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**FACT SHEET SERIES**

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## **Center for Adult English Language Acquisition Network (CAELA Network)**

### **Background**

The need for high quality instruction for adult English language learners is significant. Due to the recent growth of the immigrant population in many states, there is an increased need for qualified personnel to work with adult English language learners. There also is a need for systematic and ongoing professional development and technical assistance to increase learners' achievement.

### **Overview**

The Center for Applied Linguistics, under contract with the U.S. Department of Education supports English as a second language (ESL) teachers' efforts to improve learners' achievement through the Center for Adult English Language Acquisition (CAELA) Network. The CAELA Network helps states increase their capacity to provide more effective professional development to those who teach adult English language learners (ELLs). The project period runs from September 2007 to September 2010.

### **Project Milestones**

- Launch an online repository, November 2007
- Develop and disseminate a Framework for quality professional development, March 2008
- Disseminate quarterly newsletters and five annual briefs
- Provide ongoing training and technical assistance to twelve states, through August 2010
- Develop online ESL basics course for teachers working with adult ELLs, September 2010

### **Outcomes and Products**

- A searchable online repository of research-based information on adult English language acquisition: <http://www.cal.org/CALWebDB/CAELATracker/CAELAList.aspx>.
- A Framework for quality professional development for English language adult educators: [http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/pd\\_resources/framework.html](http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/pd_resources/framework.html).
- The publication of resources, including an online ESL Basics course, topical briefs, and quarterly newsletters for teachers and professional developers: [http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/pd\\_resources/index.html](http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/pd_resources/index.html).
- Training and technical assistance to twelve states, including Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Virginia.
- An online ESL basics course for teachers working with adult ELLs.

### **Web site**

<http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/>

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