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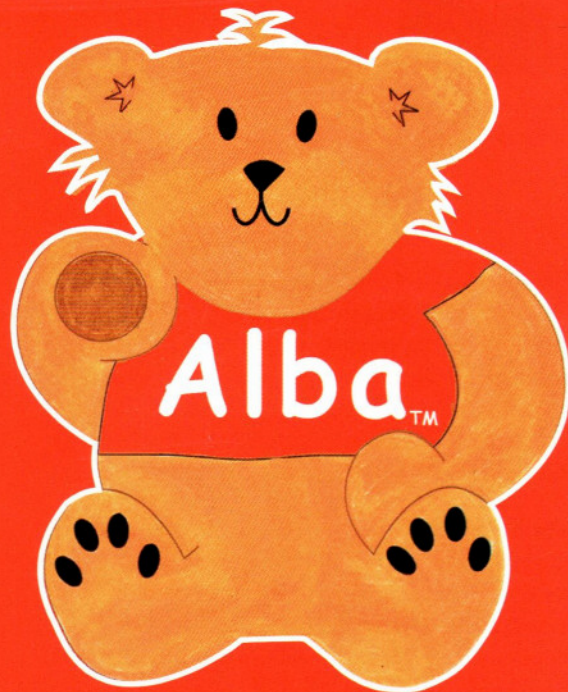
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ALBA™ ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM



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What is Alba™?

Alba is an Italian language and cultural educational program delivered through a partnership with the Resource Center Italiano, LLC and GateWay and South Mountain Community Colleges – part of the Maricopa Community College District.



The goals of the Alba Program are to develop Italian language skills and increase awareness and appreciation of Italian culture among preschool and elementary

school children and their parents, high school and college students and other area residents.

Alba's Advisory Committee

The Alba program currently serves approximately 130 children between the ages of three and 12, who are presently enrolled in the GateWay Community College (GWCC) Children's Learning Center or the South Mountain Community College (SMCC) Early Childhood Development Center. These centers service children of GWCC and SMCC students.

Alba has an advisory committee representative of the Phoenix Italian community and educators to determine key elements of the Alba Program and measures of success, evaluate programs and make recommendations for program enhancement and expansion. In addition, the advisory committee also works to develop instructional materials for the program and researches funding sources for program sustainability.

This committee also works with the expertise of GWCC and SMCC early childhood educators to develop Italian language and cultural curricula that may be replicated throughout the Maricopa Community College District, the greater Phoenix community and nationally.



Are there plans for expansion of the Alba program?

The Alba program is planning to expand to elementary schools and high schools. For more information about implementing the Alba program at your school or organization, please contact Resource Center Italiano at (602) 279-5780.

For more information, please contact: Michelle Nardi at (602) 279-5780 or mnardi@resourcecenteritaliano.org

What is the Resource Center Italiano?

In October 2002, the concept of Resource Center Italiano (RCI) became a reality and its mission statement became an action plan. President Michelle Nardi and RCI Founders created a program and service-based organization for individuals who want to enjoy and explore Italian culture.

Resource Center Italiano introduces, enhances and incorporates the beauty, history and charm of Italian culture into the Arizona community. The Resource Center Italiano is a gathering place that educates, serves and inspires individuals who are seeking to enjoy or learn more about the culture and heritage of Italian people.



Program Support

Out of a dream comes the reality of Alba, gifted to the youth of Arizona and beyond. The Alba program at GateWay and South Mountain Community Colleges, as well as other sites nationwide, was made possible through generous support of Amelia Viola Gallucci-Cirio, a lifelong supporter of education and culture. Through her vision and generosity, hundreds of students and adults are expanding their knowledge and learning about the unique beauty of Italian language and culture.