

**DAY 1:**  
**Monday, August 2**

- ★ Immigration & Citizenship
- Family Literacy, Early Childhood
- ◆ Workforce, Math, Numeracy
- Learning Differences
- ◆ ESL/ELL
- ★ Digital Literacy & Technology
- ◆ Community & Partnerships
- HSE/ASE
- ★ Distance & Virtual Learning
- Program Structure & Admin
- PD & Volunteer Training
- Classroom Techniques & Resources

Breakout sessions in yellow boxes are offered twice • Vendor Exhibition Hall opens at 7:30 AM

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM							
<b>OPENING SESSION: GRAND BALLROOM</b>							
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Immigration Panel</b> ★ <i>Matthew Johnston, Lester Meriwether</i>	<b>Better Together: Building Strong Relationships Between Schools &amp; Community Partners</b> ● ■ ◆ <i>Charnella Derry, Norma Nelson</i>	<b>Introduction to the Literacy Nimbus Program Management App</b> ■ <i>Teri Walker</i>	<b>Drawing Students Closer With Virtual ESL: Preparing Volunteers for Remote Conversation Practice</b> ★ ◆ ★ <i>Peggy Semingson, Cynthia Kilpatrick, Martine Stubanas</i>	<b>Intersection of Poverty &amp; COVID-19</b> ◆ ■ ● <i>Elia Moreno</i>	<b>Culturally &amp; Linguistically Responsive Literacy Practices for Latino Families</b> ● ◆ <i>Mariana Vazquez, Francisco Usero Gonzalez</i>	<b>Student Goals &amp; Instructional Standards: Coordinating Your Curriculum &amp; Instruction for Success</b> ■ ■ <i>Ann Beeson</i>
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Understanding Immigration &amp; Refugees</b> ★ ◆ <i>Kali Kohn</i>	<b>Leaders in Literacy: Indicators of a High-Quality Intervention Program</b> ● ■ <i>Beacon Hill Prep, Catch Up &amp; Read, Readers to Leaders, Reading Partners, Dylan Farmer</i>	<b>Empowering Adult ESL Learners Through Digital Literacy: Assembling the Puzzle</b> ★ ◆ ■ <i>Dr. Charity Embley, Dr. Kristi Latimer</i>	<b>Ten Tips to Maintaining Great Customer Service</b> ■ <i>Dr. Olga Escamilla</i>	<b>Understanding TABE 11/12 to Make NRS Gains</b> ■ ■ <i>Christina Miller</i>	<b>Calling All Students... We're Here for You!</b> ★ ◆ ★ <i>Martin Loa</i>	<b>Leveraging the Technology of Individualized Learning With Essential Education</b> ● ◆ ■ <i>Beth Williams</i>
<b>11:45 AM - 1:15 PM LUNCH: GRAND BALLROOM - Keynote: Abby Williams – Founder &amp; CEO of United to Learn</b>							
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>The Latest From USCIS (United States Citizenship &amp; Immigration Services)</b> ★ <i>Jesús M. Ramírez, Rosa Ramírez</i>	<b>Maximizing Reading Interventions Opportunities in the Out of School Time Environment</b> ● ■ <i>Marjorie Murat</i>	<b>Using Text Connections in Developing Critical Thinking</b> ◆ ■ ■ <i>Jonna McDonough Forsyth</i>	<b>Pronunciation for Adult ELLs</b> ◆ ■ ● <i>Debbie Goldman</i>	<b>Increasing Your GED® Pass Rate &amp; Your Learners' Scores!</b> ■ ■ <i>Christina Miller</i>	<b>Velcro &amp; Confidence: Teaching ESL Literacy &amp; Language in the Community ESL Class</b> ◆ ■ ● <i>Elizabeth Martinez</i>	<b>Drawing Students Closer With Virtual ESL: Preparing Volunteers for Remote Conversation Practice</b> ★ ◆ ★ <i>Peggy Semingson, Cynthia Kilpatrick, Martine Stubanas</i>
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Reclaiming the Narrative</b> ★ <i>Federico Salas-Isnardi</i>	<b>Family Ties to Literacy</b> ● ● <i>Dr. Ida Acuña-Garza</i>	<b>Laughing for Learning: The Power of Humor in Education</b> ◆ ■ ■ <i>Dan Griffith</i>	<b>Round Table Discussion: Hybrid Class Model for Adult Learners</b> ■ ★ ■ <i>Wayne Crandall, Krista Mosher</i>	<b>Bi-Literacy Development Through Social Media: How Latino Families Can Help Young Emergent Bilinguals From Home</b> ● ★ ◆ <i>Francisco Usero Gonzalez</i>	<b>Beginner's Guide to the PD Portal</b> ● <i>Katie Snow, Laura Greer</i>	<b>What's in a Word? Adding Depth to Your Vocabulary Instruction</b> ◆ ■ ■ <i>Nikki Ashcraft</i>
<b>4:30 PM – 6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR: GRAND ATRIUM – Join your peers for hors d'oeuvres &amp; conversation</b>							

**DAY 2:**  
**Tuesday, August 3**

- ★ Immigration & Citizenship
- Family Literacy, Early Childhood
- ◆ Workforce, Math, Numeracy
- Learning Differences
- ◆ ESL/ELL
- ★ Digital Literacy & Technology
- ◆ Community & Partnerships
- HSE/ASE
- ★ Distance & Virtual Learning
- Program Structure & Admin
- PD & Volunteer Training
- Classroom Techniques & Resources

*Breakout sessions in yellow boxes are offered twice • Vendor Exhibition Hall opens at 7:30 AM*

