

National Train-the-Trainer Institute

Helping Your ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWCOMERS



Presented by
Christi Gilbert

Outstanding ELL Educator, Author and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for K-12 ELL Teacher Leaders, Professional Development Trainers, ELL Specialists, Instructional Coaches, Classroom Teacher Leaders, ELL Directors, and Administrators Serving English Language Newcomers Grades K-12

- Train your teachers on **the most effective and practical strategies** for helping English Language Newcomers
- **Build expertise among your staff** to help your students who are new to learning English
- Help teachers better understand **what to do and what not to do** when English Language Newcomers first arrive
- Support your teacher leaders in facilitating **professional learning at the building, district, or regional level**

LIVE ONLINE INSTITUTE

December 4-5

9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

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*“Wonderfully executed
presentation of great content and
materials!”*

— SHANNON O'HAGAN, ELL TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

School districts everywhere are experiencing increased enrollment of English Language Newcomers, and teachers are doing their best to meet the unique needs of students in this demographic. National presenter and ELL expert Christi Gilbert has developed a highly practical, train-the-trainer opportunity to help you train your teachers in using proven strategies to help all your EL Newcomers transition to school more successfully. In this two-day institute, you'll learn the most up-to-date information on helping Newcomers, along with a wealth of proven strategies and resources designed to help you offer the best possible environment for their success. Highly useful information related to English Language Learners who are Newcomers will be explained in very practical terms. You will learn numerous strategies to help staff maximize their teaching time and improve outcomes for your EL Newcomers. **You'll leave the institute with practical tools and strategies you can use immediately to train your colleagues and staff to provide the help your English language Newcomers really need. You will also gain tips, strategies, and extensive resources to aid you in training or coaching other educators in your school or district in best practices for helping EL Newcomers.**



A Practical, Two-Day Train-the-Trainer Institute to Help You Train Your Teachers in Better Supporting English Language Newcomers



If your school or district is experiencing an increase in the arrival of English Language Newcomers, and you are looking for a better way to support your teachers in helping newcomers through their transition to schools and beyond, you do not want to miss this train-the-trainer

opportunity. In this two-day institute, you will acquire the tools you need to deliver high-quality PD that will equip your colleagues with the essential ideas, strategies, and practices to greet Newcomers with increased confidence and success. Over two days, you will learn to identify and communicate key ideas and strategies for better serving EL Newcomers upon their arrival, and at each step forward. You'll learn how to more successfully support your teachers in helping Newcomers' conversation skills, participation in the learning environment, and decrease their fear and anxiety. In this unique opportunity, you will learn how to better guide your teachers in what to do and not to do when welcoming Newcomers to classrooms and schools. Whether your district, school or classroom is only beginning to experience the arrival of EL Newcomers, or you are already on your way to developing a plan, you will leave this institute with greater confidence and more tools to deliver engaging and effective training for your staff and help move them forward in their understanding and practice.

This Two-Day Train-the-Trainer Program is Cost Effective

If you are interested in providing in-house, high-quality professional development training for your staff in better addressing the specific needs of English Language Newcomers, this two-day train-the-trainer institute is the perfect opportunity for your school or district. Send one trainer or a team and they will leave with an extensive digital resource training handbook filled with the tools needed for delivering their own training, along with access to additional resources and a PowerPoint template to adapt to meet the needs of their own staff training. The focus of the two-day training will be on how to implement the crucial components necessary to effectively welcome and support EL Newcomers. Christi will set you up with the knowledge and resources you need to provide immediate and ongoing staff training that is tailored to the immediate and long-term needs of your staff.

