



YOUR TOOLKIT FOR WORKING WITH

Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Children



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Did you know that a language other than English is now spoken in more than 20% of American homes?*

You've probably seen the evidence yourself, as your program welcomes more and more culturally and linguistically diverse young children. **You might be wondering about the best ways to**

- screen and assess diverse children
- address the learning needs of dual language learners
- interact with diverse families more effectively
- build a culturally diverse classroom while following Common Core State Standards

This toolkit is here to help! Here are **26 great online resources** packed with tips, advice, and free downloads you can use to meet the learning needs of diverse children and give their families effective, respectful support. Bookmark these websites and articles for easy reference, and check out our Cultural Diversity booklist (<http://products.brookespublishing.com/Cultural-Diversity-C1021.aspx>) for much more!

*U.S. Census Bureau

Fast Facts about Diversity

- The numbers of young linguistically diverse children are growing more rapidly than the overall student population.
- Linguistically diverse or dual language learners now comprise 20% of the school-age population nationwide.
- The most marked increases are being charted in states like South Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee—areas that haven't historically served a large dual language population.
- As of 2006, 27% of children enrolled in Head Start lived in homes where English was not the predominant language spoken, and 43% came from homes where a secondary language other than English was in common use (Administration for Children and Families, 2006, 2009).

* Statistics reported in *Assessing Spanish-English Bilingual Preschoolers* [<http://products.brookespublishing.com/Assessing-SpanishEnglish-Bilingual-Preschoolers-P156.aspx>] by Sandra Barrueco, Ph.D., Michael López, Ph.D., Christine Ong, Ph.D., & Patricia Lozano, M.A.



Screening and Assessing Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children



3 Steps to a Better Assessment for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children

Dual- and multi-language learners are overrepresented in special education services—often because of preventable errors in the assessment process. Make sure you're conducting the best possible assessments with the valuable tips in this article.

<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/articles/ec-article-0311.htm>

Assessment of English Language Learners: Challenges and Strategies

Understand the challenges of assessing English language learners, and then get practical guidance on gathering information about children's progress in both their home language and English. http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/Dual%20Language%20Learners/ecd/assessing_dlls/AssessmentofEng.htm

Guidelines for Cultural and Linguistic Adaptation of ASQ-3™ and ASQ:SE

How can you adapt the popular ASQ screening tools for use with children and families from diverse cultures? These clear and concrete guidelines are a great place to start.

<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/documents/ASQ-cultural-and-linguistic-adaptation.pdf>



Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Resources



What is Cultural Reciprocity and Why Does It Matter?

Sometimes we're not even aware of the cultural assumptions we carry—and how they might affect our interactions with children and families. Discover how “cultural reciprocity” can help in this eye-opening interview with authors Maya Kalyanpur and Beth Harry.

<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/author-interviews/kalyanpur-72315-interview.htm>

Learn about the Skilled Dialogue Approach to Responding to Cultural Diversity

These video clips introduce you to Skilled Dialogue, a unique, effective, and field-tested model for interactions that honor the cultural beliefs and values of everyone involved.

- Understand the background and nature of Skilled Dialogue.
<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/videos/barrera-71646-background.mov>
- Discover how the model benefits students of all cultures.
<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/videos/barrera-71646-intro.mov>
- Learn what makes Skilled Dialogue different from other approaches.
<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/videos/barrera-71646-implement.mov>

Supporting Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Early Childhood

Watch this engaging video for ideas on how to incorporate and represent diverse cultures in your early childhood classroom. <http://archive.brookespublishing.com/videos/chen-72186.mov>

What Are Some Common Misconceptions About the Needs of Internationally Adopted Children?

Internationally adopted children develop differently from nonadopted children and bilingual children. In this interview with author and international adoption expert Deborah Hwa-Froelich, learn how you can help address the health, learning, and social-emotional needs of children adopted from abroad.

<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/author-interviews/hwa-froelich-interview.htm>



Responsiveness to ALL Children, Families, and Professionals: Integrating Cultural and Linguistic Diversity into Policy and Practice

Discover 7 characteristics of responsive organizations in this position statement from the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

http://www.dec-sped.org/uploads/docs/about_dec/position_concept_papers/Position%20Statement_Cultural%20and%20Linguistic%20Diversity_updated_sept2010.pdf

Webinar: The Role of an RTI-based Approach in Addressing the Learning Needs of Young DLLs

Watch this free webinar and see how to address the learning and development of young dual language learners (DLLs) with the RTI-based framework, Recognition & Response for Dual Language Learners (R&R-DLL). <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/635428937>

NEA Diversity Tool Kit

This online toolkit gives you an informative primer on 7 critical topic areas related to diversity, including social justice, gender, class, and race and ethnicity.

