

Education, Disabilities, and Mental Health Managers 2010 Wisconsin Head Start Association Fall Quarterly

Fulfilling the Head Start Mandate by Supporting Young Dual Language Learners in their Home Language and in English

Wednesday, October 20th from 10:00 a.m. to noon AND 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Reinl, Early Childhood Consultant for Preschool Dual Language Learners, ESL & Bilingual Education, and Special Education

Fulfilling the Head Start mandate to support children who are dual language learners in their home language as they acquire English can be challenging for our programs and teaching staff. How do you support children in their home language when you do or don't speak their language? What is the most effective way to use English so that dual language learners have maximum opportunities to understand and participate in daily routines and activities? And what does "normal" language development look like for dual language learners? In this interactive session, Head Start & Early Head Start program managers will be introduced to the process of learning another language in young children as well as how young dual language learners can be supported in both their home language and in English in Early Head Start and Head Start programs.



About the Presenter: Ruth Reinl, M.S.E. in Early Childhood Special Education, has been in the field of Early Childhood for over 20 years. She is certified in ESL & Bilingual Education for children ages birth to eight, speaks Spanish fluently, and has worked with Spanish-speaking children with disabilities and their families. Ruth has worked in infant/toddler care, taught preschoolers with disabilities in classroom settings and as an itinerant teacher in multiple community settings, team taught in a collaborative Head Start program, created and facilitated bilingual play groups for children and parent, and served as a Program Support

Teacher for Elementary ESL & Bilingual Education programs providing professional development and technical assistance to teachers.

For the past three years, Ruth has acted as a statewide consultant on early childhood topics related to preschool dual language learners and providing TA to practitioners on culturally and linguistically responsive practices. *Most recently, Ruth was a panel member on the Office of Head Start webcast [Assessing the Progress of English Language Development for Children Who Are Dual Language Learners in Head Start and Early Head Start](#). She is currently in the final stages of writing a handbook for working with preschool dual language learners with the Office of Head Start.*

Deepening the Content
Educational Opportunity

Peer Facilitated Networking and Share Shop

Thursday, October 21st from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pam Grube, Early Childhood Manager, Sheboygan County Human Rights Association Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start Education, Disabilities, and Mental Health Managers meet to network, identify and discuss current topics and trends, and share resources like program policies and products. The Managers may choose to divide themselves into smaller groups and network around a certain topic or based on position.

Prior to the Quarterly, participants are encouraged to identify current trends and items of concern for discussion as well as suggesting program policies and products to share by noticing Molly Kovarik at 608-442-6879 or kovarik@whsaonline.org. Summary lists of topics, policies and/or products will be disseminated to meeting registrants prior to the event so be sure to include your email address on your registration form.

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