

Special Interest Groups

Early Childhood Education Special Interest Group

Thursday, February 23, 2017 ■ 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Meeting Room: Governor's Lecture Hall

Emerging Bilinguals in Early Childhood: A National Priority

Chair: Karen Nemeth, Language Castle, LLC

Co-Chair: Clara Cappiello, East Coast Migrant Head Start

8:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

SIG Business meeting- New national policies and guidelines impacting emerging bilinguals/dual language learners and the SIG role

Karen Nemeth and Clara Cappiello, Early Childhood Education SIG Co-Chairs

As the critical importance of the early years is increasingly being recognized, the field of early childhood education has been the focus of attention at the national level. This year our field has been highlighted in new Every Student Success Act (ESSA) guidance, new Head Start Program Performance Standards, new guidelines for using technology in early childhood programs, and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Education Joint Policy Statement on Supporting the Development of Children Who Are Dual Language Learners in Early Childhood Programs. We will present key components of the national policies and guidance and together will consider the role of the SIG in creating a crosswalk to inform members who provide, support and prepare for early childhood education. Your input is needed. This is a SIG meeting that can't be missed.

11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Research In Depth: A Closer Look at Brain Science and Language Learning Studies of Young Children

Presenter: TBA