<http://www.nea.org/tools/diversity-toolkit.html>

Guidelines for Working with Interpreters

How can you partner effectively with interpreters to benefit children and families? Apply these helpful, real-world guidelines from the DVD *Supporting Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education*.

<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/documents/Guidelines-for-working-with-an-interpreter.pdf>

How Important is Cultural Diversity at Your School?

How can your school take a proactive approach to acknowledging and respecting diversity—and making sure all students flourish? This article from Greatschools is a clear and concise call to action.

<http://www.greatschools.org/find-a-school/defining-your-ideal/284-cultural-diversity-at-school.gs>



Resources for Working with Dual Language Learners



A Guide for Engaging English Language Learner Families

This in-depth guide walks school leaders through 20 strategies for engaging and supporting families of English language learners.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/pdfs/guides/Engaging-ELL-Families.pdf>

What Are the Myths About Dual Language Development?

In this Q&A, the authors of the bestselling *Dual Language Development & Disorders* debunk myths and outline best practices for working with young children who are bilingual or learning a second language.

<http://archive.brookespublishing.com/author-interviews/paradis-70588-interview.htm>

Tips for Supporting Dual Language Learners at 5 Key Points of the Day

With a little planning, you can support the academic and social development of dual language learners throughout the whole school day. This article gives you ready-to-use strategies for 5 key points: classroom set-up, circle time, story time, activity time, and classroom conversations. <http://archive.brookespublishing.com/articles/ec-article-0112.htm>

Meeting the School Readiness Needs of Latino Dual Language Learners in the Early Childhood Classroom

Prepare young Latino dual language learners for great early school experiences! Watch this free webinar with Dr. Lisa Lopez, who shares research findings on the school readiness development of dual language learners and recommends research-based practices for developing a culturally and linguistically responsive environment.

<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/webinars/event/40>

Myths and Realities about Dual Language Learning

Author Fred Genesee debunks five false myths about dual language learning and gives practical advice on overcoming biases when serving DLLs in the classroom. http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/Dual%20Language%20Learners/prof_dev/conferences/Genesee.pdf



Four Steps to Help Second-Language Learners in the Classroom

Here are four easy steps you can take *right* away to improve outcomes for everyone in your culturally and linguistically diverse classroom. (Includes free downloads!) <http://archive.brookespublishing.com/articles/ec-article-1009.htm>

Common Core and English Language Learners

How can you develop a classroom environment that welcomes and supports culturally diverse students—all while following the new Common Core State Standards? The guidelines in this webinar will help you succeed in this era of higher expectations and greater language demands. <http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/webinars/event/37>

How Teachers Support English Language Learners in the Classroom

Some quick teacher tips on helping young English language learners learn new words and gain confidence in speaking English. http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/Dual%20Language%20Learners/ecd/planning_and_literacy/edudev_art_00020_062105.html

The Challenges of Teaching English Language Learners to Read

What are the challenges of teaching children to read in a new language? Explore the answers in *Becoming Bilingual*, a 30-minute PBS program hosted by actress Rita Moreno. You'll visit six cities across the country and see how different schools are taking proactive steps to support bilingual readers. <http://www.colorincolorado.org/multimedia/bilingual/>

Bilingual Education

Why is bilingual education important? Why is it controversial? This article sheds light on the debates surrounding bilingual education in the United States, presents six key facts everyone should know, and suggests directions for future improvements. <http://www.nabe.org/BilingualEducation>

Resources for Supporting Bilingual Education

Bookmark this webpage for dozens of online resources on bilingual education, including lesson plans, articles, essays, games and songs, and learning activities. <http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/eslbil.html>

A New Look at America's English Language Learners

Myths and facts about the current generation of English language learners, from the National Education Association. <http://www.nea.org/home/29160.htm>



Looking for more practical guidance and strategies?

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[\[http://products.brookespublishing.com/Cultural-Diversity-C1021.aspx\]](http://products.brookespublishing.com/Cultural-Diversity-C1021.aspx), including:

