

**The Wonder of Learning: The Hundred Languages of Children,
International Exhibit Opens at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center**

Ribbon cutting event Thursday, July 16 officially opens the exhibit.

Who:

- Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Executive
- LaTrenda Sherrill, Deputy Chief of Operations & Administration, Office of the Mayor, City of Pittsburgh
- Carla Lucente, Italian Consulate of Pittsburgh
- Carolyn Linder, Early Childhood Education Manager, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
- Sue Polojac, Director of Programming, Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC)
- More than 100 guests including local leaders in education
- Children in attendance will participate in the Atelier of Light

The Wonder of Learning Hosts: Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC)

The Wonder of Learning Sponsors: North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) and Reggio Children

Pittsburgh Exhibit Sponsors: The Heinz Endowments, The Beacon Foundation, The David S. and Karen A. Shapira Foundation, and The Pittsburgh Foundation

What: Ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the grand opening of the exhibit.

When: Thursday, July 16 | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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| 5:45 | Welcome and remarks from Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, PAEYC, Allegheny County, and City of Pittsburgh |
| 6:15 | Ribbon cutting |
| 6:15-7:30 | Exhibit open to attendees |
| 6:15-7:30 | Children will be in the Atelier of Light |

Where: David L. Lawrence Convention Center | 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Pittsburgh, 15222
West Lobby, Hall E.

Why: The Wonder of Learning: The Hundred Languages of Children exhibit showcases the Reggio Emilia approach for early childhood education. The 7,000 square-foot exhibition displays the work of the children and teachers in the infant-toddler centers and preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. Through experiencing the exhibition, visitors will have a greater understanding of children's thinking and will better understand the Reggio Emilia approach to education, using collaboration and relationship-based learning.

The multimedia exhibit is divided into stations that are interconnected, but independent. Each section is composed of a variety of media, and may include three-dimensional objects, videos, booklets, audio-recordings and children's work. The Pittsburgh exhibit also includes the world premiere of a new video.

The Atelier of Light is an interactive exhibit for children ages 5-8; offering visitors an interactive experience with light, shadow, transparency and reflection. The Atelier was designed to work with the exhibit and to offer a professional development and learning experience for adults.