

BILINGUAL FAMILY LANGUAGE PLAN

Language at Home:

- What language will each parent speak at home?
- What language will be used between siblings?
- What language will be used to interact with extended family- ie. grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.
- Does a designated space of the house or a designated time of the week/day need to be assigned to the target language?

Childcare:

- Is there a bilingual daycare available to you?
- If you speak the target language, are you able to stay home with your child before the schooling years? If not, could you hire a nanny that speaks the target language?
- Do any schools or organizations offer summer language exposure programs?

Schooling:

- Does your community offer any bilingual schools?
- What amount of language exposure does your neighborhood school offer?
- Could your child participate in a study abroad experience through the school? Through an alternative program?

Travel:

- Is it possible for your family to travel to where the target language is spoken? How often would you be able to do so?
- Do you have family where the target language is spoken? Could you travel there as a family and/or send your children for periods of time for visits?

Resources at Home:

- How can you bring the target language into your home? What books, music, shows/movies, or games can be used to increase language growth?
- If your child isn't born yet, make a plan as to what books, toys, shows you want in your home. Be mindful when making that baby registry.
- Make conscious efforts to buy or ask for gifts that will support your bilingual journey.
- Is there an at home curriculum that you can use during preschool years or even beyond to supplement language learning?

Resources in your Community:

- Are there local bilingual or target language playgroups?
- Does your local library offer a bilingual storytime that you could attend? Does your library offer books in your target language?
- What cultural groups are available to you?
- Make it a priority for your family to participate in cultural festivals
- If your child has a specific interest area, (cooking, painting, acting, singing, playing an instrument, a sport, etc) is it possible for them to pursue this in the target language through a tutor or class?