

# Introduction to Language-Focused Family Engagement

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This interactive workshop introduces participants to language-focused family engagement, a unique approach to family engagement that consists of four pillars:

1. An affirming asset-based approach
2. The WIDA ABCs of Family Engagement
3. Family language practices and goals
4. School language practices and goals

Language-focused family engagement draws attention to language education that occurs in-and-out of school and promotes meaningful two-way communication with families about their children's language learning and development.

Participants will be able to

- Justify the need for language-focused family engagement
- Explain the four pillars of language-focused family engagement
- Identify action steps for application in local settings

**Target Audience:** This workshop is open to early care and education (ECE) and K-12 educators who serve multilingual children and youth. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend with colleagues as a small team or with a partner.



**January 22-23, 2019 | 8:30am – 3:30pm**

DoubleTree by Hilton, 75 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

**Fees (lunches not included):**

- Workshop Rates: Early Bird through 12/21/2018: \$450 | Regular Rate: \$500
- Lodging Rate: \$119/night. To reserve a hotel room, call the hotel at (847) 364-7600 and mention the workshop name

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