



## Division of English Language Learning (DELL)

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Dear Program Directors:

<b>Dell Special Announcement</b>
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**BILINGUAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION FOR THIS FREE EVENT IS NOW AVAILABLE:**

TO: Bilingual Program Directors

FROM: David González Nieto, Division Administrator for English Language Learning

DATE: August 1, 2016

RE: SY 2016-17 Annual State Bilingual Directors' Meeting

We are happy to announce that on Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16, 2016 the Division of English Language Learning (DELL) will host its annual State Bilingual Directors' Meeting. This is a two-day meeting required for all program directors of TBE/TPI and Title III (LIPLEPS/Immigrant Education) programs. The purpose of this annual meeting is to connect with all of you and address topics related to the implementation of programs serving English learners. This is also a forum of excellence where you can discuss issues that are relevant to our emerging bilinguals with other directors and experts in the field.

Dr. Ester de Jong will be our keynote speaker this year. Dr. de Jong is a Professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at the University of Florida. She teaches courses in bilingual and bicultural education and in curriculum, methods, and assessment for English speakers of other languages. Her research interests include two-way bilingual education and other integrated models for language minority schooling, educational language policy, and teacher preparation for bilingual students. Dr. Tammy Oberg de la Garza and Dr. Alyson Lavigne, from Roosevelt University, will be presenting about addressing the cultural needs of ELs. Dr. Sonia Soltero, from DePaul University, will be presenting about dual language programs and Dr. Jeanine Ntahirageza, from NEIU, will be presenting about refugees. Other presentations will include topics related to early childhood, assessment, civil rights of students, and other important topics. A group of EL Program Directors and representatives from various divisions at the Illinois State Board of Education will also be presenting at this exciting event.

This year's meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago - Oak Brook, located at 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523. A block of rooms is available for September 14 and 15 at the rate of \$80.00 plus tax (single). Please call or email Patrick Singer, [psinger@doubletreeoakbrook.com](mailto:psinger@doubletreeoakbrook.com), at the DoubleTree Hilton Chicago - Oak Brook at (630) 472-6057 and ask for the Directors'

Meeting group block. Reservations must be made by **August 23rd**. Room rates after this date will be \$108.00 plus tax.

This meeting can be attended by up to two representatives from each district. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 15 with the general meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. Each participant is required to pre-register. You can find the registration information online at <http://www.thecenterweb.org/irc/> . Like last year, this year's presentations will be provided on USB flash drives to registered participants. Please plan accordingly.

**There is NO registration fee for this event. Lodging, mileage or per diem expenses may be included in either the district's LIPLEPS or TBE/TPI program budget under the improvement of instruction services line item, function 2210/300, in order for your district to charge these expenses to the grant as an approved activity. You must follow your school district travel policies to claim a reimbursement for the above meeting expenses. Please note that you cannot spend any LIPLEPS funds prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Districts that receive less than \$10,000 in total TBE/TPI and Title III funds, may qualify for financial assistance. Eligible districts will receive more information in a separate email.

Please contact DELL at (312) 814-3850 for technical assistance related to any programmatic issues or if you need assistance with revising/amending your FY16 LIPLEPS or TBE/TPI program budget.

I wish you and your programs great success this year and look forward to seeing you in September.

#### Other Resources

##### **Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition Survey on Refugee and Immigrant Children**

The *Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition (ICTC) Ad Hoc Committee for Refugee & Immigrant Children & Trauma* is conducting a survey to learn more about the capacity/interest of organizations to meet the needs of refugee/immigrant children and families. Made up of over 85 agencies and organizations, ICTC promotes the prevention and treatment of childhood trauma. The Ad Hoc Committee for Refugee & Immigrant Children & Trauma was formed last year to address the unique role of trauma in that community.

Many children arriving to the U.S. experience traumatic events and conditions in their countries of origin, during their journey to the US, and/or once they arrive here. Exposure to traumatic events may affect children's behavior and wellbeing in a variety of settings and impact social interactions with those assigned to help, educate, and care for them.

The ICTC aims to collect information to facilitate connections among service providers and inform workforce development and system-wide capacity building activities that would enhance trauma-informed care for all those who come in contact with refugee/immigrant children. The brief survey asks about the particulars of the school or district as well as the training, and training needs of school district personnel. Use the link below to access the survey. You may also share the link with others in your district who work with refugee/immigrant children.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ricneedsassessment>

The ICTC would like to have surveys completed by August 15, 2016.

Contact Dr. Rebecca Ford-Paz at 312-227-6039 with any questions.

If you are interested in joining the ICTC Ad-Hoc Committee on Refugee and Immigrant Children and Trauma, email Willis Francis at [wfrancis@heartlandalliance.org](mailto:wfrancis@heartlandalliance.org) or Rebecca Ford-Paz at [rfordpaz@luriechildrens.org](mailto:rfordpaz@luriechildrens.org) to be added to their list.

**THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATEWIDE PARENT SUMMIT PRESENTATIONS ON CAN TV NOW AVAILABLE.**

Bilingual Parents Summit

Saturday, August 6th, 7:30 PM, CAN TV21

Monday, August 8th, 8:00 AM, CAN TV19

Friday, August 12th, 12:00 PM, CAN TV21

<http://cantv.org/watch-now/11th-annual-statewide-summit-for-bilingual-parents-opening-presentation/>

Bilingual Parents Luncheon

Saturday, August 6th, 9:30 PM, CAN TV21

Monday, August 8th, 10:00 AM, CAN TV19

Friday, August 12th, 2:00 PM, CAN TV21

<http://cantv.org/watch-now/11th-annual-statewide-summit-for-bilingual-parents-luncheon-presentation/>