



Dual Language Learner Supports for Early Learning Settings (infant to toddler)

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Introduction

Early childhood educators understand that oral language development is a critical component of later reading success. How can they personalize oral language experiences for children, especially dual language learners? How can they expand and enrich what they teach and, at the same time, give children multiple opportunities throughout the day to practice? What strategies can they use consistently, as part of the daily routine, to broaden and enhance oral language development? What should these enhancements be and how can we integrate them into the intentionally planned learning experiences?

Purpose

The Dual Language Learner Supports for Early Learning Settings is a tool that early childhood educators can use to support their professional learning. Early childhood educators include lead teachers, assistant teachers, family childcare providers, and coaches working with early childhood educators. The tool is made up of two parts: Dual Language Learner Supports for Early Learning Settings (children ages 3 to 5) and Dual Language Learner Supports for Infant and Toddler Settings.

This tool enables all early childhood educators, including those who are monolingual speakers, to self-reflect on the unique teaching practices needed to fully support each child who is a dual language learner (DLL). As early childhood educators individualize their teaching, they incorporate the Personalized Oral Language Learning (POLL) strategies to effectively engage DLLs in all of the learning activities.

This engagement is not dependent on the educator's language background but on the systematic implementation of all POLL strategies. POLL is a comprehensive approach to systematically and fully support each DLL child; therefore, all strategies provided in the tool must be taken into account. Only then do all DLL children receive the supports needed to fully engage and participate in the intentionally planned and spontaneous learning experiences.

How to Use This Tool

Early childhood educators should start their first self-reflection when they complete the training and begin the process of implementation. The tool's focus on self-reflection is intended to guide the implementation of new or enhanced teaching practices and ensure optimal learning experiences for DLLs.

Early childhood educators should begin their self-reflection by completing the informational page and then addressing the strategies in the following order:

1. Family Supports
2. Emotional Wellness
3. Environmental Supports
4. Instructional Supports
5. Assessment of Language Development

Early childhood educators can use their self-rating upon completion of their reflection to guide conversations with their coaches, engage in communities of practice, and select professional development opportunities tailored to their desired areas of strength and enhancement.

Dual Language Learner Supports for Infant and Toddler Settings

The Dual Language Learner Supports tool promotes full implementation of research-based strategies that ensure DLLs have full access to and effective participation in the daily learning experiences.

Coaches and preschool educators can use the tool to:

- Review instructional practices
- Identify children's strengths
- Plan for next steps

Completed by:

Date:

Program:

Early Head Start

Migrant Program

Tribal Program

Family Child Care Program

State Preschool

Other

Age group:

0-12 months

12-24 months

24-36 months

Teaching role:

Virtual teaching?

Yes No

In-person teaching?

Yes No

Full day?

Yes No

Lead Teacher Language(s):

Arabic

Hindi

Punjabi

Cantonese

Hmong

Spanish

Chinese

Mandarin

Tagalog

English

Mixteco

Vietnamese

Farsi

Portuguese

Tribal Language

Other Language:

Assistant Teacher Language(s):

Arabic

Cantonese

Chinese

English

Farsi

Other Language:

Hindi

Hmong

Mandarin

Mixteco

Portuguese

Punjabi

Spanish

Tagalog

Vietnamese

Other

Total Number of DLLs:

Children's Home Language(s):

Arabic

Cantonese

Chinese

English

Farsi

Other Language:

Hindi

Hmong

Mandarin

Mixteco

Portuguese

Punjabi

Spanish

Tagalog

Vietnamese

Other

Language of Instruction

Home Language with Daily Introduction of English:

Other: please describe

Describe language use during the day (times, teachers, DLL children):

Curriculum:

Assessments:

Personalized Oral Language Learning (POLL) Strategies

Family Supports

Am I Doing This?

1. I use the Family Language and Culture Interview/Dialogue Form when meeting with families to learn about children's language experiences and cultural background.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

- I do this sometimes.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I am doing this, but it is not going well.
- I want to better understand what this is.
- I want to better understand how to do this.
- I need resources to do this better (e.g., time and materials).
- I need support from others to do this better (e.g., teachers, administrators, coach).

Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

- I do this regularly.
- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
- I am supported to do this by others in my program (e.g., teachers, administrators).
- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

2. I share with families the benefits of bilingualism, language preservation and revitalization, and the importance of the home language for everyday interactions.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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- I think this is important for DLLs.
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- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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Am I Doing This?

3. I display on a board dedicated to families, the theme, storybook, songs, chants, and words to encourage families to engage with their children in their home language.

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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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Am I Doing This?

4. I ask families to translate commonly used phrases and words in their home language.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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Am I Doing This?

5. I invite parents and family members to volunteer to read books and sing songs using their home language.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

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- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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Am I Doing This?

