

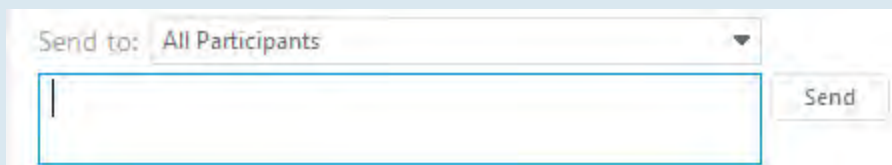
# Networks for Integrating New Americans

## Engaging the Participation of Immigrants and Refugees in our Networks

**While we're waiting to begin, please share in the chat box:**

**Describe a time that immigrants/refugees were actively engaged in your network. What do you think explains that engagement?**

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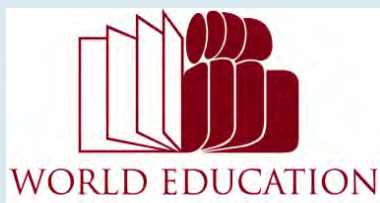
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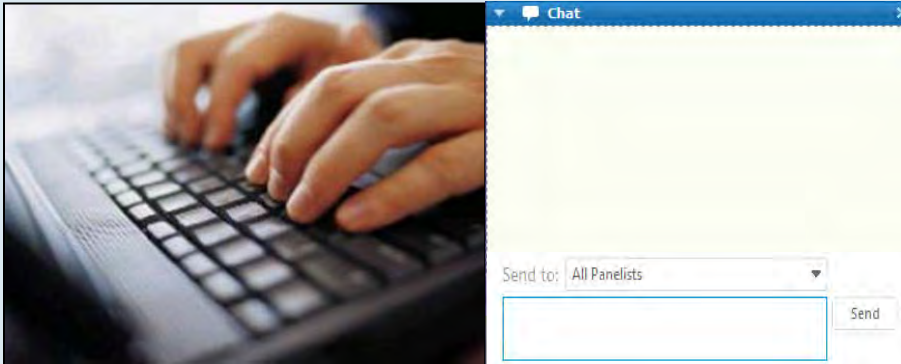
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# Webinar Tools

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## Use chat box for discussion

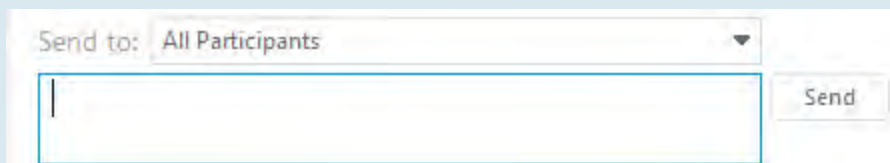


## Raise hand to speak



Write your questions in the chat box.  
We'll take time at the end of the presentation to respond.

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# Panelists

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**Jesus Martinez**  
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Immigrant Integration  
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GT-DOC  
White House Champion  
of Change



**Franklin Peralta**  
Campaign Organizer, English for  
New Bostonians  
[www.englishfornewbostonians.org](http://www.englishfornewbostonians.org)



# Agenda

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- Panelists describe their work in coalitions
- Panel discussion:
  - What can coalitions do to genuinely include immigrants and refugees so that they want to participate?
  - What does a successful collaboration look like?
  - For newcomers, what are the barriers or challenges to working in a community coalition?
- Q&A





A photograph of an orange orchard with two workers in the foreground. One worker is wearing a red shirt and a cap, and the other is wearing a white shirt and a cap. They are both carrying large mesh bags. In the background, there are several wooden ladders leaning against the trees. The text "CVIIC AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY DACA COLLABORATIVE" is overlaid in blue.

# **CVIIC AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY DACA COLLABORATIVE**

**Fresno, CA June 2015**

# Two Regional Networks

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- CVIIC (Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative) emerged in 2013 to plan for future comprehensive immigration reform needs. Run by local Steering Committee
- Central Valley DACA Collaborative created in 2013 to focus on DACA work. Run by ILRC.
- Virtually same membership but designed for distinct purposes.

