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**Please join us for the WIDA Early Years Webinar!**

The [Virginia Department of Education](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/early-childhood/index.shtml) partnered with [WIDA Early Years](https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/early-years) to help support multilingual children in early care and education (ECE) settings. As a key stakeholder in the care and education of this population of children, we invite you to join us for the **Virginia and** **WIDA Early Years, *Let’s talk about language*: Language-Focused Approaches to Engaging with Families of Multilingual Children.**

This event introduces participants to *language-focused family engagement*.

This unique approach to family engagement centers firmly on multilingual children and their families by drawing attention to language learning and development that occurs both in-and out of early care and education settings. Participants will explore findings and recommendations from research with parents of multilingual children ages 0-5 and have opportunities to discuss connections to local family engagement policies and practices.

**Event Objectives**

* Raise awareness about the need for language-focused family engagement
* Initiate critical reflection on opportunities to integrate language education and family engagement
* Generate ideas for action in local settings

Use the links below to register for the upcoming webinar:

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 3:00-4:00pm EST**

[REGISTRATION LINK](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIldu6orT4tGdWyaWBNJosgI2ju31ADepD1)

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