service to and from Downtown Los Angeles on Friday
- LAX is the closest airport to Santa Monica
- Hotel information for the Santa Monica area will be mailed to you upon registration
- Mail registration form (& check, if applicable) to Para Los Niños, 500 Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90017



Registration Form

Name _____

Organization Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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◇ Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ .

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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010 | 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. | DOUBLE TREE GUEST SUITES, SANTA MONICA

Welcome, Exhibit Overview

Judith Allen Kaminsky, NAREA Exhibit Project Coordinator and Communications Consultant

Introduction to Para Los Niños

Gisselle Acevedo, President and CEO of Para Los Niños

Relationship between First Presbyterian and Para Los Niños: Connecting Communities

Mary Hartzell, First Presbyterian Nursery School Director

Welcome to LA

Office of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (Invited)

Ray Cortines, LAUSD Superintendent

The Demographics of LA Children and Families

Dr. David Hayes Bautista, UCLA

Chicago Commons Experience: Learning and Teaching with Reggio Principles in Urban Settings

Karen Haigh, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at Columbia College in Chicago, IL

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010 | 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | PLN FAMILY LEARNING COMPLEX, DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

Welcome to the Community of Skid Row

The Honorable Jan Perry, Los Angeles City Councilmember

Investment in Early Childhood

Kris Perry, Executive Director, First 5 California

Para Los Niños Paradigm Shift: Sharing our Journey

Norma Silva, Para Los Niños Elementary School Principal and Lisa Schaeffer, Director of Pedagogy

The Community as a Context for Learning – Using the City as Inspiration (Select one:)

- ◇ “Putting a Face on the Homeless in Our Community: A Teacher Planned Student Driven Project”
Gabriela Cardenas, Third Grade Teacher, Para Los Niños Charter Elementary School
- ◇ “Discovering Wire Fences in our Community” & “Seeing our Community Through Windows”
Maribel Vasquez, 3 Year-old Classroom Teacher, Vermont Child Development Center
Sylvia Fuentes, 4 Year-old Classroom Teacher, Eisner Family Foundation Child Development Center

Lunch and Breakout Session

Tours of the Classrooms (Select one:)

- ◇ Vermont Child Development Center
- ◇ Para Los Niños Charter Elementary School and Eisner Family Foundation Child Development Center

Panel discussion with Para Los Niños teachers, administrators and parents

Visibility as a Tool for Learning

Eugenia Catellani, Reggio Emilia Educator

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010 | 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA MONICA

Using the Community as Inspiration in Columbian Reggio Inspired School

Maria Emma Mejia, Fundación Pies Descalzos (Colombia)

Closing Remarks

Gisselle Acevedo, Para Los Niños

Wonder of Learning exhibition tours available before and after closing session. (Select one:)

- ◇ 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
- ◇ 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.