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Dual Language Learners: Young children birth to age five who are mastering their home language while learning English simultaneously.

Benefits of Dual Language Learning

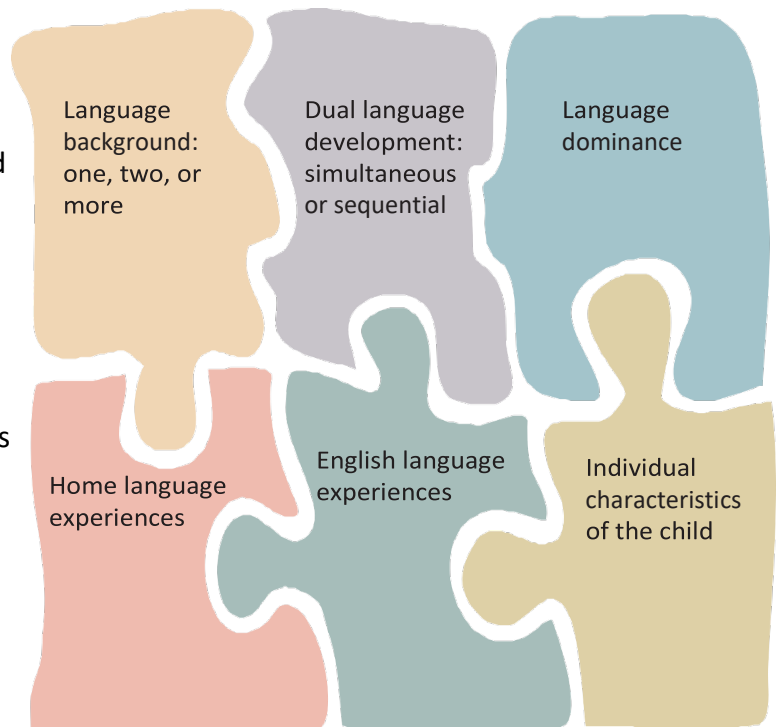
- ✚ Maintain close relationships with family
- ✚ Develop cognitive flexibility, logic and thinking skills
- ✚ Focus attention better
- ✚ More easily understand math concepts
- ✚ Develop executive function skills

Cultural Humility

- ✚ Self-Reflection and Self-Critique
- ✚ Confront Imbalances
- ✚ Develop Partnerships

Home Visitor Role:

- ✚ Help parents understand how their child develops language
- ✚ Bring and encourage activities that promote language development
- ✚ Model language, reading, singing and creating stories
- ✚ Screen the child for language and other delays
- ✚ Make a referral for Early Intervention, if you suspect delays
- ✚ Provide an interpreter when needed
- ✚ Offer resources and written materials in the family's home language, whenever possible
- ✚ Provide referrals for early education and adult English classes
- ✚ Support families as children transition to early childhood and school-based programs



Gathering Language Information

Developed in Partnership by:

For Families:

[The Importance of Home Language Series](#), National Center for Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness, Office of Head Start. Available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Brazilian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Russian.

- [The Gift of Language](#)
- [Hearing Language is Learning](#)
- [Language at Home and in the Community for Families](#)
- Raising Young Children in a New Country: Supporting Early Learning and Healthy Development – available in [English](#), [Arabic](#) and [Spanish](#)

For Providers:

Head Start Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center

- [Healthy Brain Development Tip Sheet](#)
- [Language Modeling with Dual Language Learning Infants](#)
- [Language Modeling with Dual Language Learning Toddlers](#)
- [Supporting English Language Development When Children Have Little Experience with English](#)
- [Same Different and Diverse](#)
- [Selecting and Using Culturally Responsive Children's Books](#)
- [Every individual is rooted in culture.](#) Head Start Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center.
- The Importance of Home Language Series, National Center for Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness, Office of Head Start. Available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Brazilian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Russian.
 - [The Benefits of Being Bilingual](#)
 - [Language at Home and in the Community for Teachers](#)
 - [Gathering and Using Language Information that Families Share](#)

[The Young Dual Language Learner: 20 Short Videos](#)

[Where We Stand On Assessing Young English Language Learners](#), NAEYC

[Newcomer Toolkit](#), U. S. Department of Education and the National Center for English Language Acquisition. Many of the resources are for K-12 educators as they welcome and support students, and engage their families. Some of the resources can be adapted to use with home visits.

- [Information for Limited English Proficient Parents and Guardians and for Schools and School Districts that Communicate with Them](#) – Available in [Other Languages](#)
- [I Have a Question... What Parents and Caregivers Can Ask and Do to Help Children Thrive at School: A Parent Checklist](#)

[Dual Language Learners: Indicators of Child and Youth Well-Being](#), Child Trends Data Bank, November 2014

[State Immigration Data Profile](#), Migration Policy Institute, 2017.