

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



Free back-to-school workshop for educators who serve English learner students



What is the purpose of the workshop?

The states in the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Southwest Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) serve a significant number of English learner (EL) students. To support improved services to these students, the REL Southwest is hosting a free workshop for our alliance members and their colleagues. The training is designed to build educators' awareness, knowledge, and understanding of sound instructional programming and services for increasing achievement among EL students in grades PK–12.

Date and Time

Monday, July 27, 2015
1:00–5:00 p.m.

Location

Austin, TX / Remote Access

What will participants learn?

Participants will learn strategies for planning, supporting, and improving EL instructional services, programs, and interventions, including intensive programming related to the following:

- Biliteracy instruction, programs, and services
- Language development and support in elementary students' native language and English
- EL students with disabilities and long-term EL students
- Instructional and socio-emotional support for EL newcomers in grades PK–12

Who may attend?

The event is open to **REL Southwest alliance members** and **their colleagues**.

We encourage alliance members to invite two to three colleagues, such as team members, who would benefit from the workshop. Colleagues who may benefit include classroom teachers, instructional coaches, administrators, regional educational service center staff, researchers, and technical assistance providers.

Alliance members and invited colleagues who are unable to travel to Austin, Texas, for the workshop may participate remotely via webinar. * Remote participants at the same location are encouraged to assemble in one room so they can participate together in team discussions during interactive breakout sessions.

**As a federally funded project, REL Southwest is not allowed to cover the cost of travel, accommodations, or meals.*

Workshop Presenters

- Ms. Suzie Coultress, State Director, Bilingual Education/Title III/Migrant Education, Texas Education Agency
- Dr. Elsa Cardenas Hagan, Professor, Valley Speech Language and Learning Center, Brownsville, TX
- Dr. Sylvia Linan Thompson, Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Austin
- Dr. Gracie Guerrero, Assistant Superintendent of Multi-lingual Education Program, Houston Independent School District
- TBD

Workshop Registration

Please register no later than Monday, July 20, 2015, at
http://www.sedl.org/forms/wg_event_reg.php?event_ID=00552

Participants residing in Texas may receive Continuous Professional Education (CPE) credits for attending the workshop. A certificate of attendance will be provided to attendees from other states.

Do you have questions?

Please contact:

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Workshop Location

Courtyard by Marriott – Austin Downtown/Convention Center
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Phone: (512) 236-8008
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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/auscd-courtyard-austin-downtown-convention-center/>

Remote participation via webinar will be available. Information on participating via webinar will be provided in the registration confirmation email.



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