Promoting Oral Language Skills for English Learners: An Interactive Workshop
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Speaking and listening skills are essential for English learners in order to participate effectively in the workplace, the community, and at school, and form the basis for English literacy development. This hands-on workshop provides participants with tools to create and implement instructional activities that foster oral language development for English learners of all ages and proficiency levels. At this interactive workshop, participants will practice evidence-based strategies that promote peer-to-peer and teacher-to-student interaction in different content areas and learn how to implement instructional scaffolds to ensure total participation during these tasks. Workshop activities include mini-lectures, demonstrations, guided lesson design, viewing of authentic classroom video, discussion, and reflection. Participants will receive copies of CAL’s Seven Principles for Effective Instruction for English Learners.

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