



What Makes for Quality Education for English Learners in the 21st Century?

What Needs To Be Included and What Actions Can We Take:
Lessons Learned from the Past and New ideas for Today

Open Space Report: Chicago

As a convener, we would like you to put together a short report from your group describing the following:

1. **Names of group members**

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2. **Issue/Topic/Activity**

How do we create the right atmosphere for a successful Bilingual classroom?

3. **Highlights of Discussion/Recommendations/Next Action Steps**

- **Coaching Model to support teachers co-teach by modeling classes, observing and planning together.**
- **Teachers feel that the Universities are not doing justice when they prepare them for public schools.**
- **Certifications should include “hand-on”**
- **Training teachers will assure the right atmosphere for a successful Bilingual program.**
- **Teachers need to understand the culture of the students.**
- **Parents support- Teachers look at students records before physically seeing the student. Talk to the parents in September. You have to communicate and know your parents. Clear expectations is a key.**

Next steps/Action Items/Recommendations

- **Require or mandate that the Administrator takes courses that helps him to create the right environment to assure a successful bilingual program and to support the teachers into the implementation of that.**
- **We need the teachers to have the proper training to assure that the children are successful in the classroom. This needs to start at the University level. (The actual training in Colleges and Universities is abysmal)**
- **Parental support- Communication with parents is also an important component for a successful Bilingual program. Knowing your parents will help you know your students.**
- **We want these issues to be taken seriously and “seize the moment”. We want to be part of History and we want our voices to be heard. We advocate for action. We don’t want this Conference to be just another one, we want this Conversations to make history.**