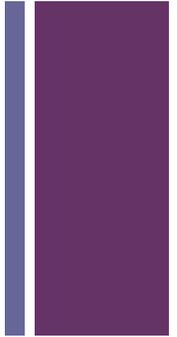


One Child, Two Languages

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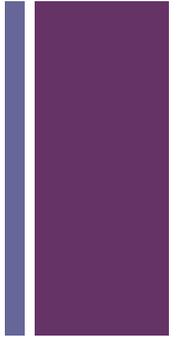
+ A Couple of Quotes...

- Someone who speaks many languages is called a Polyglot.
Someone who speaks two languages is called bilingual.
Someone who speaks one language is an American.
- A language is a dialect with an Army.



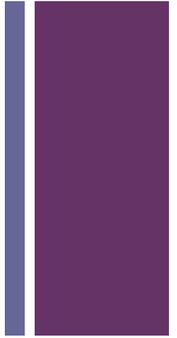
+ A Few Facts ...

- 6.3% of United States residents speak English and at least one other language fluently.
- In Oregon, at least 33 different languages are spoken, although 89% of the population speak English.
- Indonesia has 726 living languages.
- Papua New Guinea has 3 official languages (Hiri Motu, Tok Pisin, and English) and 823 living languages.

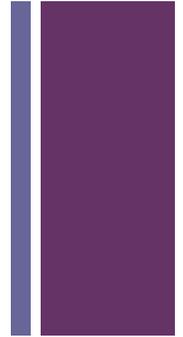


+ Bilingualism is beneficial...

- Cognitive benefits
- Employment benefits
- Family benefits



+ Bilingualism is political...



- US has a long history of trying to eliminate languages other than English.
- Speaking English has been linked to patriotism.
- Some people decry the decline of English. English has proved to be a very resilient language **because** of its ability to assimilate other languages.
- Some states have legislated English as the legal language.
- Some states have banned bi-lingual education in favor of immersion.



+ Bilingual Development Explained

- Iceberg theory
- Behaviorist approach
- Child vs. Adult learning
- Fluency
- Language and Power



Why parents should continue to speak their home language with their children...

- They are speaking a complete language.
- They are validating their family's culture.
- Building home language fluency will help sustain relationships with their children as they grow older.
- Building home language fluency will help their children later in education and employment.
- Emphasize their children WILL learn English.
- If literate, home literacy routines include conventions & rules, concepts that transfer to reading in English.
- A word about simultaneous bilingualism.



Bilingual Development

- Four Steps – a great deal of variability.
 - Step 1: Maybe if I keep talking people will figure out what I am saying.
 - Step 2: Non-Verbal Communication
 - Step 3: Using formulas or language routines.
 - Step 4: Productive Language
 - Step 5: Using language for thinking.
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- Rate of development
 - Mistakes



Working With Parents

What have you done that works?