



Alliance for Language Learners' Integration, Education, and Success

ESL Provider Network Meeting

May 14, 2018, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mission College, Santa Clara – Room HM A+B

Agenda

12:30 Lunch

1:00 I. Welcome and Introductions Ilse Pollet
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B. Agenda Review

1:10 II. Updates and 'EPN Shout Out'
a. ALLIES & EPN visioning Ilse Pollet
b. Policy Updates Bob Harper
c. Immigration News Teresa Castellanos
d. EPN Shout Out Participants

1:50 III. Immigrant Integration Framework: regional collaboration and
partnerships Jaime Alvarado
a. Context: SBCAE IIF implementation project
b. Table discussion: needs assessment and referrals

2:20 IV. AEBG Consortia & their Community Partners Paul Downs
a. Context: AEBG three year regional planning
b. Breakout sessions:
• ACCEL San Mateo County
• N Santa Clara County Student Transition Consortium
• South Bay Consortium for Adult Education
• Gavilan Regional Adult and Career Education Services
c. Whole group report out

2:55 V. Summary and Next Steps Ilse Pollet

3:00 Close

Meeting Notes

Overview

ALLIES held its 16th bi-annual ESL Provider Network meeting on Monday, May 14th, 2018 at Mission College in Santa Clara. The meeting was attended by 72 ESL practitioners, administrators, counselors, and staff representing 8 Community Colleges, 12 Adult Schools and 22 Community Based Organizations in the bi-county Silicon Valley area. The outcomes for the meeting were to update attendees on recent ALLIES, public policy and immigration developments; gather feedback on immigrant integration referral networks and provide a networking opportunity for ESL practitioners, AEBG consortia and community partners.

Updates and EPN Shout-Out

ALLIES Updates (Ilse Pollet, ALLIES)

- ALLIES recently completed a strategic planning process
- New mission statement: ALLIES' mission is to lead collaborations and catalyze system changes that promote English learner success in education, career and community
- The Immigrant Integration Framework, and its vision for comprehensive, integrated services to immigrants, will serve as the foundation for ALLIES' work over the next 3 years
- Program strategies will cover 3 main work areas:
 - Collaboration between ESL providers
 - Alignment between education and workforce systems
 - Partnerships that promote immigrant integration (Immigrant Integration Framework implementation)
- Organizational development strategies will focus on board development, capacity building and fund development
- The EPN will be maintained as a regional, twice a year convening. The goal is to broaden EPN membership and deepen connections with and between EPN partners. A 12-person EPN advisory group has been formed to help inform and plan EPN convenings and activities. Please complete a brief survey to respond to ideas generated by the EPN advisory group: bit.ly/ALLIESsurvey

Policy Updates (Bob Harper, ALLIES, South Bay Consortium for Adult Education)

- ALLIES, joined by the California Council on Adult Education (CCAEE), California Adult Education Administrators Association (CAEAA) and California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), is advocating for inclusion of immigrant integration metrics in AEBG policy, to ensure that immigrant students' needs are met. The Governor's May Budget Revisé did not reflect this. While a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) has been included in the budget, adult education is still funded at 30% less than in 2008. A strong response from the field is needed to ask legislators to 1) increase funding for adult education and 2) include immigrant integration in AEBG policy. CCAEE has a tool to easily send emails to your legislators. Calls are even more effective.
- AB 705: getting non-credit ESL into credit within a year. Implementation is extended. More information will be shared with the EPN group.

Immigration Updates (Teresa Castellanos, Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations)

- California has the largest immigrant population, including the largest undocumented and largest DACA population, of all 50 states.
- Santa Clara County immigrant population:
 - 62% of immigrant pop in SCC is Asian; 27% Latino 8% European
 - 60% of children in SCC have at least 1 immigrant parent
 - Immigrants are 38% of the total population
- Updates on changes to DACA and TPS (see slides)
- County response:
 - Many resource guides at the county
 - www.immigrantinfo.org or www.sccoir.org, immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org
 - Fraud prevention: 408-808-4599 or tips@sheriff.sccgov.org
- Rapid Response Network: CALL 408-290-1144 if ICE is at your door for coaching
- Key is to promote effective immigrant community preparedness. Inform immigrant students on their right to remain silent.
- Other Counties: ready-california.org lists all the numbers for California, ilrc.org is the best website for up to date info

EPN shout out

- Danielle Pelletier, CATESOL/Cañada College:
 - desire to collaborate with community partners
 - CATESOL membership is open to all ESL instructors, including those who teach at community based organizations or libraries
- Patricia Brown, San Mateo Adult School:
 - Conducted a letter writing campaign to ask legislators for more money for adult education
 - Completed first ESL Civic Academy for language learners. City of San Mateo sponsored the academy for language learners.
- Ellie Clelland, PARS:
 - Partnership between PARS and West Valley College: offer ESL classes on site at PARS
 - Refugee Immigrant Forum project to create pathways for skilled immigrants and refugees (WES grant)
- Lynette Gray, SBCAE, SJECCD:

- Bay Area Legal Aid hosts free Tenants Rights Workshops on the 3rd Thursday of every month, 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM – for all students and community members who need help with landlord/rental issues
- Lionel de Maine, ALLIES/Sequoia Adult School
 - Partnership between Sequoia Adult School, Cañada College and Upward Scholars to support students transitioning from adult school to community college
 - Upward Scholars event on June 2nd
- Jesse Gillespie, UCSC Extension, TESOL program
 - Reviewing TESOL certificate program
 - Would welcome more collaboration and partnerships with ESL providers
- Alex Scott, Palo Alto Adult School
 - Offer ‘Engaging in Your Child’s Education’ class for district EL parents who need support communicating with their children’s school and teachers (EL Civics)
 - New blended-learning ‘Transitions to work and college’ class. Students meet face to face with instructor once a week and online once a week
 - Completed ELPS (English Language and Proficiency Standards) curriculum alignment project
 - Will teach Immigrant Rights EL Civics unit next year
- Kara Rosenberg, Upward Scholars (formerly Sequoia Adult School Scholars)
 - Upward Scholars continues to provide textbook and transportation scholarships for students moving from adult schools to college or training.

