

Oral Language Development: The Foundation for Later Learning Summer Institute for Teacher Trainers

Despite early childhood educators' hopes of providing students with a language-rich environment, research shows that oral language development – the foundation for later literacy and subject matter learning – is still neglected in many preschool classrooms. To help address this problem, the Albert Shanker Institute and the University of Michigan's Ready to Learn Program have joined together to offer a Summer Institute for Teacher Trainers at the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

This two-day certificate-granting program will provide participants with an overview of the research on oral language development:

- how children are developing communication and language skills from birth;
- the ways in which language development and the background knowledge children learn through language help lay the foundation for later academic success; and
- why much of the "achievement gap" can be accounted for by differences in the richness of early language experiences and background knowledge

Participants will explore (1) concepts of language development, (2) language diversity and bilingualism, and (3) organizing successful oral language instruction. Specifically, the training will address:

- activities to enhance circle time;
- ideas for more effective read alouds;
- ways to develop language through content-related activities; and
- ways to enhance children's dramatic play and language development during free choice time.

Tuition: \$400 (including materials)

(Travel and lodging are the responsibility of the participant. A confirmation letter will be sent to each participant with hotel information.)

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Application for the Summer Institute for Teacher Trainers

Fax this form to: 734-647-6927 (Ready to Learn Program Office) Attn: Oral Language Institute

Mail this form to: Oral Language Institute, Ready to Learn Program Office * University of Michigan School of Education * 610 East University Avenue, Room 3117B * Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1256

Indicate the dates you wish to attend: June 28-29, 2012; August 1-2, 2012

Attendee Information:

Name _____

Teacher Reading Specialist Administrator Higher Education Special Education Speech Pathologist Other _____

Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

May we e-mail you about these and related institutes and resources? Yes No

(We will not sell, rent, or provide your personal information to anyone.)

School/Organization _____ (School District, County) _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

School/Organization Phone (_____) _____ School/Organization Fax (_____) _____