



Fall 2022 RITELL Conference

Strategies for Family and Community Engagement with MLLs

Saturday, October 29
9am-12:30pm
Rhode Island College: Gaige Hall
**Doors open at 8:30am



Partnering with Immigrant and Refugee Families: Avoiding Pobrecito Syndrome

Keynote Presenters: Laura Gardner & Alba Morales
Immigrant Connections— Washington DC

As demographics continue to shift in our communities, schools are grappling with how to best engage immigrant and refugee families. Teachers will walk away from this session with a better understanding of evidence-based family engagement strategies as well as resources from the family engagement field. Most importantly, teachers will be inspired to see the power of interacting with parents and caregivers as true partners who are capable of advocacy at the school and district levels.



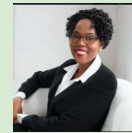
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Breakout Session #1

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

Family Literacy and Engagement: Games to engage multilingual learners and their families

Presenters: Yomely Marte and Marie Lalyre



Description:

Join us as we crack the code to increasing, and sustaining, participation in multi-generational learning. We will share ideas on mobilizing parents, caregivers and their children in ways that empower them while highlighting your program's strengths to the community. We'll inspire you with interactive activities, testimonials, and interactive games that will increase engagement. Participants will take away tips and suggestions in various activities that will increase the participation of families in the school's community.



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Breakout Session #2

Immigrant Connections

Partnering with Immigrant and Refugee Families: Ensuring Equitable Engagement

Presenters: Laura Gardner and Alba Morales



Description:

All immigrant and refugee families, regardless of their circumstances, have hopes and dreams for their children and want the best for them. In this workshop, teachers will walk away with strategies for equitable engagement with immigrant and refugee families, including language access, school orientation nights, home visits and, more.



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Breakout Session #3

Rhode Island Community Panel

Rhode Island Connections: Broadening Teachers' Understanding of Local Community Organizations.

Presenters: Yisel de Oleo, Bernard Georges, Teddi Jallow, Pearl Marvell and Zuleica Martins

Description:

Five leaders from our local communities will discuss their organization's mission and the ways in which they support multilingual families. They will provide suggestions for ways that teachers can connect families to their work and teachers will have opportunities to ask questions related to their contexts. Breakout session panelists are Yisel de Oleo from Onward We Learn, Bernard Georges from New Bridges for Haitian Success, Teddi Jallow from Refugee Dream Center, Pearl Marvell from Mosaic Community Essays, and Zuleica Martins from Providence Talks. Please also visit tables in the Conference lobby to learn about other local organizations.