Immigrant Integration Framework: regional collaboration and partnerships

ALLIES and SBCAE are partnering on implementation of the Immigrant Integration Framework. The project explores how the framework informs community partnerships, curriculum, data, and ‘touchpoints’ for immigrant students as they participate in SBCAE programs and services. One activity of the project is to establish referral networks between SBCAE member organizations and their community partners, to collaboratively promote linguistic, economic and civic success for immigrant students.

Jaime Alvarado, Immigrant Integration Program Specialist for ALLIES, led attendees in an exercise to identify barriers to success, prioritize barriers to address first and identify service providers that can help support students and clients.

In addition to barriers identified as part of the SBCAE project (housing, employment & income, health, immigration, transportation, child care and family struggles), attendees identified the following as significant obstacles in the lives of their students/clients: (financial) literacy, child/family caregiving, trauma, limited knowledge of worker’s rights, mental health issues, food insecurity, navigating enrollment processes.

When asked to prioritize these barriers for action, attendees listed the following (in order of importance):

- Childcare
- Housing
- Employment/work schedules
- Transportation
- (Mental) health
- Immigration status
- (Financial) literacy

AEBG consortia breakout sessions

The bi-county Silicon Valley region includes 4 Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Consortia, or coalitions of Community College Districts and their Adult Education partners:

- South Bay Consortium for Adult Education
- Gavilan Regional ACES
- North Santa Clara County Student Transitions Consortium
- San Mateo ACCEL

Consortia are preparing to plan their next 3 years of operations. There is strong interest from the state AEBG office to use Human-Centered Design principles to inform the strategic plan and engage community partners in the 3 year planning process

Attendees had an opportunity to hear updates from their consortium's leadership and learn how they might participate in the 3 year planning process.

Appendix A: list of attendees

AEBG Consortia, Adult Schools, Community Colleges:

ACCEL San Mateo County: Patty Villar
North Santa Clara County Student Transitions Consortium: Alex Scott
South Bay Consortium for Adult Education: Bob Harper, Kishan Vujjeni
Palo Alto Adult School: Anjani Sarma, Abigail Christensen, Mary Bazigos, Sharon Hampel, Katherine Barg, Simone Wojtowicz, Alex Scott
Sequoia Adult School: Lionel de Maine
East Side Adult Education: Kathryn Bayley, Mali Vafai, Sonya Espinola
Fremont Union HSD: Adrienne Moberly, Sabrina Irvin
Jefferson Adult School: Audrey Wittig
La Costa Adult School: Jacqueline Willson, Jason Owens, Sofia Anderberg
Milpitas Adult Education: Lisa Lau, Patti Gairaud, Jennifer Gagliardi
Mountain View Los Altos Adult Education: Sarah Krajewski, Julie Vo
San Mateo Adult School: Marina Kravtsova, Patricia Brown
Santa Clara Adult Ed: Carla Macchello, Gail Yee
Silicon Valley Adult Education: Kerry Martin
Cañada College: Gerardo Pacheco Matus, Danielle Pelletier
Skyline College: Gerardo Pacheco Matus
De Anza College: Felisa Vilaubi
Evergreen Valley College: Kathy Jasper, Gina Riccitelli
Gavilan College: Patricia Claros
Mission College: Marina Broeder, Monica Sain, Myo Kyaw Myint
San Jose City College: Ana Rosa Camacho
West Valley College: Ellen Goldman, Isabel Filiz
Center for Economic Mobility – SJECCD: Lynette Gray, Kishan Vujjeni

Community Partners, Libraries, Local Government, Workforce Development:

Am English: David Hand
Building Skills Partnership: Ana Gomez-Perez, Ariana Hoyt, Christian Valdez
Burlington English: Karen Weldon
CATESOL: Danielle Pelletier
Catholic Charities: Elizabeth Eastman, Francis Bencik
City of San Jose, Office of Immigrant Affairs: Stephanie Jayne
Civic Life: Janice Tolman
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto: Esmeralda Gonzales, Samuel Udo
Family Connections: Miriam Yupanqui
Immigrantinfo.org: Franci Collins
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley: Natalie Lazar, Zoya Lazer
LifeMoves: Caitlin Esparza, Julian Alvarez
NOVA Workforce Board: Cindy Stahl
Office of Immigrant Relations (Santa Clara County): Teresa Castellanos
Palo Alto City Library: RuthAnn Garcia
PARS Equality Center: Ellie Clelland
Project Read - Menlo Park: Jason Sugimura

Redwood City Library: Derek Wolfgram

Rosalie Rendu Center: Maria Lozano

Sacred Heart Community Services: Roberto Gil, Arely Valeriano

San Mateo County Libraries: Joanna M. Arteaga La Spina

UCSC Silicon Valley Extension: Jesse Gillispie, Derek DeMarco