

Evaluating the impact of high-quality infant-toddler centers and preschools

The Reggio Children Approach

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Research Question

Does high quality preschool (age 0-6) improve later life outcomes?

- High Quality: Reggio Children Approach
 - ▶ Innovative pedagogical approach
 - ▶ Scalable
 - ▶ Publicly funded
- Outcomes:
 - ▶ Socio-emotional skills
 - ▶ Physical and mental health
 - ▶ Education and labor market

The Reggio Children Approach

- Educational philosophy started by **Loris Malaguzzi** after World War II.
- First preschool 1963; first infant-toddler center 1972
- Famous and replicated all over the world
- Salient features:
 - ▶ Child-centered philosophy: child guides the learning
 - ▶ Co-teaching
 - ▶ Atelieristas and cooks are also teachers
 - ▶ Family and Community are integrated in learning process
 - ▶ Longer daily hours
 - ▶ Children as a group direct the learning process
 - ▶ Teacher and staff continuously training