

Part IV: Topics in Adult ESL Education and Family Literacy

Part IV provides discussion papers for educators who want more in-depth information pertaining to adult ESL education and family literacy. The following topics are addressed:

- Research on second language acquisition and learning to read in a second language
 - Assessment of adult English language learners, including a discussion of federal requirements for accountability reporting and the use of assessments for tracking learner progress
 - Assessment instruments, including annotated charts showing published assessment instruments that are used in the field to assess English language and Spanish language proficiency
 - Research-based strategies for working with adult learners with learning disabilities and other special needs
 - Transition strategies used to help learners progress beyond adult ESL classes to other educational and work opportunities
 - Permanent residency and citizenship attainment, including strategies for preparing students for the citizenship exam
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