What Makes for Quality Education for English Learners in the 21\textsuperscript{st} 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: New York City

As a convener, we would like you to put together a short report from your group describing the following. When you're finished, please type in this report in one of the laptops and hand in this sheet. Thanks!

1. Names of group members
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2. Issue/Topic/Activity
   Preschool!

3. Highlights of Discussion/Recommendations/Next Action Steps
   1) Need to change policy
      a. Mandates need to come with clear expectations
      b. Make sure k-12 policies do not filter down to pre-k as developmentally inappropriate
   2) Need more research to understand best practices for ELLs in pre-K
      a. Current research says prek instruction needs to be partially in home language
      b. Need more training for bilingual preschool teachers
      c. Need ESL and bilingual teachers in the ECAC
      d. There need to be common core standards for prek that include ELLs in all states
   3) Assessment and Identification
      a. ID needs to be done with home language survey and follow up personal contact with family
      b. Need development of new assessments that work at Prek and kindergarten levels
   4) Need Teacher Prep
      a. So preschool teachers understand best practices for ELLs, developmentally appropriate
         i. TPR and LEA
   5) Parents need to be collaborators with the preschool teachers
      a. Use parents in classroom and community organizations to supplement the home languages
   6) Administrators
      a. Need to be trained in best practices for ELLs
      b. Need to be MANDATED to be trained
      c. Everyone who comes into the classroom needs to be trained
4. **Available Resources**

1) Yvonne de Gatno-Hunter College-good resource for headstart
2) Headstart-ECLKC website-culture and linguistic responsiveness resources
3) www.colorincolorado.org reading tips and activities for parents and teachers
4) www.cal.org

5. **Follow-up requests**

   a. Need to change policy, have mandates with clear expectations
   b. Need more research to understand best practices for ELLs in pre-K
   c. Need more training for bilingual preschool teachers
   d. Need ESL and bilingual teachers in the ECAC
   e. Need to be common core standards for prek that include ELLs in all states
   f. Need development of new assessments that work at Prek and kindergarten levels
   g. Need better teacher prep so preschool teachers understand best practices for ELLs, developmentally appropriate
   h. Administrators need to be required to be trained in best practices for ELLs in preschool