

Building Capacity of District Level Bicultural Liaisons

May 17, 2017 ◆ 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM (8:00 check-in) ◆ At Metro ECSU

District-wide bicultural liaisons come from a variety of backgrounds and are inherently connected to academic and linguistic growth for our bilingual students and families. It is essential for these staff to have a complete understanding of schooling systems, academic programming and language learning from a theoretical and practical stand point.

Liaisons need practical skills to navigate an educational program to culturally bridge home and school. Bicultural liaisons are invited to attend this session to learn how to enhance their effectiveness and increase cultural efficiencies in both school and home.

Language and cultural differences can create communication challenges between districts and multilingual families. Strong school-family partnerships encourage parents to play an active role in their children's academic lives.
US Dept of Education

Bicultural Liaisons will:

- ◇ Develop a strong understanding of student programs in districts
- ◇ Review code of ethics, data privacy, and mandated reporter laws
- ◇ Learn communication tips to bridge cultural divide for families, students, and school/district staff
- ◇ Increase strategies for time management and balancing workload with multiple school/district and family requests
- ◇ Become familiar with local community resources available to schools and families
- ◇ Network with other Liaisons

Facilitator, Jacob Law:

Jake has worked with English Language Learners from diverse backgrounds for over eight years in different capacities including language instruction, teacher training, course and program development as well as language assessment and student placement. Most recently he has worked as a lead liaison for District 622 where he works to support English Language Learners and their families. He is passionate about quality education for ELs that provides linguistically, academically, socially and culturally supportive environments for the whole student.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

FEE: \$125 Metro ECSU Members; \$250 Non-Members. Lunch included.

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://metroecsusmyquickreg.com/register/event/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 17, 2017

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2017

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