Outstanding Strategies to Train Your Teachers to Help English Language Newcomers

Send one or more staff members or ELL teacher leaders to this training program and they will return to your school(s) with highly practical professional development resources and strategies ready to use in supporting English Language Newcomers. Participants will leave the institute with:

- **Ready-to-use tools and techniques** to support your staff as they work to help EL Newcomers find success at school
- **Practical strategies for easing your EL Newcomers' anxiety** about going to a new school in unfamiliar territory
- **Dozens of free resources** – videos, lessons, tutorials, reproducible materials – to create a diverse wealth of resources your team can use to help EL Newcomers learn the basics they need to feel confident and successful at school
- **Practical assessment ideas** your school can use to support learning and growth for your Newcomers
- **Tips, shortcuts and tools** you can use to streamline your EL Newcomer support
- Tips for **developing and delivering high-impact EL Newcomer training** for all your teachers
- **Simple ways** to decrease Newcomers' fear and anxiety about school
- **How to more accurately assess your Newcomers' skills** in their native language and in English
- Ideas and strategies to **support EL Newcomers growth in reading**
- **How to use multisensory instruction** to support EL Newcomers' learning outcomes
- How to deliver **effective professional development** for your staff serving EL Newcomers in their classrooms
- **How to adapt current resources** so that they are appropriate for use with students who are learning English
- **All participants will leave with an extensive digital resource training handbook** filled with tools needed for your own EL Newcomer trainings, including learning resources and tips for training your staff

“Christi was outstanding! I am walking away with a plethora of resources and I thoroughly enjoyed both days of her presentations.”

– D.J. ANGELACCIO, ELL TEACHER



**To Register,
Call Toll-Free**

1-800-735-3503

A Message From Institute Leader, Christi Gilbert



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Dear Colleague:

As an experienced English Language educator and leader, I understand the unique challenges that come with increased enrollment of EL Newcomers in schools and classrooms. The influx of students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds can be both exciting and overwhelming for the students, and for teachers! I've learned that creating the most effective, welcoming environment for EL Newcomers requires us to work together in better understanding the learner in this unique situation, intentionality in our approach, and supportive teamwork during implementation.

In this two-day train-the-trainer institute, I will equip you with the knowledge, strategies, and resources necessary to train your teachers in addressing the specific needs of EL Newcomers. You will learn how to build teacher expertise in enhancing achievement for students new to learning English; provide your staff with practical tools to help EL Newcomers experience less anxiety and more confidence; and guide them in understanding the do's and don'ts when welcoming these students to your classrooms and schools. With a focus on developing effective professional development for your colleagues, you will leave this institute confident in your ability to deliver engaging and impactful training that will move your teachers forward in their understanding and practice.

Whether your school or district is just beginning to experience the arrival of EL Newcomers, or you are already working to refine your approach, this cost-effective, train-the-trainer opportunity is the perfect solution to ensure your teachers are well-equipped to greet Newcomers with confidence and success, helping them have a much better experience in this very significant life transition. I invite you to join me for this highly practical two-day institute and as we take a step forward in providing your EL Newcomers with the support they need to thrive. I can't wait to see you at the institute, where I will share all my favorite strategies that have worked well with my ELL Newcomers. I hope you can register today!

Sincerely,

Christi Gilbert

P.S. As an experienced teacher educator, I understand the unique challenges your team faces in meeting the needs of English Language Newcomers. This unique train-the-trainer institute is **designed to help you give your school staff exactly what they need to help their Newcomers succeed!**

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What Your Colleagues Say About Christi Gilbert

"Christi was amazing!! She did such a good job keeping us engaged and she was very personable. I felt comfortable talking to her and asking questions. She felt like a close colleague."

– Alyssa Quade, EL Teacher

"This was a fantastic seminar! So many useful strategies, so much confirmation of things that we are doing, and so awesome that we get the shared slide deck!"

– Melinda Dardis, EL Teacher

"This was a great seminar that distributed and helped me interact with an enormous amount of information in a way that was digestible and easy to refer back to. The presenter was very knowledgeable and personable. She made me feel very comfortable sharing my ideas and asking questions."

