

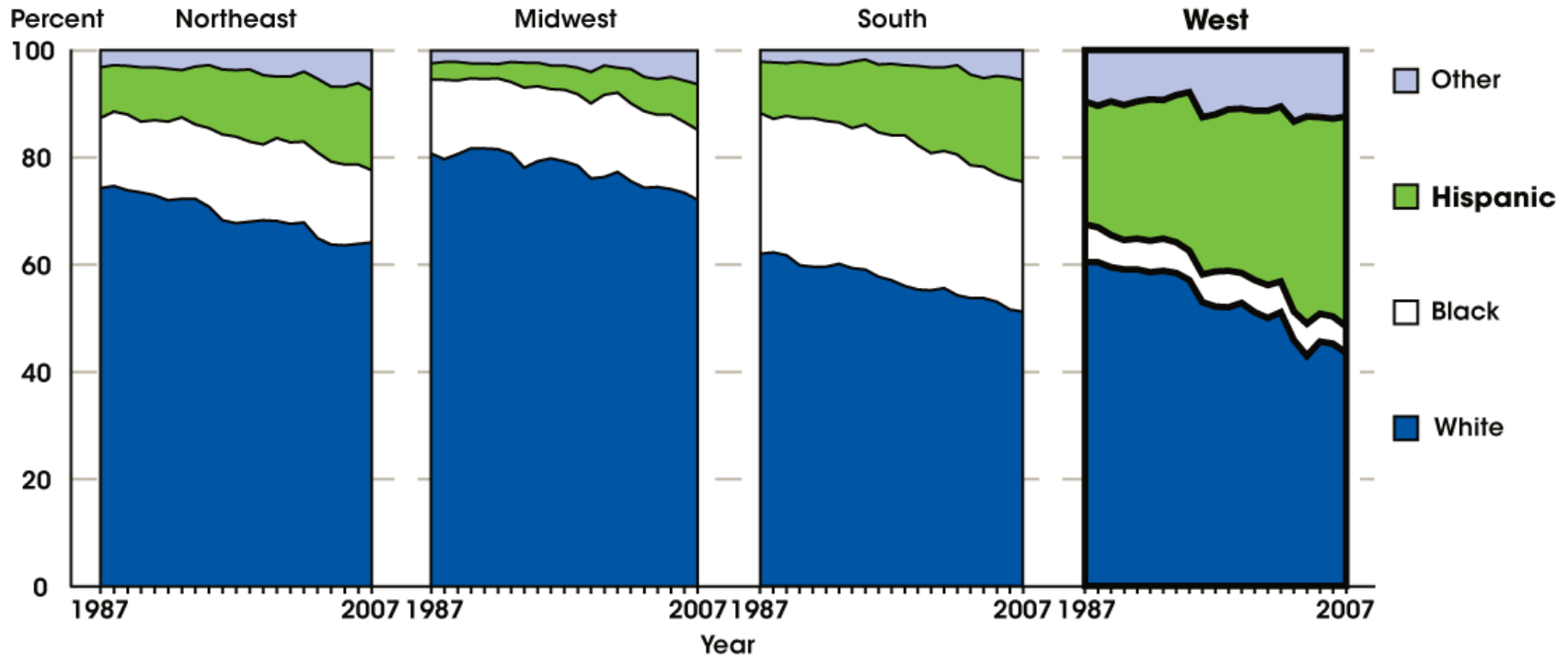
# Welcome and Overview

David Francis, Director  
CREATE Conference 2009  
Austin, TX

# Condition of Education

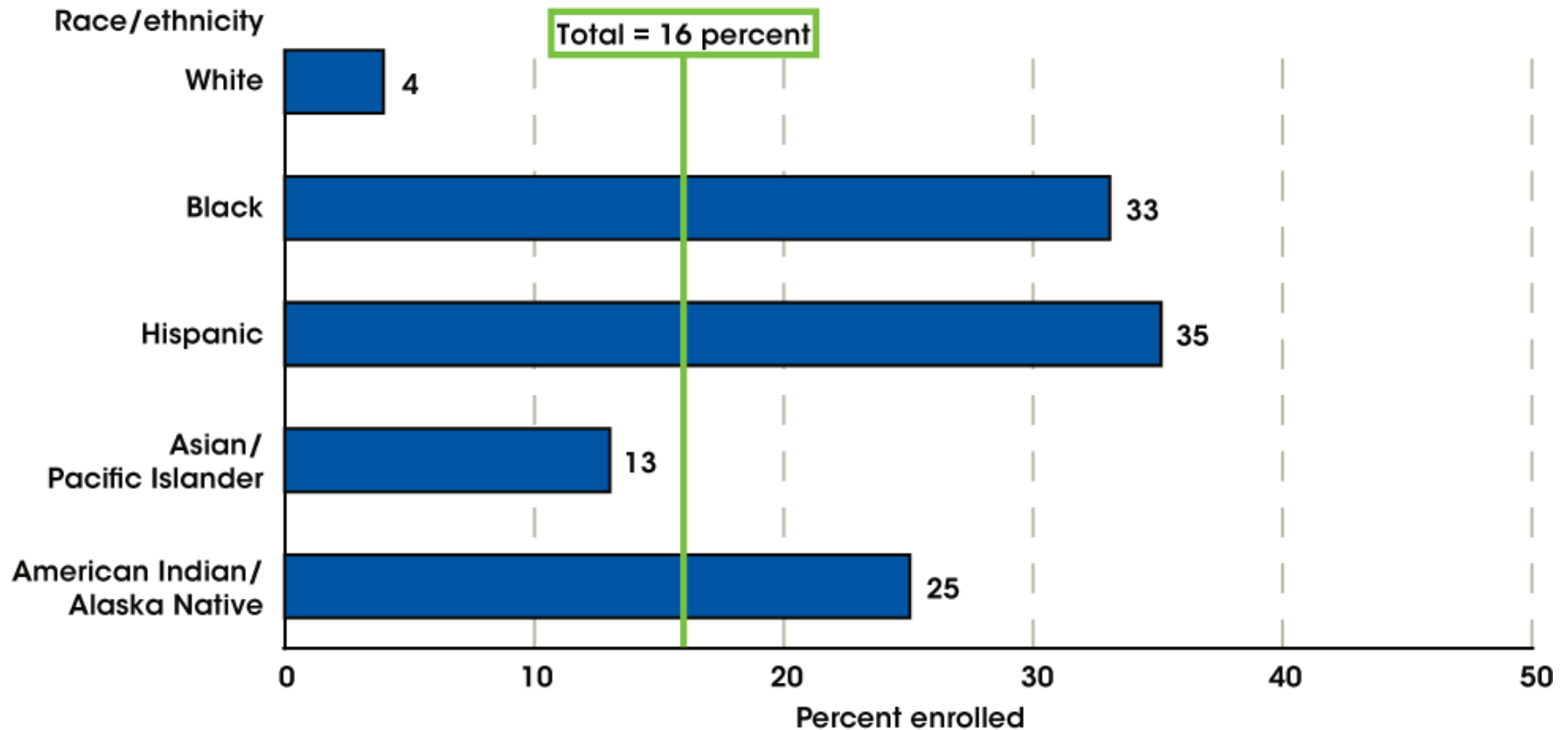
- In 2009, public school enrollment is expected to reach nearly 50M students
  - 35M in Pre-K to Grade 8
  - 14.5M in Grades 9 to 12
- School enrollment is expected to hit new highs each year from 2009 to 2018
  - Total enrollment in 2018 of 53.9M
- From 1972 to 2007, Racial/Ethnic Minority enrollment increased from 22% to 44%

# Change in Racial/Ethnic Composition



- In the West, Hispanic enrollment doubled (from 15% to 39% of students) between 1987 and 2007
- But note other regions are increasing significantly as well.

