

RIE'S BASIC PRINCIPLES

RIE's goal is to help raise authentic infants who are:

competent
focused
peaceful
involved
cheerful
cooperative
resourceful
initiating
confident
aware
secure
attentive
curious
exploring
interested
inner-directed

In order to foster quality care, RIE encourages:

- **Basic trust** in the child to be an initiator, an explorer, and a self-learner.
- An **environment** for the child that is physically safe, cognitively challenging, and emotionally nurturing.
- Time for **uninterrupted play**.
- **Freedom to explore** and interact with other infants.
- Involvement of the child in all care activities to allow the child to become an **active participant** rather than a passive recipient.
- **Sensitive observation** of the child in order to understand the child's needs.
- **Consistency** and clearly-defined limits and expectations to develop self-discipline.