## Include:

- Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Non-profit legal services providers
- Educational and vocational institutions
- Pro-bono private attorneys
- Health-related agencies
- Consulate of Mexico
- Immigrant rights activists
- Media representatives



# Reasons for Creation

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- Need for immigration attorneys and BIA recognized agencies.
- Need to:
  - Enhance local capacity to address immigration challenges
  - Serve more immigrants
  - Establish communication, coordination
  - Provide on-going training to staff members





# DACA Beneficiaries Trained to Organize Free DACA Workshops

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Check out [ValleCentral.org](http://ValleCentral.org)

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Strengthening whole communities by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants







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## GLOBAL TALENT IDAHO

*Reclaiming Careers for Skilled Immigrants  
Retaining Talent for Idaho*

Global Talent Idaho is a new workforce development initiative to enable skilled refugees and other immigrants to successfully integrate into professional roles in Idaho – to continue or reclaim their careers – and to help Idaho retain these talented professionals as key contributors to our state's community and economy.

Every year, hundreds of refugees and immigrants arrive in Idaho with advanced degrees, English language skills and successful but interrupted careers – as engineers, doctors, nurses, teachers, accountants, and scientists. These skilled professionals face big barriers in continuing their careers once in Idaho and too often, end up significantly underemployed in low-wage jobs, their skills and talents left untapped.

Global Talent Idaho is changing that: building bridges for skilled immigrants to reclaim professional careers, and providing Idaho employers with a resource for high-skilled workers who bring their often unparalleled commitment, global perspective, and multiple languages to the workplace.

Global Talent Idaho is a missing link for underserved refugee and immigrant communities, and for Idaho's economic growth. By enabling high-skilled immigrants to reclaim careers, Global Talent Idaho restores hope and dignity to people whose lives and careers have been interrupted, increases wages and family income, and boosts tax revenues for Idaho communities. Global Talent Idaho is positioned to create a more diverse, vibrant and talented workforce in Idaho.







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## WELCOME TO ENGLISH WORKS

The *English Works* Campaign is a unique coalition of immigrant community leaders, labor unions, business and civic leaders, educators, and advocates across Massachusetts working toward a Commonwealth that provides all residents with a pathway to economic self-sufficiency; ensures a stable, skilled workforce for businesses; and integrates immigrants into the fabric of our economy, communities and shared civic life.

*English Works* recognizes the key role and contributions of immigrants to the Commonwealth. The Campaign targets English proficiency as a critical tool for achieving economic success for immigrants and an essential ingredient to the growth and flexibility of our rapidly changing economy.

The *English Works* Campaign calls upon business, labor, community and government leaders to dedicate the needed *public and private* resources to create a sustainable, high-quality ESOL system that addresses the needs and interests of immigrant workers and their employers.

The *English Works* Campaign promotes public and private investment, innovation and improvements in accordance with the following 5 principles to meet the needs of workers, businesses, and the Commonwealth:



# Poll Question #1

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In your opinion, is the level of immigrant/refugee engagement in your network:

- a) Low
- b) Medium
- c) High
- d) I don't know



## Poll Question #2

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What challenges is your network having regarding immigrant/refugee engagement?

- a) Can't find immigrant/refugee leaders to join the network – haven't been able to engage them.
- b) Can't find immigrant/refugee leaders to join the network – they're stretched too thin. Need to build more leaders.
- c) Immigrant/refugee leaders are in the network but don't attend meetings regularly or participate fully.
- d) Other [*please type your answer in the chat*]