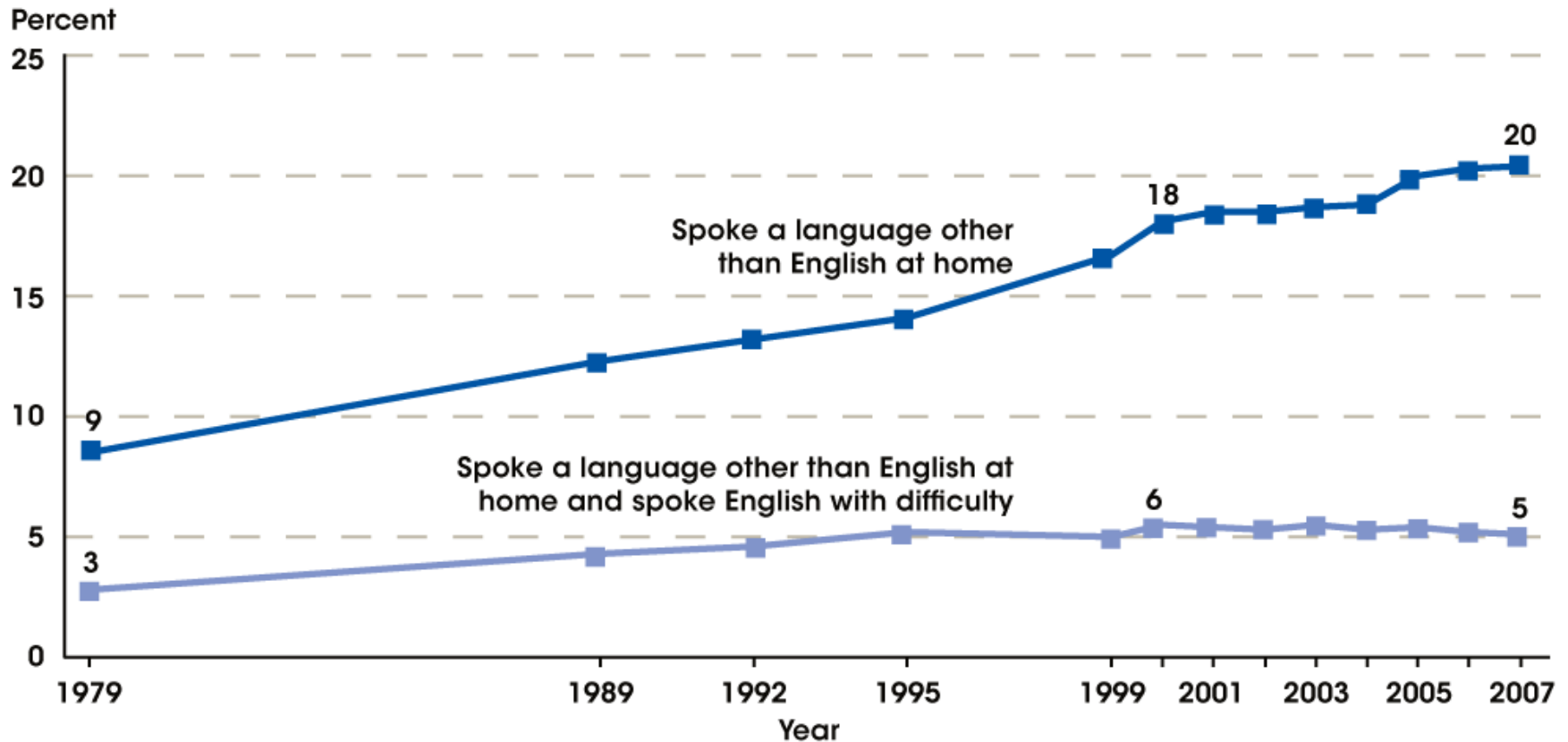
# Enrollment in High Poverty Schools



Enrollment year 2006-2007

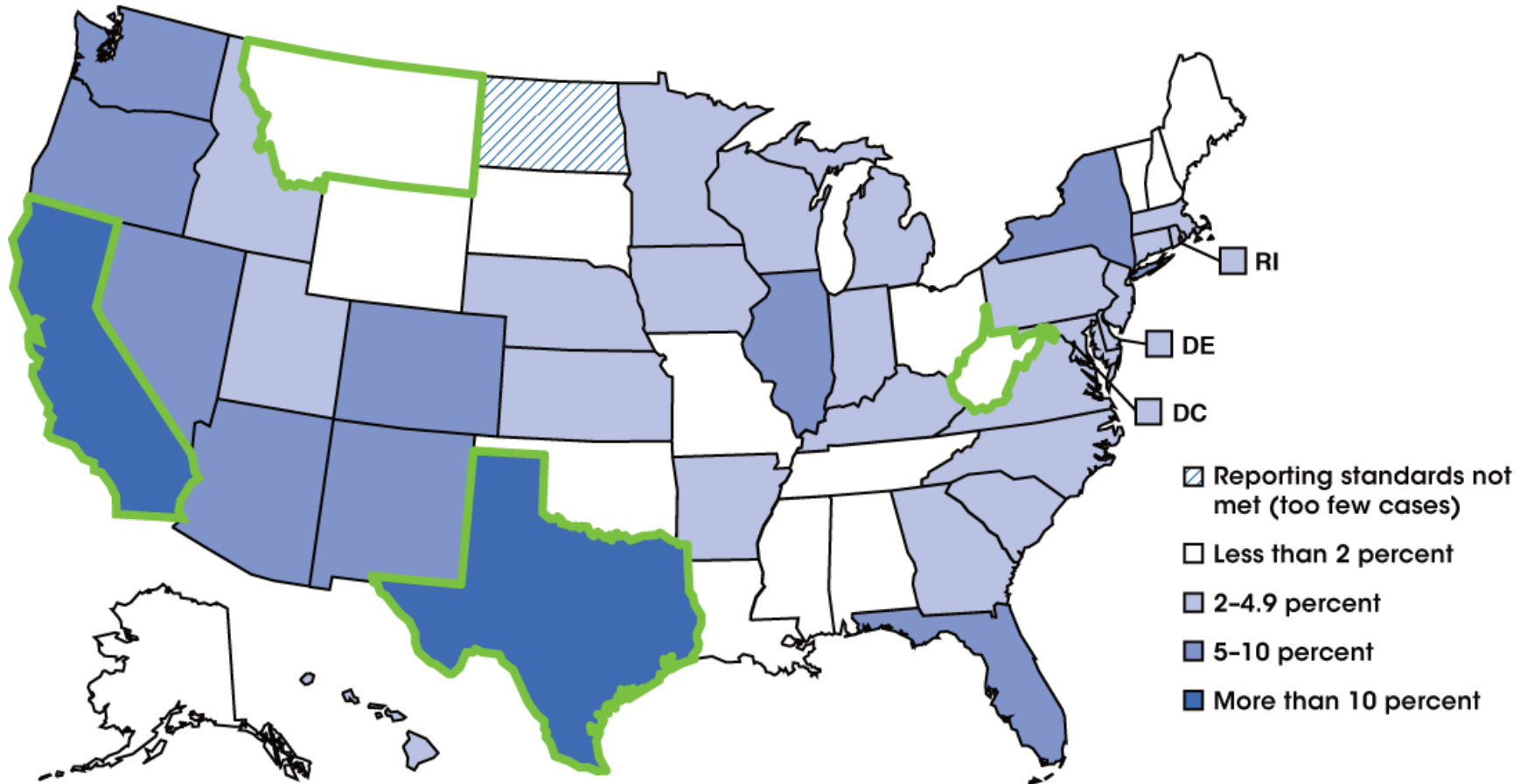
Source: Condition of Education, NCES, 2009

# Language Minority Children



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%of LM Children who speak English with Difficulty in 2007 (10% TX; 11% CA)

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# Who Are English Language Learners?

