



Home of the Alliance for the Advancement of Heritage Languages

About the Alliance

The Alliance for the Advancement of Heritage Languages (the Alliance) is a collaboration among individuals and organizations invested in language development for heritage language speakers in the United States. The Alliance is committed to fostering the development of the heritage language proficiencies of individuals in this country as part of a larger effort to educate citizens who can function professionally in English and other languages.



The work of the Alliance is carried out through our website, which includes a searchable database of heritage language program profiles, links to resources on heritage language issues, information about collaborating organizations, an electronic newsletter, and a discussion list.

Visit Us Online

Bookmark the Alliance website and visit often for information about resources, research, and activities, as well as access to the Heritage Language Programs Database.



Electronic Communications

ALLIANCE *news flash*

Sign up online to receive our periodic electronic newsletter highlighting information for those interested in heritage languages. Visit our website and click on the *Alliance NewsFlash* logo to sign up or read past issues.

Visit www.cal.org/heritage/join to sign up.

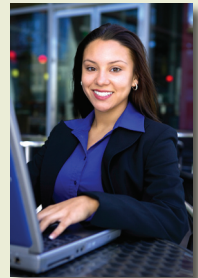
Join the Heritage Languages Listserv

The Heritage Languages Listserv provides a forum for periodic updates about resources, news items, conferences, and training opportunities for the heritage language community.

To join, email Scott McGinnis at smcginni@umd.edu.

Heritage Language Programs Database

The Alliance collects profiles of heritage language programs within and outside the formal education system with the goal of creating a searchable database of programs and promoting information sharing and capacity building.



Search the Online Database

Search for programs online by language, program type, or state. We continue to expand our database and enhance the search functionality to make information about these programs readily available to the field. The database allows programs to learn from each other by sharing promising practices and innovative methods for facilitating heritage language development.

Submit a Profile Online

If you work in a community-based or K-12 heritage language program, we encourage you to complete a Heritage Language Program Profile. By entering your program into the database, you will be a part of the national community of programs.

To complete a program profile or view the collection, visit www.cal.org/heritage/profiles.

Heritage Voices COLLECTION

The Alliance has developed the Heritage Voices series to allow heritage language speakers and programs to share their unique voices with visitors to our website. Visit us online to browse the collection and learn how to be part of this series.

Free Downloadable Brochures



CAL has created a series of free, informational brochures to make it easier to advocate for language learning. Topics include Spanish for Native Speakers, multilingualism in the U.S., and early second language learning.

Visit www.cal.org to download these brochures for free or purchase print copies.

Visit us online at www.cal.org/heritage

Resources

The Alliance website houses a growing collection of electronic and print resources on heritage languages. This includes FAQs, Heritage Briefs, informational brochures, bibliographies, publications, conference updates, links to scholarly articles, and news reports. Bookmark our resources section and visit often to search for new information and items of interest.

FAQs and Briefs

Read our expanding collection of FAQs and Heritage Briefs that provide information on important topics, including ♦ What is a heritage language? ♦ Who is a heritage language learner? ♦ What is a heritage language program? ♦ What languages are taught as heritage languages in the United States? ♦ Where do community-based heritage language programs find funding?

Heritage Program Funding Guide

This guide was designed for those with limited experience searching for and soliciting grant funding.

Bibliography

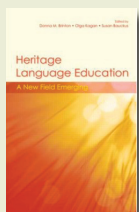
Browse our collection of references that include such information as reports on community efforts to promote heritage languages, scholarly articles on language development in heritage language learners, and information on the teaching of specific heritage languages in the U.S.

Featured Publications



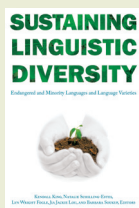
*Heritage Languages in America:
Preserving a National Resource*

This publication outlines what needs to be done to help heritage language speakers develop their languages for use in academic, professional, and personal arenas.



*Heritage Language Education:
A New Field Emerging*

This volume provides information on research and hands-on practice, as well as a multidisciplinary perspective on teaching heritage language speakers.



*Sustaining Linguistic Diversity:
Endangered and Minority Languages and
Language Varieties*

This publication describes efforts to maintain and revitalize languages and language varieties in the United States and around the globe.

Visit www.cal.org/heritage/research to learn more.

Meet the Alliance Teams



The Alliance Steering Committee

The Alliance Steering Committee guides the work of the Alliance, focusing on planning and making connections with the heritage language community and those working in the field. The Alliance

Steering Committee is supported by a team that implements core activities. Read more about the Alliance Steering Committee and staff at our website.

Partner Organizations

Partner organizations have made a commitment to supporting the work of the Alliance, including financial and in-kind contributions and networking to build awareness of and support for heritage languages and the work of the Alliance.



Links to partner organization websites can be found on the Alliance website.

Alliance Advisors

Alliance advisors are leaders in the field and heritage language advocates committed to furthering the work of the Alliance. They serve as key advisors on issues such as vetting new initiatives or providing guidance for grant applications, and use their influence to network and promote awareness of the Alliance and its activities. Visit our website to learn more.

Language Representatives

Language representatives are individuals who serve in a leadership capacity in a language area or geographical area of the country and contribute to the work of the Alliance. Visit our website to learn more.

Visit Our Companion Website:

Teaching Spanish to Native Speakers



This website provides updated information about the Spanish-speaking population in the United States and resources for working with Spanish speakers in Spanish language programs.

Visit www.cal.org/sns to learn more.



How can you be a part of the Alliance team?

Email us at heritage@cal.org to learn how you can be part of this important initiative.

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