

## **Learning in Two Languages in Early Childhood: What Every Early Childhood Professional Needs to Know**

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### Web Resources

Some informative web resources that will support your work with dual language learners and their families include:

[Raising Bilingual Children](http://www.raising-bilingual-children.com) [www.raising-bilingual-children.com](http://www.raising-bilingual-children.com)

Multilingual website for parents seeking information related to questions about raising children in a bilingual environment. Includes links for a blog about issues in bilingualism as well as a store offering related books for kids and parents, bilingual CDs, DVDs and games in English, Spanish and German. German, Spanish, and English language links translate all aspects of the website into the three languages.

[Spanglish Baby](http://www.spanglishbaby.com) [www.spanglishbaby.com](http://www.spanglishbaby.com)

This online resource offers tips and advice on raising bilingual children and how to keep cultural and ethnic traditions alive. Some elements of this site include a column on what bilingual kids teach parents everyday (Daily Learning), a column where readers have questions answered by a variety of experts (Ask an Expert), informative posts about bilingualism and relevant topics (Must Reads), as well as reviews and recommendations of books, music, movies, and toys. The “Ask an expert” and “resources” sections are full of links to frequently asked questions and links to interactive websites, audio books and blogs (in both English and Spanish)

[Bicultural Family](http://www.biculturalfamily.org) [www.biculturalfamily.org](http://www.biculturalfamily.org)

The Bilingual/Bicultural Family Network is made up of families around the world who are raising their children bilingually and/or biculturally. The group provides support and resources in the form of a website and e-newsletter packed with content as well as Seattle-based presentations, seminars and email contact.

[Bilingual Families Connect](http://www.bilingualfamiliesconnect.com) [www.bilingualfamiliesconnect.com](http://www.bilingualfamiliesconnect.com)

*Bilingual Families Connect* is a website that provides tips and advice from other parents who are raising bilingual children. This resource offers advice from other parents in the form of success stories, challenges, issues surrounding literacy skills, and myths about bilingualism and biliteracy. This website offers resources in 12 languages other than English.

[Multilingual Children's Association](http://www.multilingualchildren.org) [www.multilingualchildren.org](http://www.multilingualchildren.org)

Multilingual Children's Association offers a comprehensive web-guide to raising multilingual children. The website is dedicated to kids growing up with multiple languages and offers expert advice and real world wisdom, parent discussions, tips, resource directory, articles and more.

[Latino Educators](http://www.latinoeducators.com) [www.latinoeducators.com](http://www.latinoeducators.com)

This website is a social portal for bilingual educators and parents to share, inspire and communicate about their communities. It offers blogs, videos, discussions, and groups surrounding issues of bilingualism, bilingual programs, and bilingual education.

[Colorín Colorado](http://www.colorincolorado.org) [www.colorincolorado.org](http://www.colorincolorado.org)

Colorín Colorado is a free web-based service that provides information, activities and advice for educators and Spanish-speaking families of English language learners (ELLs). The website's mission is to find research-based and best-practice information about teaching reading to English language learners (ELLs) and to make this information widely available to parents and educators. It offers sections for families on various books, authors, research reports, guides and toolkits, webcasts, and newsletters.

[Reading Rockets](http://www.readingrockets.org) [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)

Reading Rockets offers a wealth of reading strategies, lessons, and activities designed to help young children learn how to read and improve their reading skills. This website's reading resources assist parents, teachers, and other educators in working with struggling readers who require additional help in reading fundamentals and comprehension skills development. This online resource offers sections for parents, a bilingual family guide, help for struggling readers, lists of children's books and authors, video and podcasts, reading guides, newsletters, and blogs.

[Multilingual Matters](http://www.multilingual-matters.com) [www.multilingual-matters.com](http://www.multilingual-matters.com)

Multilingual Matters is an international independent publication company that publishes books in the areas of bilingualism, second/foreign language learning,

sociolinguistics, translation, interpreting, and books for parents. This publishing house also offers a newsletter for parents, The Bilingual Family Newsletter. Recent innovations include a new textbook series, books on bi- and multilingualism, links to scholarly journals, and notes for parents.

[Center for Applied Linguistics www.cal.org](http://www.cal.org)

The Center for Applied Linguistics is a private, nonprofit organization working to improve communication through better understanding of language and culture. It is dedicated to providing a range of research-based information, tools, and resources related to language and culture. It provides parents with information on the fields of bilingual, English as a second language, literacy, and foreign language education; dialect studies; language policy; refugee orientation; and the education of linguistically and culturally diverse adults and children.

[National Association for Bilingual Education www.nabe.org](http://www.nabe.org)

The National Association for Bilingual Education is an advocacy group for bilingual learners and bilingual teaching professionals that aims to influence policy, promote research, and provide professional development for instructors of linguistically/culturally diverse children. The organization's website offers up-to-date research relevant to bilingual learners and provides access to an online store where publications are available for purchase and bi-monthly issues of *NABE News* are delivered as a way to inform you of more recent developments in the area of bilingualism. Joining as a member could grant you discounted rates for a subscription to the *Bilingual Research Journal* and registration costs to the annual NABE Conference. In addition, as a member and state affiliate, professional development is offered at the local level.

[Multilingual Living www.multilingualliving.com](http://www.multilingualliving.com)

The Multilingual Living site began as a grassroots effort to inform like-minded parents who faced the difficulty of raising children in a bilingual household. It now provides extensive lists of resources and articles orienting parents on how to promote bilingualism, responding to the many questions parents submit to their blog. On the website, a discussion forum enables users to interact with others sharing an interest in topics relating to bilingualism/ multiculturalism. The *Multilingual Living Magazine*, a reader-friendly publication authored by prominent experts in the field, is available for purchase in the online store.

[Being Multilingual Blog www.beingmultilingual.blogspot.com](http://www.beingmultilingual.blogspot.com)

This blog welcomes users to gain an understanding of the many developments within the field of bilingual research. The moderator and published author in the field of linguistics, Magdalena Cruz-Ferreira, provides a forum for experts and families of bilingual children to exchange information. Guest experts

are invited to submit entries in English, French, Portuguese, and Swedish and other languages that relate to issues in bilingualism/multilingualism. Publications authored by Cruz-Ferreira providing more information are also accessible through links on the site.

You might also find the following [resource guide](#) and brief [articles](#) useful:

Baker, C. (2014). [\*A parents' and teachers' guide to bilingualism\*](#) (4<sup>th</sup> edition). Clevedon, England.

In this accessible guide to bilingualism in the family and the classroom, Colin Baker delivers a realistic picture of the joys and difficulties of raising bilingual children. The Q&A format of this book makes it the natural choice for the busy parent or teacher who needs an easy reference guide to the most frequently asked questions. This revised edition includes more information on bilingualism in the digital age, and incorporates the latest research in areas such as neonatal language experience, multilingualism, language mixing and the effect that siblings have on family language choice.

[Center for Early Care and Education Research—Dual Language Learners \(CECER-DLL; 2011\). \*Research brief #6: Language and literacy development in dual language learners: A critical review of the research\*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina, FPG Child Development Institute, Author.](#)

[Espinosa, L. \(2013\). \*Early education for dual language learners: Promoting school readiness and early school success\*. Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute.](#)

[Goldenberg, C., Hicks, J., & Lit, I. \(2013\). Dual language learners: Effective instruction in early childhood. \*American Educator\*, 26-29.](#)