- Between 1979 and 2006, the EL population
  - Grew from 3.8M to 10.8M students
  - i.e., from 8.5% to 20.3% of students
- Comprised one of the fastest-growing groups
  - Growth in number - 284% vs 19.5% overall
  - Since 2000, 14.2% growth in EL vs 1.8% overall
- Expected to be 30% of students in 2015
  - Over 400 different home languages are represented
  - Spanish is the predominant home language (72%)

# Who Are English Language Learners?

- Largest and fastest growing EL learner populations are
  - Students who immigrated before Kindergarten, and
  - U.S. born children of immigrants
  - i.e., Children who will enter US schools in Kindergarten



# State of Research

- Shortage of empirical research on EL learners
  - NRP (2000) found 450 studies / NLP (2006) found 17 studies using experimental or quasi-experimental designs that addressed questions about instruction
- However, this situation is changing
  - Journals, Grant Applications, Tech Reports, Practice Guides
- Two recent reviews:
  - National Literacy Panel for Language Minority Children and Youth (August & Shanahan, 2006)
  - Center for Research on Excellence and Diversity in Education (CREDE) synthesis (Genesee et al., 2006)

# About CREATE

- CREATE
  - Center for Research on the Educational Achievement and Teaching of English Language Learners
  - A National Research and Development Center
  - Funded through the U.S.E.D.
    - Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
    - National Center for Education Research (NCER)
  - Our mission is to address specific challenges in the education of EL learners in the middle grades (Grades 4-8)

# About CREATE

- CREATE is a partnership of researchers from several institutions:



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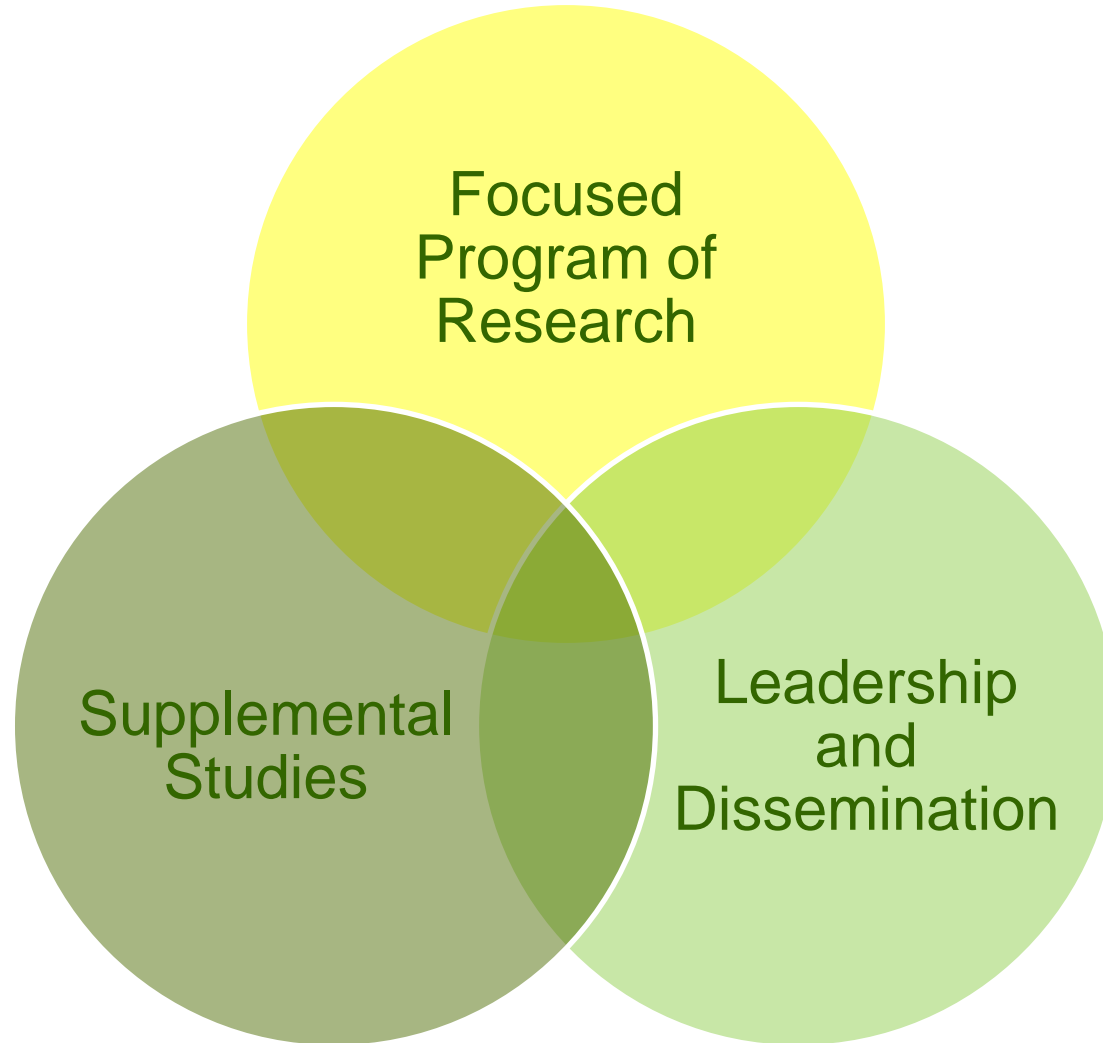
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Sharon Vaughn, Sylvia Linan-Thompson

