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Reducing the Educational Gap in English Language Learners

Educational and health care programs are serving increasing numbers of children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The academic achievement of many of these students is significantly below the achievement of mainstream students. Best practices for these services advocate a family-centered focus in assessment and intervention. Response to Intervention approaches provide a mechanism for adapting instruction to the needs of diverse students. This presentation will present frameworks for understanding diversity, demonstrate the use of skilled dialogue and ethnographic interviewing strategies for gaining an understanding of the world through the eyes of students and families receiving services, and demonstrate strategies for modifying academic lesson content, process of instruction, and assessment products to improve academic performance of English language learners.

About the Speaker

Dr. Carol Westby is a fellow of the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and holds Specialty Recognition in Child Language. She has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Iowa’s Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, the ASHA Award for Contributions to Multicultural Affairs, and the honors of ASHA. She has published and presented nationally and internationally on language-literacy relationships, narrative development and facilitation, assessment and facilitation of written language, and issues in assessment and intervention with culturally/linguistically diverse populations. She has been the principal investigator on a number of clinical service, research, and personnel preparation grants. Dr. Westby has written several book chapters that present frameworks for literate language assessment and intervention. She has a BA in English from Geneva College and an MA and PhD in Speech Pathology from the University of Iowa.
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4:30 p.m.  Discussion
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