

Education-related resources

Section 1: Helping young children succeed

Handouts for Early Childhood Learning:

<http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/early/teachingouryoungest/bookmark-es.pdf>

Downloadable and printable bookmark, "Seven Super Things Parents and Caregivers Can Do" in Spanish (also available in English)

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/earlychild/ready/preschool/part.html>

Downloadable and printable publication from the U.S. Department of Education, "Helping Your Preschool Child"

Tool Kit for Hispanic Families

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/toolkit/index.html>

Source: *U.S. Department of Education*

Contains excellent information for both teachers and parents. This page, in Spanish, is geared specifically for parents (though it may not be appropriate for parents with low literacy skills).

Words for the Future/ Creando el futuro

<http://www.nlci.org/kits/Words%20kit.htm>

Source: *National Latino Children's Institute*

Promotes early learning through everyday practices, such as storytelling, singing, and simply talking to your child. Includes a free, bilingual poster activity to download, with suggestions on age appropriate activities to foster learning.

Reading is Fundamental: Parents

<http://www.rif.org/parents/>

Source: *Reading is Fundamental*

This section of the Reading is Fundamental Web site reaches out specifically for parents, and is broken into age groups, with many bilingual brochures, articles, etc. ¡Leamos en familia! (http://www.rif.org/leer/index_flash.msp) uses many engaging graphics for parents and children to help engage families in reading activities.

¡Colorín Colorado!

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/>

Source: *WETA*

Excellent site for teachers and other education professionals (<http://www.colorincolorado.org/educators>), as well as parents and families

(<http://www.colorincolorado.org/familias>), features information, activities and other resources for English Language Learners.

If Your Child Learns in Two Languages

<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/pubs/parent/index.htm>

Source: *National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational Programs*

NCELA furnishes this guide for parents, in multiple languages that include Spanish, which highlight the benefits of proficiency in two languages, and address common myths about young children simultaneously learning two languages.

Section 2: Parents rights and parental involvement

Parents Rights

<http://www.kpirc.org/Downloads/ParentsRights.pdf>

Source: *Kansas Parent Information Resource Center*

This bilingual handbook for parents was developed by the Region VII Comprehensive Center College of Continuing Education - University of Oklahoma and provides non-state-specific, basic information about the public school system for parents, focusing on rights, with a pre and post test and an activity which examines aspects of language.

Parent Involvement

<http://www.doe.in.gov/lmmp/parentinvolvement.html>

Source: *Office of English Language Learning and Migrant Education/Indiana Department of Education*

Gathers a helpful list of Web sites and other resources offering Spanish and/or bilingual resources that address the topic of parent involvement in student's education

Hispanic Family Learning Institute

http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.1697307/k.415C/Hispanic_Family_Learning_Institute.htm

Source: *National Center for Family Literacy*

Solid support for both ELL professionals, as well as resources for parents to become an active part of their child's education. Most sections of the site are available in both English and Spanish, and Padres de Familia is Spanish:

http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.1848061/k.92C4/Padres_de_Familia.htm

Parents

<http://www.acrnetwork.org/parents.aspx>

Source: *America's Career Resource Network*

Provides a series of brochures, in pdf files, offered in both English and Spanish, which foster parent involvement towards success in school, and beyond. Broken into five main topics: Starting Young, School Success, Career Exploration, Beyond High School, and Children with Special Needs.

Ayuda a su hijo

<http://www.pta.org/spanish/index.asp>

Source: Parent Teacher Association

PTA offers a Spanish version of its site, with information on fostering success and staying involved in your child's education.

The Provision of an Equal Education Opportunity to Limited English Proficient Students

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/eeolep/index.html>

Source: U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights

The OCR gives full details on protecting Title VI rights for students and limited English proficient families, with a link that describes how to file a complaint. A frequently asked questions page helps give quick access to answers for some common questions (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/qa-ell.html>). They also offer a page in Spanish (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/list-sp.html>).

Office of English Language Acquisition

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/index.html>

Source: U.S. Department of Education

Site mostly for educators also provides a Word document that outlines the rights for parents of English language learners (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/decoparentrights.doc>), which gives a toll-free number with assistance available in Spanish.