# Panel Discussion

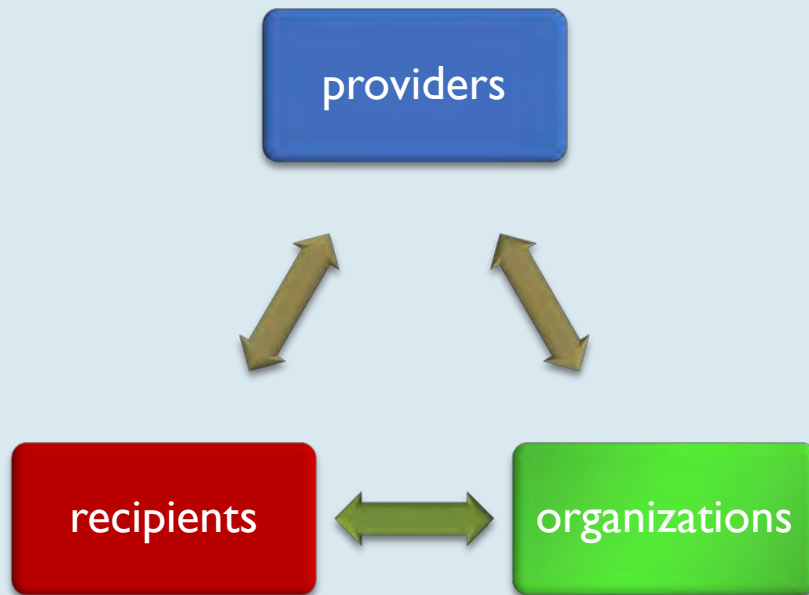
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- What can coalitions do to genuinely include immigrants and refugees so that they want to participate?
- What does a successful collaboration between newcomers and locals look like?
- For newcomers, what are the barriers or challenges to working in a community coalition?

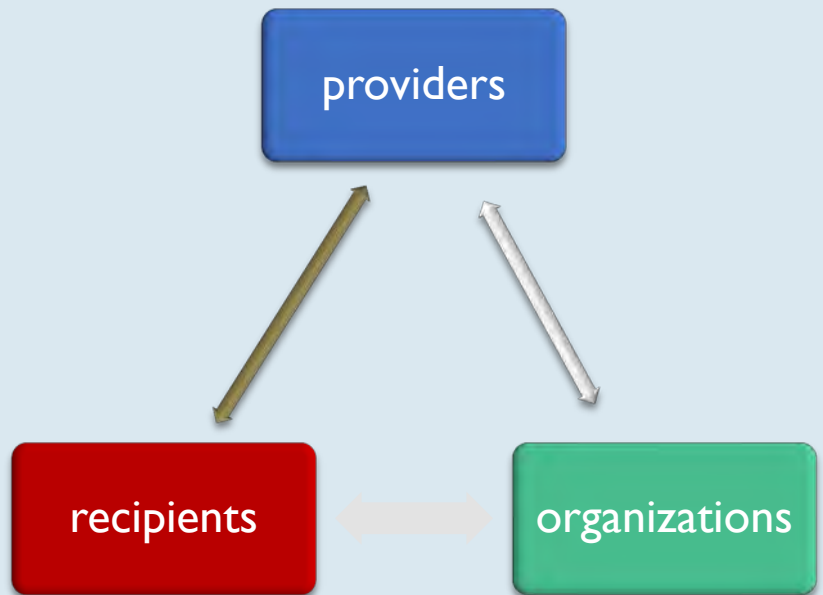
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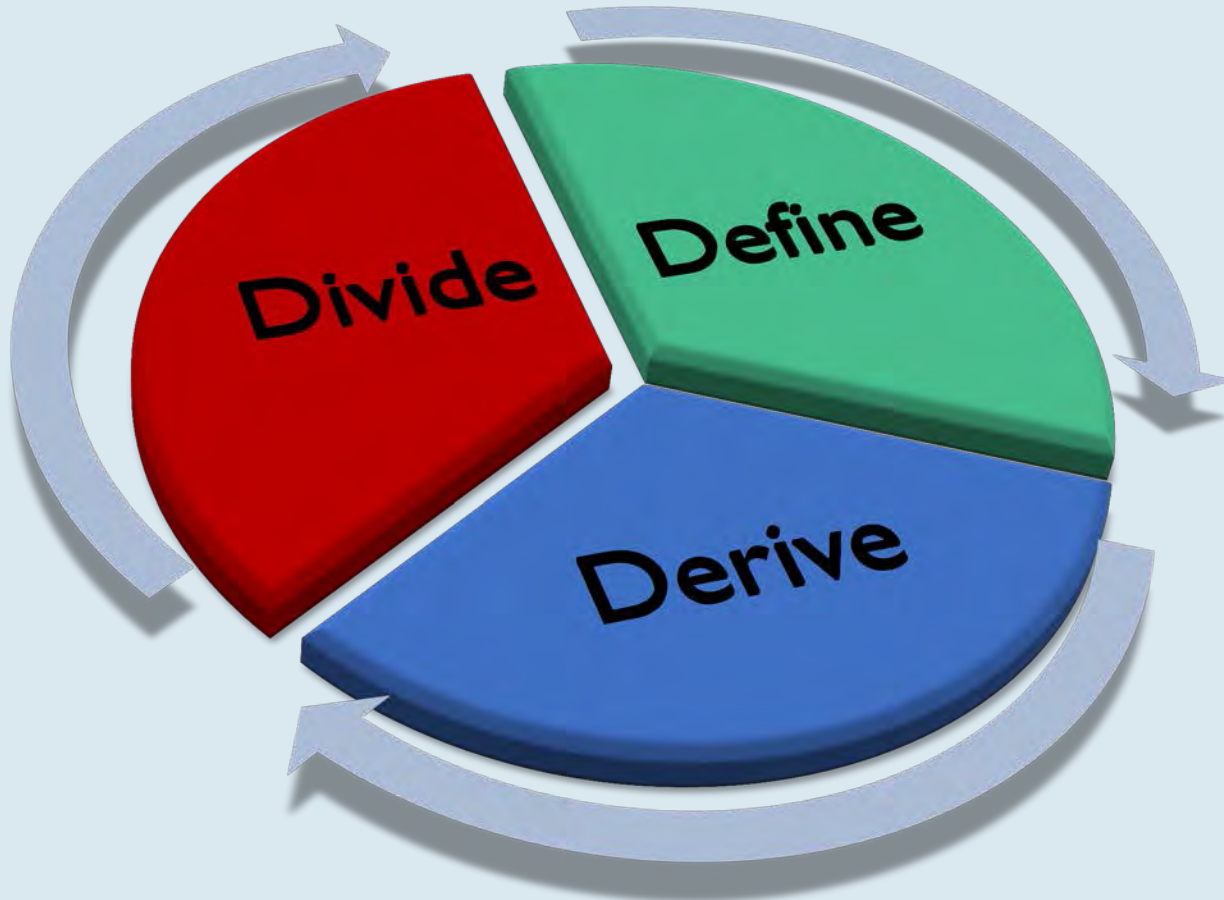


