

Dear Colleagues in Education:

This e-broadcast will provide information about the subject listed above.

Additional information on ELP workshops for 2005 and information about Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives will be published in two upcoming e-broadcasts that will be delivered by next Friday.

A preliminary listing of ELP workshop sites for 2005 may include Dixon, Dupage Co, South Cook ISC, Bloomington, Kane Co ROE, College of Lake County, and John Logan CC.

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28th Annual Statewide Conference for Teachers of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students
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Preliminary conference information is now available online regarding the 28th Annual Statewide Conference for Teachers of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students - January 24 to 27, 2005 to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, Illinois. This conference is appropriate for teachers, administrators, university faculty, and other educators interested in the education of ELL students. Each day of the conference will feature sessions on the WIDA English language proficiency standards and the ACCESS assessment which are listed at the end of this announcement.

To access the web site, please go to the following web site: <http://www.thecenterweb.org> <<http://www.thecenterweb.org/>> . Click on the Illinois Resource Center (IRC) on the left hand side of the page. This will take you to the IRC page. Click on 28th Annual Conference, "Many Creeks Enrich the Main Stream," located on the left hand side of the page.

Registration forms are due at the Illinois Resource Center by January 7, 2005. For more information, you may contact the IRC at 847-803-3112.

Monday 10:15 - 11:00

Meeting the Standards: Developing English Language Proficiency for Academic Success

*Identifying the language necessary for academic success

*Integrating ESL instruction and content area instruction through the English Language Proficiency Standards

*Emphasizing academic proficiency for instruction and assessment

Presenter: Cheryl Urow, Illinois Resource Center, Des Plaines

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*Structure: grade levels and tiers; language domains; test item data structure; sample items

*Development guidelines addressing the WIDA ELP standards; test specifications; testing language versus content

*Field test: field test procedures and results; procedures for test administration across grades

Presenters: Jim Bauman and Jessica Motz, Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington D.C. Tuesday, 11:30 - 12:30

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*Using WIDA's English Language Proficiency Standards *Connecting standards with curriculum, instruction and assessment *Preparing for ACCESS for ELLs (tm), the new, statewide language proficiency test

Presenters: Becky McCabe and Robin Lisboa, Illinois State Board of Education and Margo Gottlieb, Illinois Resource Center

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Sincerely in your service

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