6. I reassure parents that children with special needs benefit from having a strong home language foundation.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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- I do this regularly.
- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Emotional Wellness

Am I Doing This?

1. I foster self-confidence, family and community pride, and positive identity.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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Am I Doing This?

2. I explicitly promote the use of children's home languages.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

- I do this regularly.
- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

3. I frequently talk about diversity, fairness, and kindness with children.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

- I do this sometimes.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
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- I want to better understand how to do this.
- I need resources to do this better (e.g., time and materials).
- I need support from others to do this better (e.g., teachers, administrators, coach).

Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

- I do this regularly.
- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
- I am supported to do this by others in my program (e.g., teachers, administrators).
- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

4. I provide ample opportunities for children to interact with other children through play.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Environmental Supports

Am I Doing This?

1. I post the daily schedule with visuals and labels in all of children's home languages.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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- I think this is important for DLLs.
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- I want to better understand how to do this.
- I need resources to do this better (e.g., time and materials).
- I need support from others to do this better (e.g., teachers, administrators, coach).

Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

- I do this regularly.
- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
- I am supported to do this by others in my program (e.g., teachers, administrators).
- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

2. I include environmental print written in English and all the children's home languages using a color code.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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- I need support from others to do this better (e.g., teachers, administrators, coach).

Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

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- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
- I am supported to do this by others in my program (e.g., teachers, administrators).
- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

3. I include family photos, artifacts, and tribal traditional materials, that reflect home life, cultural skills, values, beliefs, and community.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

- I do this sometimes.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
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- I want to better understand what this is.
- I want to better understand how to do this.
- I need resources to do this better (e.g., time and materials).
- I need support from others to do this better (e.g., teachers, administrators, coach).

Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

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- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
- I am supported to do this by others in my program (e.g., teachers, administrators).
- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

4. I incorporate books and visuals that are anti-bias in reflecting children's personal experiences, and community and cultural background.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

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- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
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Am I Doing This?

5. I build warm, caring, attentive, and respectful relationships to foster a sense of belonging with children.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
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Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

6. I set up cozy and welcoming areas for children to access throughout the day.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
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Am I Doing This?

7. I ensure that the environment is well-equipped with the right amount of stimulation (not too much or too little) to promote rich language interactions.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

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- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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Am I Doing This?

8. I use the environment to reinforce vocabulary learning (e.g., word walls, posters with labels, songs, and chants).

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
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Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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Instructional Supports

Pedagogical Adaptations and Enhancements

Am I Doing This?

1. Book Experiences: I select a storybook based on children's interests.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
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Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

- I do this regularly.
- I am confident that I am doing this well.
- I think this is important for DLLs.
- I help other educators do this.
- I am doing this in collaboration with the entire staff.
- I have the resources that I need to do this well (e.g., time and materials).
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- I have a coach/specialist who supports me regularly to do this.

Am I Doing This?

2. Vocabulary: I introduce one to two words per week from the selected book.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

- I don't know what this is.
- I don't know how to do this.
- I don't think this is important for DLLs.
- I don't have the resources to do this (e.g., time, money, materials).
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Beginning to Do This (check all that apply)

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Doing Consistently (check all that apply)

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- I think this is important for DLLs.
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Am I Doing This?

3. Intentional message: I clearly state the message to set the purpose of the activity using the selected words.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

4. Chants/songs: I use songs and chants that include the selected words several times a day.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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- I am not supported or allowed to do this in my program.

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Am I Doing This?

5. Center Extensions: I plan center-based activities that support the book experience, new vocabulary, intentional message, and chants/songs.

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Am I Doing This?

6. Enrichment Activities: I take children on virtual or in-person field trips that expand their knowledge of the theme.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

7. I use movement, gestures, visual aids, and props when introducing new words with repetition and modeling.

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Am I Doing This?

8. Family Connection: I share with families the book, new vocabulary, and songs in their home language and English.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

9. I implement appropriate modifications (activity steps, movement, materials, and equipment as identified by specialists/IEP, etc.) for DLL children with delays or disabilities.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

10. I incorporate new vocabulary for language exchanges during diapering, mealtimes, before and after nap time, and during transitions.

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Effective Oral Language Interactions

Am I Doing This?

1. I engage with infants/toddlers by imitating their sounds, using their home language, singing, and following their cues and interests.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

2. I encourage infants and toddlers to imitate what I say (using their home language), wait for a response, and continue the exchange with joy and curiosity.

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Am I Doing This?

3. I plan activities to extend their interests and words using their home language and introducing English.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Assessment of Language Development

Am I Doing This?

1. I assess infant/toddler's language development and social interactions with adults who speak and do not speak their home language.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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Am I Doing This?

2. I include families in the process of documenting children's learning and development.

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Am I Doing This?

3. I have a screening process to identify when DLL children need to be referred for further in-depth evaluation.

Not Doing Yet (check all that apply)

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