

REL Southwest Cross-Alliance Workshop

Designing Intensive Programs and Services for English Learners in the REL Southwest Region

Agenda

Date:	July 27, 2015
Time:	1:00–5:00 p.m. CT
Location:	Courtyard by Marriott – Austin Downtown/Convention Center
Meeting Format:	Blended event: Face-to-face and webinar

Goal of Workshop

Increase participants' awareness, knowledge, and understanding of sound instructional programming and services for increasing achievement among English learners in grades K–12

Workshop Description

The five states in the REL Southwest Region serve a significant number of English learners (ELs) in public schools and districts. Through its research alliances, REL Southwest supports educators in using data and research evidence to explore the programs and services that best meet EL needs and to understand problems of practice related to EL diversity. This workshop is designed to assist participants with planning, supporting, and improving instructional services, programs, and interventions for English learners.

Speakers and Session Presenters

- Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan, Ed.D., Director, Valley Speech Language and Learning Center, Brownsville, TX
- Suzie Coultriss, State Director, Bilingual/ESL/Title III/Migrant, Texas Education Agency
- Gracie Guerrero, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Multi-lingual Education Program, Houston Independent School District
- Gloria Guzmán Johannessen, Ph.D., Professor, Texas State University, San Marcos
- Sylvia Linan-Thompson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin

REL Southwest Facilitators

- Patricia Balana, Liaison, Educator Effectiveness Research Alliance
- Linda Cavazos, Ph.D., Liaison, English Learners and New Mexico Achievement Gap Research Alliances
- Vicki Dimock, Ph.D., REL Southwest Director
- Janice Keizer, Liaison, Arkansas PreK and New Mexico PreK Research Alliances
- Darlene Morgan Brown, Ph.D., Liaison, Louisiana Charter Schools Research Alliance
- Ada Muoneke, Ph.D., Research Alliance Manager
- Haidee Williams, Ph.D., Liaison, Oklahoma Rural Schools and Texas Hispanic STEM Research Alliances

AGENDA

General Session: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m.	Welcome Introductions Review of Agenda <i>Dr. Vicki Dimock, REL Southwest Director, American Institutes for Research (AIR)</i>	Rio Grande Ballroom
1:15 p.m.	Opening Remarks from the Texas Education Agency <i>Suzie Coultriss, State Director, Bilingual/ESL/Title III/Migrant, Texas Education Agency</i>	Rio Grande Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	General Opening Session: Building Biliteracy Instruction, Programs, and Services <i>Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan, Director, Valley Speech Language and Learning Center, Brownsville, TX</i> Facilitator: Dr. Linda Cavazos	Rio Grande Ballroom

Break (10 min.) | Transition to Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session I: 2:40 – 3:40 p.m.

Strand 1 – Brazos I	Strand 2 – Brazos II	Strand 3 – Brazos III
Intensive Programming for Elementary School: Language Development and Support in Native Language and English <i>Dr. Gloria Guzmán Johannessen, Professor, Texas State University, San Marcos</i> Facilitator: Janice Keizer	Intensive Programming for Special Populations: English Learners with Disabilities and Long-Term English Learners <i>Dr. Sylvia Linan-Thompson, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin</i> Facilitator: Dr. Linda Cavazos	Intensive Programming for Newcomers: Instructional and Socio-Emotional Support for Elementary, Middle, High School <i>Dr. Gracie Guerrero, Assistant Superintendent of Multi-lingual Education Program, Houston Independent School District</i> Facilitator: Dr. Haidee Williams

Break (20 min.) | Transition to Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session II: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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