

Symposia

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The Rights of Children: Reggio Emilia's Influence in a Global Context

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The focus on asserting children's rights reflects the shift in our understanding of children and childhood and is mirrored in the provisions of the United Nations (UN) Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (UN, 1989; 2006). We seek to better understand the rights of children in a global context. We will discuss early childhood practices from the Reggio Emilia approach to education and the influence on children with disabilities and their families. The symposium will cluster around four topics:

1. Inclusion concepts from Reggio Emilia approach,
2. Global rights for children with disabilities and "special right" of children in Reggio Emilia Nido and classroom(s),
3. Observation, documentation, and authentic assessment from Reggio Emilia perspective, and
4. Inclusive Reggio Emilia-inspired program in USA for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

We can build theories of understanding together with maintaining a focus on and embedding authentic assessment practices (Macy, Bagnato, & Ring, 2023; Vecchi, 2010). We can talk with others who represent diverse fields of knowledge to learn more. People in our community are part of our heritage cycle (Landini & Macy, 2023). We can invite community members into spaces and create learning opportunities in community-based settings for children. We stretch our learning from multiple perspectives when we listen for understanding (Rankin & Yu, 2020; Rinaldi, 2006). We seek to explore how we can promote interdisciplinary professionals with a stimulating conversation about children's rights.

Contributing Papers

Inclusion from Reggio Emilia Approach

Presenting Authors: Emer Ring & Alessandra Landini

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Global Rights for Children with Disabilities and "Special Rights" of Children in Reggio Emilia

Presenting Authors: Jacqueline Towson & Judy Levin

Affiliation: University of Central Florida

Observation, Documentation, and Authentic Assessment from Reggio Emilia Perspective

Presenting Authors: Juli Lull Pool & Marisa Macy

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Inclusive Reggio Emilia-inspired Program for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard Of Hearing

Presenting Authors: Amy Tyler Krings and Jill Dibbern Manhart

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