



Differentiating Language Acquisition from Disability

State Support Team



The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities and State Support Team Region 9 are pleased to offer this professional development series with Steven Gill, creator of the ELL Critical Data Process.

About the Presenter:



Steven Gill started his career as a school psychologist in a district with a large English Language Learner (ELL) population, where his interest in language learners began. Over the years, he completed graduate work in ELL studies, eventually creating ELL Critical Data Process. Steven has trained over 10,000 educators on the process across more than 300 school districts in multiple states. He and his wife are authors of seven books, primarily focusing on ELL and special education issues. Steve is past president of the Washington State Association of School Psychologists. He is currently working as a school psychologist, writing, training, and consulting.

Series Description:

District teams will use a case study to develop a working knowledge of the ELL Critical Data process. The purpose is to ensure districts are making data-based decisions about special education eligibility for English learners. Mr. Gill will include discussion of language acquisition, literacy skills and Specific Learning Disability identification. Critical thought about special education eligibility consideration for students who are not native English speakers will be addressed.

Series Materials: Each team will receive one copy of The ELL Critical Data Process: Distinguishing between disability and language acquisition. Each attendee will receive a copy of The ELL Special Education Evaluation Workbook.

Required Team Members: School Psychologist, English Learner Specialist, Intervention Specialist, General Education Teacher and an administrator (Special Education Director, English Learner Coordinator, and/or Building Principal).

Suggested additional team members: Speech Language Pathologist, Instructional Coach

| Session Dates | Time | Platform |
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| January 15, 2021 February 5, 2021 March 5, 2021 March 12, 2021 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Virtual – GoToTraining Session links will be sent from GoToTraining |

Attendance is **REQUIRED** for **ALL** sessions.

Professional Development Hours:

A certificate of attendance for 15 hours will be provided for this series. In addition to virtual session attendance, teams will complete brief assignments between sessions. Ashland University graduate workshop credit will be available through the Stark County ESC/SST9 partnership.

Team Registration Link: Each team member must register individually through GoToTraining. Please be sure to list your school district of employment as this is a team event. **Registration deadline is January 5, 2021.**

<https://bit.ly/StevenGill>

Important Note: *OCECD is happy to be a cosponsor with SST 9 for the upcoming Steven Gill conference. At this time, registration is only open to SST 9 district teams. Registration will be open to teams interested who are outside of SST Region 9 beginning December 1st.*

Teams who have already registered for the conference, but are located outside of SST Region 9, will be put on a waiting list for any spots that are open on December 1st. Teams outside SST9 will be enrolled based on the date registration is submitted. Thank you for your interest in this professional development opportunity.

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