



# A Comprehensive Approach to Support Dual Language Learners in Massachusetts **FAMILY FOCUS GROUPS**

## **PURPOSE**

- To share information on language development with families
- To gather information on ways families foster language development and school readiness

## **AUDIENCE**

Families of children who are learning two or more languages

**Interested  
in hosting a  
two-hour family  
focus group?**

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

1. Email Indira Ceylan at [iceylan@wisc.edu](mailto:iceylan@wisc.edu) and copy Jennifer Amaya-Thompson, EEC at [jennifer.amaya-thompson@state.ma.us](mailto:jennifer.amaya-thompson@state.ma.us)
2. Recruit families
3. Share informational flyer with families
4. Provide location for event and interpreters if needed

## **TENTATIVE DATES BY REGION**

BOSTON: May 8, and July 16, 2014

CENTRAL: May 6 and September 11, 2014

SOUTHEASTERN: May 7 and August 7, 2014

WESTERN: October 9, 2014

NORTHEASTERN: November 6, 2014

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