

English Learner (EL) Alliance Webinar Series

Effective Practices for Partnering With Families of English Learner (EL) Students in Preschool and Kindergarten

The English Learner (EL) Alliance at REL West at WestEd brings you an interactive two-webinar series focused on building effective home-school partnerships that support the school success of preschool and kindergarten English Learner (EL) students. These webinars target early childhood education and kindergarten teachers and administrators working with young EL students and their families.

Webinar 1 - Structuring Meaningful Home-School Partnerships with Families of Young EL Students

Monday, August 17, 2015, 2:30pm to 4:00pm PST

In this webinar, two nationally known presenters and a practitioner will share a research-based framework for family engagement. They also will discuss what young EL students need to learn and be able to do, and promising practices for actively engaging families in this effort. As a result, attendees will learn about (1) The foundations of effective partnerships between school and home that enhance the learning and language development of the child; (2) Progressions of age-appropriate linguistic and academic milestones students will need to succeed in school; and (3) Successful outreach efforts to engage families in learning and supporting the skills necessary to succeed in school.

To register for this webinar, [CLICK HERE](#).

Webinar 2 - Building Capacity for School Success in Families of Young EL Students

Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 2:30pm to 4:00pm PST

In this webinar, our presenters and practitioners will review the family engagement framework and share practical activities that families can do to support their child's school readiness. Participants will (1) Increase their knowledge of the structure of a linguistically rich home environment to support young EL students' school readiness; and (2) Engage in a discussion with presenters about specific activities families can use at home to promote school readiness for young EL students in preschool and Kindergarten, including promoting L1 and L2 at home.

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SPEAKER LIST



Maria Paredes

Maria Paredes is a Senior Program Associate at WestEd. She created Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT), a highly structured approach to family engagement that produced remarkable results for students, parents, and teachers, and has been recognized by the Harvard Family Research Project, the U.S. Department of Education, Arizona State University, and The National Policy Forum for Family, School, and Community Engagement.



Linda Espinosa

Linda M. Espinosa is Professor of Early Childhood Education (Emeritus) at the University of Missouri, Columbia. She has served as the Co-Director of the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University and Vice President of Education at Bright Horizons Family Solutions. She has worked extensively with low-income Hispanic/Latino children and families throughout the state of California as a school administrator and program director.



Melanie Packham

Melanie Packham is a Family Engagement Facilitator with Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT). She provides training, technical assistance, and coaching focused on building the capacity of schools and districts to effectively engage families and communities as knowledgeable members of the academic team.