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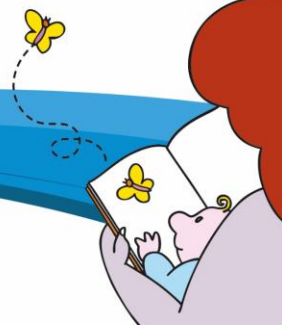
Key principles and strategies

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Nati per Leggere – NpL

Italian program which promotes shared reading to children from 0 to 6 years

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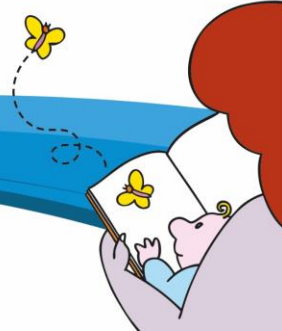


The mission mission of the program

NpL is a community intervention based on a simple, concise, intuitive message: shared reading since birth is a beautiful thing to do together, produces important benefits for the child's cognitive and emotional development and for parents' sensitivity and responsiveness.



NpL Key principles



1

The precocity of the intervention

From the first weeks after conception and for the first three years of life, the brain develops quickly.

Neuroscience tells us that brain development occurs not only through predefined modalities at the genetic level, but is also influenced by the environment in which the child grows.





2

The centrality of the family

The child needs the family to survive and to grow.

Children that are read to from an early age and more often have improved language and listening skills, experience stronger emotional connections to their loved ones, and gain a lifelong love of reading.





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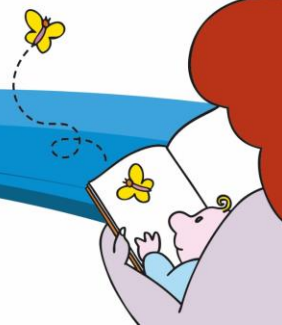
Universality

Every child has the right to have the same opportunities for development, regardless of their economic and cultural level.

Reaching all families and letting them know the benefits of reading from an early age is important, for this reason the role of pediatricians and professional is essential.



The structure of NpL



The multidisciplinary network of the program

It takes a whole village to raise a child

Professionals and volunteers share the principles of NpL and collaborate with each other in order to reach as many families as possible.

The multidisciplinary network has the purpose to raise the awareness of parents and other caregivers about the importance and the benefits of shared reading.

The whole community is involved!



Pediatricians

Librarians

Educators and teachers

**Other health professionals
(midwives, nurses)**

Policy makers and administrators



Training

The training aims to build awareness among participants about the importance of collaborating for a common goal: promote family reading as a daily practice.

All the training courses have the same contents and methodology.

The group of national trainers regularly update and adapt learning materials.



National Coordination

Group of pediatricians, librarians, educators and experts that manage NpL at national level. The national coordination creates and updates the national guidelines of the program, finds dissemination strategies, manages scientific and methodological aspects, develops institutional relations.

National Secretariat

It is based at the Centro per la Salute del bambino in Trieste, is responsible for the organization of multidisciplinary training courses, the communication and the dissemination of the program.



The local structure



Regional and provincial coordinators
Regional and provincial multidisciplinary networks

Local projects: municipalities



The different shades of blue in the map represent the ratio between population 0-5 and the number of volunteers in every region (the darker the better).



Many books since birth!





Group of experts for the selection of the best children's books

Librarians, booksellers, experts of children's literature, work together to select all the best children's books published. Every 2 years we publish the National Bibliography of NpL





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