– Stephanie Hunsberger, EL Teacher

"Christi was a fantastic presenter and kept us all engaged throughout two days of learning. She provided us with ample resources and continually modelled strong instructional practices and professional learning strategies. Thank you."

– Katie Dengler, Dir of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs

"I was really impressed with the instructor and the content! She provided some tailored discussion points and resources in addition to what was planned, and was very clear and interactive throughout the seminar."

– Julie Adelman, EL/Bilingual Teacher

"Awesome! I learned so much and the training contained so much practical application."

– Christine Donatello, ESL Teacher

"This was an excellent seminar. I have so many new resources and ideas to share with teachers and my students."

– Jennifer Monahan Roca, ENL K-12 Teacher

Uniquely Qualified Instructor

CHRISTI GILBERT is an innovative and experienced ELL teacher, ELL content area specialist, and outstanding national presenter. Her background includes decades of classroom experience including in-depth experience supporting EL Newcomers. Throughout her career, she has stayed true to her mission of working ELL students with many different educational and historical challenges. The methodologies and ideas she presents can empower all students and focuses on meeting the needs of students who are brand new to learning English. Her presentations are clear, fast paced, interactive and activity packed. Her enthusiasm, attention to research-informed practices, and love for her students shines through in her training institutes. Christi is the author of *Helping Your English Language Newcomers*, the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. You will leave with a wealth of ideas you can use immediately in your EL Newcomer training with your own colleagues or staff. Join Christi for a fun day filled with many practical ideas to help all your ELL students find greater success and confidence in your classroom.



Special Benefits of Attending



“ *Amazing presenter and great resources to share. I feel so much more prepared to bring all this back to my staff. Thank you!*”

– JULIE ALLEN, DISTRICT ESL EDUCATOR

Who Should Attend

K-12 ELL Teacher Leaders,
Professional Development
Trainers, ELL Specialists,
Instructional Coaches,
Classroom Teacher Leaders, ELL
Directors, and Administrators
Serving English Language
Newcomers Grades K-12

On-Site Training

Most BER institutes and seminars can be brought to your school or district. See the options at www.ber.org/onsite or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies. The handbook includes training resources to help you and your staff with:

- Practical strategies and activities to help you train your staff better support EL Newcomers
- Valuable Information to share with your colleagues on welcoming and supporting Newcomers
- Techniques to help reduce English Learners’ fear and anxiety
- Training tools for helping teachers use support students brand new to schools

Consultation Available

Christi Gilbert will be available for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of Live Online Institutes and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify ten continuing education hours. For details about state CEUs available, visit www.ber.org/ceus

Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



Up to four graduate-level professional development credits are available with an additional fee and completion of follow-up practicum activities. Details may be found at www.ber.org/credit

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RESOURCE HANDBOOK

by Christi Gilbert



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Other Professional Development Options:



Recorded Version of the Institute

Order the recorded version of this institute to take online at your convenience. You'll have 90-day access to the entire course and to the extensive digital resource handbook. To enroll, see registration form on page 7, and for optional CEUs and graduate credit, please visit www.ber.org/credit



Related On-Demand Online Courses

Related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning Courses, *Catching Up Your English Language Learners Who Have Fallen Behind*, for Grades K-12, *Helping English Language Learners Exit Your ELL Program*, for Grades K-8, and other ELL-related courses are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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Registration (VEG6F1)

☐ 1. December 4-5, 2025 (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
— or —
☐ 2. I'd like to order the recorded version of this institute

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME
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Registration confirmations and login details are sent via e-mail

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IMPORTANT – PRIORITY ID CODE: EVEG6F1

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Program Hours

All Live Online Institutes are scheduled 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM in the time zone indicated. Check in 15 minutes prior. Registrants will be sent login information by email four days before their Live Online Institute.

Fee

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Cancellations/Substitutions

100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the institute. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

Further Questions

Call the Bureau of Education & Research (800) 735-3503 or visit us online at www.ber.org

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