

MATSOL Conference
The Early Years: WIDA's Early ELD Standards
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Special Guest

Tim Boals, Executive Director of the **WIDA** Consortium

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions: Anne Dolan**
2. **WIDA Collaboration: Tim Boals,**
Executive Director of the **WIDA** Consortium
3. **Background: Jennifer Amaya Thompson**
The Evolution of the Early ELD Standards

4. **Goals of the MA Master Cadre : Anne Dolan**
Six Professional Development Modules; Examples from the Team
 5. **Diversity among DLLs : Barbara Cohen**
Key differences between DLLS and Monolingual children; Needs and Strengths
 6. **Benefits of Being Bilingual : Anne Dolan**
Fostering L1 at Home and ELCs; Resources for Parents
 7. **Overview of the Early ELD Standards: Boni Esther Enquist**
Resource guide with the E-ELD standards,
Age Clusters, Language Domains, Language Levels,
Features of Developmentally-Appropriate Academic Language
Performance Definitions , Differences and Similarities K-12 Standards
 8. **Application: Intentional planning for language learning: Alexis Glick**
Activity and discussion using: Child snapshot card, Performance Definitions Features of Academic Language
 9. **Going Forward : Jennifer Amaya Thompson**
Updates and Future Plans for the E ELD Standards in MA
 10. **Q & A**
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WIDA Master Cadre Professional Development Series

Suggested Topics:

1. **Dual Language Learners** *
2. Dual Language Learners' Language Development
3. Language Development and its Connection with School Readiness
4. Dual Language Learners' **Home Language***
5. Dual Language Learners' Language Development within their **Sociocultural Context** *
6. WIDA Early English Language Development *
(E-ELD) Standards Framework: Standards, Performance Definitions, and Standards and their Matrices

*Highlights featured in today's workshop

WIDA Resources

Early Years Overview: <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=762>

- Professional Learning Model Flyer: supplemental flyer to the overview brochure
- Language Album Flyer: supplemental flyer to the overview brochure
- Focus Bulletin 1: <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=761>
- Focus Bulletin 2: <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=831>
- Connection Flyer: <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=675>
- Calendar (English): large picture calendar with activities for families of DLLs
- Calendar (Spanish)
- Final Report, Mass. 2014: Report we created in December 2014 about our partnership so far
- Theoretical Framework: <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=664>
- E-ELD (Chinese): <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=822>
- E-ELD (Spanish): <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=816>
- The Connection: Massachusetts: <https://www.wida.us/get.aspx?id=819>

Head Start: The Importance of Home Language Series

This series of handouts, available on the Office of Head Start website, provides basic information on topics related to children learning two or more languages. The handouts emphasize the benefits of being bilingual, the importance of maintaining [home language](#), and the value of becoming fully bilingual.

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/home-language.html>

Available in Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Russian.

- **The Benefits of Being Bilingual** <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/fcp/docs/benefits-of-being-bilingual.pdf>
- **The Gift of Language** <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/fcp/docs/gift-of-language-v2.pdf>
- **The Language of Home and Community** <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/fcp/docs/language-at-home-families-v2.pdf>
- **Language at Home and in the Community** <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/fcp/docs/language-at-home-teachers-8-25.pdf>