# Center Work Scope



# Focused Program of Research

- Program of research to address challenges in the education of EL learners in the middle grades (Grades 4–8) in science and social studies.
  - Develop research-based interventions,
  - Test these interventions in controlled experiments/randomized field trials with classroom teachers (Special Issue of JREE due out soon)
  - Combine them into a comprehensive package
  - Test effectiveness of the combined package in experiments/randomized field trials (Currently underway in Austin area)

# Leadership and Dissemination

- Hosted a series of webcasts in collaboration with WestEd
- Electronic Publications
  - CREATE Website ([www.cal.org/create](http://www.cal.org/create))
  - CREATE Newsletter & CREATE Briefs
- Professional Connections
  - Participation in professional meetings such as IRA, AERA, and the LEP Partnership
  - CREATE Conference (3<sup>rd</sup> annual)

# Conference Organization

- Theme
  - *Improving Outcomes for English Language Learners: Oral Language and Literacy Learning Across the Curriculum*
- Goals of the conference are to
  - Share information from our research
  - Share information from national scholars
  - Stimulate interaction among all participants

# Speakers

- CREATE Team
  - Snow, Hiebert, August, Vaughn, Linan-Thompson, Short, Richards, and Francis
- Invited Speakers
  - Elizabeth Moje, University of Michigan
  - Claire White, Harvard University
  - Maria Carlo, University of Miami
  - Michael Kieffer, Columbia University
  - Kate Menken & Tatyana Kleyn, CUNY
  - Aida Walqui, WestEd



# Conference Organization

- General structure of the conference
  - Hear first from one or more speakers
  - Break for small group interaction to discuss hand out materials and the presentations
    - These discussions will be aided by a group of individuals who are here to serve as facilitators
  - Return to general assembly for Q&A with the speaker(s)

# Conference Organization

- What we're hoping to accomplish in the conference presentations and breakout sessions
  - Stimulate interaction among everyone present
  - Identify and discuss specific actions that we might take in our educational units to promote academic success among our EL students

# Conference Planning

- Elfrieda (Freddy) Hiebert (UC Berkeley)
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- Julie Mazrum (CAL)
- Sandra Johnson (UH TIMES)

# Contact CREATE

- Find out more about CREATE's projects and activities at [www.cal.org/create](http://www.cal.org/create).
- Subscribe to the email announcement list to receive regular updates from CREATE: [www.cal.org/create/join](http://www.cal.org/create/join).

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