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Welcoming the Stranger</b> ★ <i>Federico Salas-Isnardi</i>	<b>Making Corrections: Encouraging Mistakes &amp; Correcting Students Effectively</b> ◆ ■ ● <i>Debbie Goldman</i>	<b>Improving Testing &amp; NRS Gains of ESL Students With TABE CLAS-E Online</b> ◆ ◆ ■ <i>Chasity Wright</i>	<b>Exploring the Research to Classroom Pipeline: The Impact on Instructional Quality</b> ● ◆ ■ <i>Brittany White</i>	<b>From Autopsy to Advocacy: A Review of HiSET Data, Creating a Case for Advocacy, &amp; Tips for a Path Forward After August 31</b> ■ ■ <i>Wes Young</i>	<b>Learning Disabilities &amp; Self-Advocacy: Successful Navigation as an Adult</b> ● ■ ● <i>AnneMarie Molinari-Sanders, Beth Ponder</i>	<b>Trauma-Informed Education: Effects on Learning, Classroom Strategies &amp; Discipline</b> ■ ● <i>Gary Audas Jr., Stephanie Duer</i>
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>The Latest From USCIS (United States Citizenship &amp; Immigration Services)</b> ★ <i>-to be confirmed-</i>	<b>Introduction to the Literacy Nimbus Program Management App</b> ■ <i>Teri Walker</i>	<b>Educational Outreach: The Critical Need to Improve Literacy Rates</b> ● ■ ◆ <i>Patricia Noske</i>	<b>Explore TCALL Resources</b> ■ <i>Paula Bauer</i>	<b>GED Updates Supporting Student Success in a Virtual World</b> ■ <i>Jonna McDonough Forsyth</i>	<b>The Digital You: Leveraging the Power of Your Digital Voice for Good</b> ★ ■ <i>Salina M. Rivera</i>	<b>Teaching Reading is Harder Than I Thought!</b> ● ■ ■ <i>Lara Speights</i>
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	<b>SPECIAL NETWORKING SESSIONS</b>						
	<b>Marketing Together: Galleria 1</b> <i>Salina M. Rivera</i>		<b>Immigration: Grand 1 A&amp;B</b> <i>Lester Meriwether</i>		<b>Family Literacy: Grand 4 A&amp;B</b> <i>Dr. Ida Acuña-Garza</i>		
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	<b>LUNCH: GRAND BALLROOM - Keynote: Mahalia Baldini – TWC State Director of Adult Education &amp; Literacy</b>						
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	<b>Understanding Immigration &amp; Refugees</b> ★ ◆ <i>Kali Kohn</i>	<b>Working in Slacks or Sweats? Burlington Core – Flexibility for Any Learning Environment</b> ◆ ◆ ★ <i>Martin Loa</i>	<b>Motivating Adults in Virtual Learning Environments</b> ★ ■ ★ <i>Dr. Olga Escamilla</i>	<b>Round Table Discussion: Hybrid Class Model for Adult Learners</b> ■ ★ ■ <i>Wayne Crandall, Krista Mosher</i>	<b>Maximizing Critical Thinking Skills in an RLA GED Class</b> ■ ■ <i>Melanie Garcia</i>	<b>TABE Testing Updates &amp; Review</b> ◆ ■ <i>Chasity Wright</i>	<b>Collaboration Success Story Between AEL Funded Programs &amp; Literacy Nonprofits – How to Keep People From Falling Through the Cracks</b> <i>Wes Young, Jauneen Maldonado</i>
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM	<b>The Language Labyrinth</b> ◆ <i>Lester Meriwether</i>	<b>Cure Your Content With Contextualized Videos From the Adult Ed Med</b> ◆ ◆ ■ <i>Ashly Winkle, Debra Hargrove</i>	<b>Addressing US Systems, Laws &amp; Scams in Adult ESOL Classes</b> ★ ◆ <i>Debbie Goldman</i>	<b>Advocating for Adult &amp; Family Literacy Programs</b> ● ◆ <i>Jackie Aguilera, Audrey A. Nelson</i>	<b>Educational Outreach: The Critical Need to Improve Literacy Rates</b> ● ■ ◆ <i>Patricia Noske</i>	<b>Creating Safe Spaces: Trauma-Informed Education Training Program</b> ■ ● <i>Gary Audas Jr.</i>	<b>English Pronunciation: It's Predictable, so it's NOT Insurmountable!</b> ◆ ■ ● <i>Elizabeth Martinez</i>

## DAY 3: Wednesday, August 4

*Boxed lunches will be served to all participants between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM*

### Track 1: Instructional Strategies with TCALL

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

#### **Math & Technology Unite!**

*Krista Mosher, Ashly Winkle*

12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

#### **Standards 3.0: Introducing the Family & Civics Content Standards**

*Presenters: Dale Pillow, AnneMarie Molinari-Sanders, Krista Mosher*

### Track 2: New Leader Training

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

#### **Expertise & Tools for Producing Program Outcomes**

*Presenter: Casey Cox, Director of Outcomes & Evaluation, CNM*

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

#### **Nonprofit Finance 101**

*Presenter: Ernest Lewis, President & CEO, Adult Education Center, Pearland, TX*

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

#### **The Role of Board and Staff in Challenging Times: Moving to Exceptional Governance**

*Presenter: Sabrina Walker Hernandez, President & CEO, Supporting World Hope*

### Track 3: Grant Writing

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### **Consider the Grant: A Closer Look at the Components of a Grant Proposal, the Application Process, and What Funders Really Want**

*Presenters: Kathryn Thompson - Director of Administration & Training, Parker County Center of Hope;  
Jamie Williams - Director of Human Resources and Regional Grants, North, Moody Foundation;  
Wende Burton - Senior Director, Community Philanthropy, Communities Foundation of Texas*