



Topic I:

Current Issues in Early Childhood Education

Linguistic and Cultural Diversity

Professional Development Session

FORMAT: Mixed model: 2 hour interactive session

Prior to the session: Read background information and selected pages from framework. During the session: Become familiar with the state publication, *Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning*.

California is a state of great cultural diversity. This wide range of cultures provides California with an exciting and diverse set of cultural resources. Understanding and supporting children's culture and language in preschool is of utmost importance. Prior to the session, participants read background information and selected pages from the framework. Participants will become familiar with the state publication, *Preschool English Learners*. During the interactive session, participants discuss the resources. In addition, participants are expected to attend PEL trainings offered around the state.

Resources:



BACKGROUND

"Responding to Linguistic and Cultural Diversity: Recommendations for Effective Early Childhood Education" (NAEYC)

"Preschool Enrollment Among Latino Children in California" (The Wealth Research Organization)



STATE PUBLICATION

California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 1, pp. 5-13

Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning



ARTICLE

"Cultural Ways of Learning: Individual Traits or Repertoires of Practice" (Gutiérrez and Rogoff)