Multilingual / EL Networking Sessions for Educators

Please join your fellow multilingual / EL educators in attending these complimentary networking sessions to share ideas, problem solve and gain expertise.

Topics to include (but not limited to): biliteracy and curriculum design, assessment, advocacy, problem-solving, family engagement, budgeting and selecting materials, coaching cycles, teacher leadership development.

Valerie Butrón has worked with language learners since 2001. Ms. Butrón designs and delivers courses, workshops and coaching cycles for educators on the topics of bilingual and English as a second language education, Spanish for educators, and social emotional learning. She draws from threads of experience as a classroom bilingual teacher, Spanish teacher, ESL teacher, district administrator, instructional coach, and parent of a bilingual-bicultural daughter.

Ms. Butrón has served in Chicago Public Schools, Cicero Public Schools, Joliet Public Schools, and Community Unit School District 200. She has also worked as a specialist for American Institutes for Research and an interpreter and translator for the State of Illinois Early Intervention Program. Ms. Butrón obtained an M.A. in school leadership and an M.S.Ed.; she has endorsements in bilingual education, English as a second language, and Spanish.

Dr. Rita Guzman has served in many educational roles, bilingual teacher, ESL & Special Ed. Specialist, Assessment Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director and currently serves as Executive Director of Language Acquisition where she oversees grants, world languages, and educational programs focused on biliteracy prek-12, and dual language programs at East Aurora School District 131.

Her roles have allowed her to be exposed to a variety of languages, cultures and customs. She has been honored to have presented at the state and national level. Giving back and serving her community is a passion of hers and she enjoys guiding others as an adjunct professor for USF and NIU. At the university level she has developed graduate course work and is the author of Serving Special Populations, Serving ELL with Special Needs, and co-author of ESL courses.

**Ask how multilingual trainings can be delivered at your school for your educators**

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