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Heritage Languages in America

2nd National Conference on Building on our National Resources

October 18-20, 2002
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Early-bird registration deadline:
July 19, 2002

Resources

Who Should Attend
• Heritage language community and school leaders
• Representatives from pre-K-12 schools, colleges, and universities
• Researchers
• Federal and state policymakers
• Business leaders

Our Goals
• Develop visibility and public awareness of the economic, personal, and social benefits of proficiency in languages other than English and of the language resources that we have in the United States.
• Increase the extent to which heritage language issues are part of the national dialogue.
• Provide a public forum for participants to shape a national heritage language policy and to engage in heritage language planning for the nation.
• Provide a forum for information sharing (current best practices and successes) and information building (new practices and funding opportunities).
• Provide opportunities for participants to work together in various, flexible groups on issues of interest.
• Develop collaboration among all constituent groups and a plan that moves us from rhetoric to action.

Featured Speakers
(�awaiting confirmation)
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Poster Sessions
(Saturday)
Topics include
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• Community-based initiatives
• Career opportunities for heritage language speakers
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