

ALLIES ESL Providers' Network Meeting

Nov 6, 2015, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

De Anza Community College

Meeting Summary

Summary

Over 75 ESL practitioners met at Santa Clara Adult School for the Fall 2015 ALLIES's ESL Providers Network meeting. It was the largest turnout for an ALLIES meeting both in terms of number of organizations and number of participants. The 75 participants represented 13 community based organizations, 12 adult schools and eight community colleges. Key points from the agenda include:

- Updates about ALLIES and local collaborations
- Opportunities for consortia to update the group about their plans
- Discussion about ALLIES future plans
- Report outs on accomplishments from mini-grants

In both total turnout and groups represented, this was one of the most successful ALLIES meetings to date.

Paul presented an overview of ALLIES, AB 86 and the consortia planning process. There were a number of questions about funding and process for the consortia, which were discussed.

The meeting provided time for members of all four consortia to meet in small groups and discuss their work. This provided an opportunity for individuals or groups that have not been involved in the process so far to get to know each other.

Representatives from each of the four consortia introduced themselves and summarized their work. The goal here was to allow different consortia to learn from each other. Additionally, each of the mini-grant organizers summarized their work.

Key points are summarized below:

San Mateo

- Consortia, branded as ACCEL, working on many pilot projects, e.g. new adult school on the coast, coding pathway, and ESL pathway design.
- Mini-grant funded childcare support for English Language learners.

South Santa Clara County

- Mini-grant funding common intake form and alignment of ESL curriculum.

North Santa Clara County

- 7 workgroups, ESL task force, expanded understanding of placement and sequencing.
- Mini-grant funding student ambassador program.

South Bay

- Working on no wrong door approach
- Transition specialists at all nine institutions.
- Mini-grant funded small group meetings, development of list serve, and map. Additional funding for immigrantinfo.org

Kara presented about ALLIES plans for 2016 including an immigrant integration pathway and potentially hiring a coordinator.

Special thanks to De Anza College for being such warm hosts.

Participating Institutions

The following institutions attended the EPN meeting.

Organizations

1. Building Skills Partnership
2. Catholic Charities
3. CASAS
4. International Institute of the Bay Area
5. Institute for Local Government
6. Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
7. Office of Immigrant Relations
8. Project Read
9. Puente de La Costa Sur
10. Refugee Transitions
11. Rosalie Rendu Center

12. Santa Clara Public Library
13. Vision Literacy

Adult Schools

1. Campbell Adult School
2. East Side Adult Education
3. Fremont Adult School
4. Jefferson Union Adult School
5. Metro Ed Adult School
6. Milpitas Adult School
7. Mountain View Los Altos Adult School
8. Palo Alto Adult School
9. San Mateo Adult School
10. Sequoia Adult School
11. Silicon Valley Adult Education
12. Sunnyvale Cupertino Adult School

Community Colleges

1. Canada College
2. De Anza Community College
3. Foothill Community College
4. Gavilan Community College
5. Mission College
6. San Jose City College
7. Skyline College
8. West Valley Community College

Appendix A – Agenda

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De Anza College, Fireside Room, Student Center
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA

Agenda

12:30	Lunch	Participants
1:00	I. Welcome and Introduction	Paul Downs, ALLIES
	A. Meeting Purpose	
	B. Agenda Overview	
1:10	II. Participant Updates	Participants
1:10	A. Sub-Regional Discussions	
1:35	B. Large Group Discussion	
1:50	III. Consortia and Mini-Grant Reports	
1:50	A. San Mateo County	Jenny Castello, ESL Faculty and Coordinator, Cañada College Tim Doyle, Assistant Director, San Mateo Adult School
2:05	B. North Santa Clara County	Alexandra Scott, ESL Coordinator, Palo Alto Adult School Pat Lawson-North, Vision Literacy
2:20	C. South Bay	Usha Narayanan, Milpitas Adult School Marina Broeder, ESL Faculty Mission College Ilse Pollet, ESL Instructor, Santa Clara County Catholic Charities
2:35	D. South Santa Clara County	Randy Brown, Gavilan College Pat Lawson-North, Vision Literacy
2:50	IV. ALLIES 2016 Plans	Kara Rosenberg, ALLIES
3:00	<i>Close</i>	

