English Language Learning Policy Principles

The National Coalition for Literacy supports
immigration reform and integration initiatives that:

- Create opportunities for immigrants to learn English and civics by building and enhancing the capacity of current Adult Education and Family Literacy systems and programs.
- Do not create duplicate or redundant systems that provide funds and resources to those wishing to learn English.
- Increase funds for programs that serve adult English language learners and their families through the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- Ensure that a broad range of English Language Learners across all skill levels have access to instructional services.
- Provide additional funds and resources for the professional development of educators working with adult English language learners.
- Provide tax credits for adult ESL and literacy educators.
- Provide tax credits for employers who provide support for their employees in need of English language learning.
- Foster collaboration between stakeholder agencies that work with adult English language learners, including government, public, and non-profit organizations.
- Promote respect and appreciation for the contributions made by all immigrants and those who work with them.

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