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## **Courses at Pikler Institute in 2010**

### **Summer Course at Pikler Institute June 7 – 18, 2010**

Emmi Pikler's name is more and more well-known among educators working with young children. All around the world, many parents, according to her principles, provide more freedom to their infants and young children. The Piklerian approach helps make their life together with the youngest member of the family a peaceful one, and to avoid using – even unintended – force of violence in education. The application of the Piklerian principles is becoming widespread also in day-care centers and nursery homes that raise infants and young children, complementary or substituting for the family.

For the two-week long, English speaking course we expect the application of those who are interested, and who would like to gain information directly from the Pikler Institute in Budapest and deepen their knowledge about the early childhood education through learning about our most important pedagogical principles, everyday experiences, and also about the results of research carried out by the Pikler Institute.

During the course we will discuss the importance of self-initiated movement and development of play, its inner regularities, the often overlooked stages of this development, and of course the conditions of such development. We shall also talk about the less-known aspect of Piklerian pedagogy – the importance of careful and attentive physical care, its basic principles and the practical components of the „quality care”. We shall also discuss the characteristic features of the parent-child relationship and the relationship between the child and the professional caretaker – educator, nurse.

The topics will be elaborated by presenting inner materials of the institute, research results and practical experience, by watching and analyzing photos and video scenes, by personal practice and by discussing the questions raised by the participants. The course will be led by Anna Tardos, psychologist and several other experienced members of the institute will also join the course.

Typewritten applications should be submitted including a short summary of the applicant's professional activity, interest and experience of the Piklerian ideas.

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## Second level „Summer Course” July 5. – 16., 2010

This course is for professionals who have already participated on the two week-long Summer-course in the Pikler Institute in Budapest between 2004-2009 and who are involved in dealing with children, parents or educators. This course will provide a possibility to deepen their knowledge among other new topics will also be discussed, like prevention and handling of conflict situations, caring children who cause difficulties due different reasons, methods to support parents, etc. It will also give space to discuss problems that participants meet in families and in group-situations.

The participants already have experiences about what the Piklerian approach with young children can mean in the various fields, i.e. in foster homes, (orphanages), day-care centers (creche), parent-child groups, or other places. We would like to ask to bring either a video recording or a written description of an observation of a pedagogic situation for common discussion. It may be also a description of a specific child, or situation.

We ask a letter on what experiences, success and difficulties do you have in your everyday work and which topics would you like to get more information and deepen your knowledge.

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The fee for the courses is 130 Euros/day/person. (For the two-week 2x5 days 1300 Euros .) The fee is only for the participation, we cannot provide the participants with accommodation. The participation fee is net amount, banking costs are to be charged to the account of the applicants. Applications are accepted in order of the transfer of payment. For detailed information, please inquire at [pikler-tardos@t-online.hu](mailto:pikler-tardos@t-online.hu).

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### Training including observation in groups of children

The Institute fulfils several functions. Besides our infants' home, in which there is limited opportunity to observe, there are also opportunities for observation in our day-care centre and parent-child groups. Before the observation, the participant is given introductory information about the present situation of the nursery home, the groups of the children, the day-care centre or the parent-child groups, and after observing, participants are invited to discuss their experiences. The visit is possible first of all to persons who participate at our seminars (a time for maximum 2-3 persons). Observation is not possible at weekends, but only on workdays. The fee is: 150 Euros /day/person.

Application should be sent to: [pikler-tardos@t-online.hu](mailto:pikler-tardos@t-online.hu), or to Pikler Institute, Lóczy Lajos u. 3, 1022, Budapest, Hungary.

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**In case of a group visit** (for students, teachers and educators) during a half day we introduce our work to the group with the help of video-illustration and we answer the questions of participants. During this visit there isn't any opportunity to see the children groups. We can accept only limited size of group. For supporting the Foundation's Institute we ask for 40 Euros/person.

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