

Public Montessori Preschool Outcomes in a Low-Income Community: \$400,000 over seven years

This longitudinal study followed three to six year old children in two high-fidelity Montessori magnet schools and a control group of three- to six-year-old children in business-as-usual schools located in Hartford, CT. Using a randomized wait list control group design, this study assigned about 140 children into treatment and control groups. The principal investigator, Dr. Angeline Lillard of the University of Virginia, conducted a pilot study published in *Science* in 2006 showing that children at public Montessori schools in Milwaukee had significantly better outcomes than lotteried-out counterparts at other Milwaukee area schools. The study results were published in *Frontiers in Psychology*.