

# Providing Effective Professional Development for Teachers of Adult English Language Learners

## About the CAELA Network

The need for high-quality instruction for adult English language learners is significant. The CAELA Network addresses this need by providing effective professional development for teachers of adult English language learners.

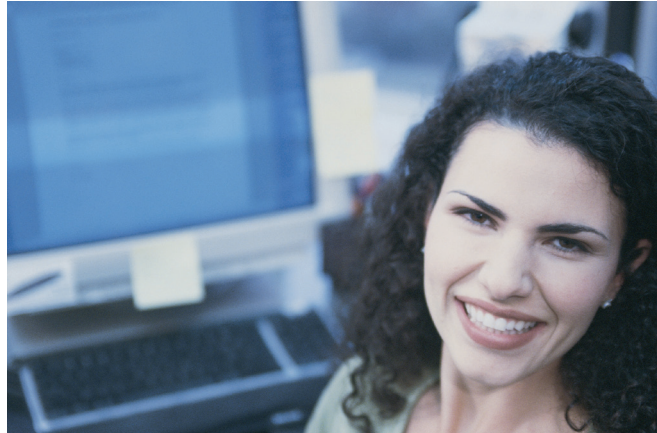
The CAELA Network is funded by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), U.S. Department of Education to provide assistance to professional developers, teachers, and others who work with adult English language learners.



### The CAELA Network provides

- An interactive Web site to make resources and information readily available
- A searchable online database of research-based information on adult English language acquisition
- Resources including topical briefs and quarterly newsletters for use by teachers and professional developers
- A framework for quality professional development that states can use to enhance instruction for adult English language learners
- Training and technical assistance to twelve states, based on the framework
- Second Language Acquisition for Adult ESL Instruction, an online course - in pilot testing

## Visit the CAELA Network Web Site



The CAELA Network Web site is a portal to information focusing on effective professional development for educators working with adult English language learners, including a variety of free downloadable resources.

**Bookmark [www.cal.org/caelanetwork](http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork) and visit often for updates and information.**

## NETWORK NEWS

Sign up online to receive our quarterly electronic newsletter with updates and information of interest to practitioners.

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### Featured Resource



### *Framework for Quality Professional Development for Practitioners Working With Adult English Language Learners*

The framework provides an evidence-based tool to enhance instruction for adult English language learners. It can be used by practitioners to plan, implement, and evaluate professional development for practitioners at the state and program levels.

**Download the framework at the CAELA Network Web site.**

## Browse our Resource Collection

Browse our collection of free, easily accessible materials for teachers, local and state-level program administrators, researchers, policy makers, and the general public.



### Free CAELA Network Briefs available online

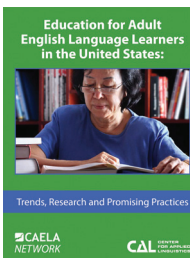
Download summaries of current evidence-based information on issues related to adult English language acquisition including

*Managing Programs for Adults Learning English*

*Teaching Pronunciation to Adult English Language Learners*

*Teaching Grammar to Adult English Language Learners: Focus on Form*

*Uses of Technology in the Instruction of Adult English Language Learners*

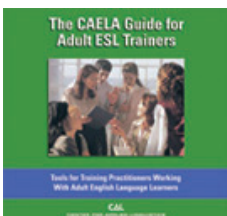


### **Education for Adult English Language Learners in the United States: Trends, Research, and Promising Practices**

This online publication, now available in print for ease of use and reference, helps practitioners improve services for adults learning English by describing the current state of education for these learners with a focus on topics such as instructional programs that serve English language learners, professional development for teachers of this population, and future directions in English literacy education and lifelong learning.

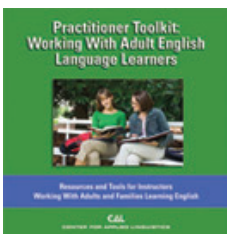
[www.cal.org/caelanetwork/resources](http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/resources)

## Publications



### **The CAELA Guide for Adult ESL Trainers**

This guide contains training materials that enable professional developers and training staff to train local and regional program staff on important topics for adult ESL instruction.



### **Practitioner Toolkit: Working with Adult English Language Learners**

This toolkit provides a variety of materials to help language and literacy practitioners who are new to serving adults and families learning English.

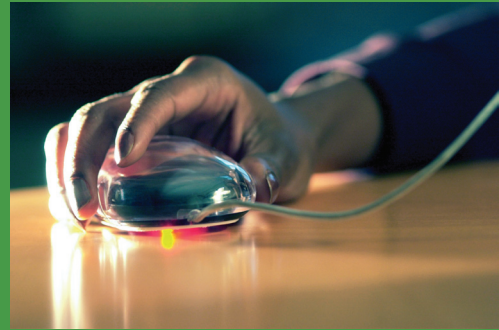


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## Adult ESL Resource Database



The Adult ESL Resource Database provides annotated references (with links to the full text whenever possible) for documents useful to practitioners working with adult English language learners. In cooperation with the National Institute for Literacy, selected resources from this database have been externally reviewed and approved for inclusion in the Institute's LINCS English Language Acquisition Resource Collection. Visit the Web page listed below to learn more.

There are over 270 documents in the database covering a wide variety of topics, from research in the field of adult ESL instruction to guides for instructional practice. The CAELA Network team continues to build this accessible resource of evidence-based information about adult English language instruction.

To learn more and search the database, visit [www.cal.org/caelanetwork/resources/database.html](http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/resources/database.html).

### View Our Presentation Calendar



CAELA Network staff present at various conferences throughout the year. Visit our Web site for a listing of conferences.

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