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# Q & A

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**Thank you!**

**A recording of this webinar will be available on the Virtual Community of Practice (VCoP). Please post additional comments and questions there!**

**To join the VCoP, please contact Araceli Mendez at [amendez@worlded.org](mailto:amendez@worlded.org)**



# Discussion

King County's Continuum of Community Engagement				
INFORM	CONSULT	DIALOGUE	COLLABORATE	COMMUNITY DIRECTS ACTION
Characteristics of Engagement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily one-way communication</li> <li>One interaction</li> <li>Address immediate need of county and community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily one-way communication</li> <li>One to multiple interactions</li> <li>Shapes and informs county programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-way communication</li> <li>Multiple interactions</li> <li>Advancement of solutions to complex problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-way communication</li> <li>Multiple interactions</li> <li>Advancement of solutions to complex problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-way communication</li> <li>Multiple interactions</li> <li>Advancement of solutions to complex problems</li> </ul>
Strategies				
Media releases, brochures, translated information, staff outreach to residents	Focus groups, interviews, community surveys	Forums, advisory boards, common advocacy, community-wide events	Co-led community meetings, coalitions and partnerships, policy development and advocacy	Community-led planning efforts, community-hosted forums, collaborative partnerships, coalitions, policy development and advocacy, including legislative briefings and testimony

- Should networks be aiming to move the engagement of immigrants and refugees “up the continuum?”

