Little Genius Montessori—Dublin, CA

Entrepreneur Offers Education Opportunities to Bay Area Children

Raji Sridhara opened Little Genius Montessori to provide quality education that low- to moderate-income families can afford. For a year, she ran the pre-school out of her home until business grew too large, and it was time to look for a new facility. First Raji needed capital. Banks wouldn’t lend to an unproven business, but one referred her to Working Solutions. The CDFI approved her for a $25,000 microloan for equipment upgrades, marketing, and working capital for a new space. (Story published: 2014)

“I didn't go into this thinking about opening a business or creating jobs. I went into Montessori because it’s my passion. The rest is an added benefit!”

Raji Sridhara
Owner, Little Genius Montessori

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• Serves 80 Bay Area children
• Created 11 jobs in the Bay Area