Section 3: Funding and other support

Scholarships for Hispanics

<http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org/default.asp?id=20>

Source: *National Hispanic Press*

Supplies a directory to help aid Spanish-speaking students find scholarships to college and beyond. Part of the site is Spanish, but use of the directory requires registration in English.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<http://www.hsf.net/>

Awards scholarships and brings general resources and support to Hispanic students wanting to attend college. Includes a section for parents, with pages in Spanish explaining financial aid, SAT's, etc.

Geneseo Migrant Center: Scholarships

<http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships.htm>

Source: Geneseo Migrant Center

The Geneseo Migrant Center, located in New York, hosts multiple scholarships for migrant children and/or migrant farmworkers, both locally and nationally. Each scholarship has its own requirements, with descriptions available from this page. The site also contains description and contacts for the National PASS project (Portable Assistance Study Sequence), a "semi-independent study course" that is learner-based, offering flexibility in meeting academic requirements.

MALDEF: Education Department

<http://www.maldef.org/education/index.htm>

Source: Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

MALDEF devotes this portion of its Web site to description of their programs that support education for Latino children, through empowering parents, and leadership skills for adults. This includes a National Parent/School Partnership Program, as well as a section with information on their scholarship programs, with information specifically for undocumented students.

College is Possible

<http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CIP1>

Source: American Council on Education

Seeking to motivate all students to obtain a college education, the ACE sponsors the "College is Possible" program and site. They offer the "Jump Start Your Education Now" online, in Spanish, at: <http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=empuje>. The booklet includes information on choosing a college, preparing for college, and paying for college.

College \$ense: How to Pay for College

<http://www.nygearup.org/collegesense/index.htm>

Source: CUNY Gear Up and New York State High Education Services Corporation

This resource includes sections for students, parents and families, and an "Ask the Expert Section," which includes a section on financial aid and scholarships for undocumented

students. Though most of the site is English, the Parent/Family section does feature a link to a pdf file on "Postsecondary Education: English-Spanish Glossary," furnishing valuable education-related terms in both languages.

Harvest of Hope: Educational Services

<http://www.harvestofhope.net/educational-services.php>

Source: Harvest of Hope

The Harvest of Hope Foundation provides services to farm workers and their families, including emergency assistance, as well as this section devoted to educational opportunities. This page has a link to a site with an application (in pdf) for their scholarship application, open nationally to children of migrant farmworkers. Their pages are also available in Spanish.

MigrantStudents.org

<http://www.migrantstudents.org/>

Source: CAMP Alumni Association

Alumni of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) host this site, with many details about the CAMP project, locations of colleges with CAMP programs, sources of scholarships, etc. CAMP is a nationally funded project that helps children of migrant and seasonal farmworkers attain a college education.

Plazas Comunitarias

<http://www.conevyt.org.mx/>

Source: Mexican Government

This program operates both in Mexico and in the United States, with educational programs (not necessarily limited to Mexican immigrants) that include ESL, workforce preparation and other basic skills. This map gives locations and contact information for Plazas Comunitarias programs in the United States:

http://200.77.230.30:8080/plazasConsulta/plazas_eua.jsp

National Center for Family Literacy

<http://www.famlit.org/>

Source: National Center for Family Literacy

The NCFL supports both professional service providers and families directly through information, resources and tools. There is a section for professionals called "Tools for Literacy Programs" that include working with ESL students. "Family Literacy and You" features a Parent's Tips section with Spanish articles, and families may locate ABE/ESL programs with the "Find a Program" map.

Adult ESL Fact Sheets

http://www.cal.org/caela/esl_resources/collections/factsheets.html

Source: *Center for Adult English Language Acquisition*

CAELA furnishes this page specifically for adult education professionals working with ESL students, addressing issues specific to this audience, such as proper assessment, technology for second language learners, etc. The CAELA network (<http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/>) supports professionals in twelve states for working with adult English language learners.

National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy

<http://www.ncsall.net/>

Source: *National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy*

Though NCSALL lost its federal funding and no longer provides new research, this Web page continues to house very valuable tools for adult education professionals. Click on “Subject Index” to access a link for resources specifically related to ESOL.