



Trust for Learning

Ideal learning made real.

The Ideal Learning Roundtable: Who we are and what we do.

The Ideal Learning Roundtable seeks to do something **BIG** in early learning: expand the availability of highly personalized developmental programs to all children, regardless of their socio-economic status. We call it **Ideal Learning**, because it is the best, highest-quality experience that parents overwhelmingly want for their children in order for them to develop into capable and fulfilled adults. The Ideal Learning Roundtable works together to make that ideal real.



Comprised of a group of developmental early childhood providers, the Ideal Learning Roundtable works to amplify the voice of providers that embrace a shared set of principles, to ensure that what works best for children and families is represented in policy and practice. Members include representatives from Montessori, Reggio Emilia, the Friends Center for Children, Tools of the Mind, Bank Street College of Education and Waldorf.

As part of this community, providers participate in a support network that enables them to:

- Build relationships with like-minded providers, researchers and advocates across the country.
- Share resources and collaborate on joint projects to strengthen the field.
- Access unique grant opportunities and funding support.
- Participate in state and national policy conversations to advance Ideal Learning.
- Receive communications assistance from the Trust for Learning's consultants.
- Scale faster and better with greater fidelity to developmental principles.

Since its founding, the Roundtable's work has inspired the first-ever comprehensive study of what parents want as consumers of early learning programs—illuminating parents' desire for greater access to highly personalized, whole-child early education. This research is already changing the way funders, providers and advocates deliver programs, advance policies and engage parents. The Roundtable is also highly involved in the Trust for Learning's placed-based efforts to expand Ideal Learning programs in diverse communities across the United States.

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