



Families Learning & Understanding English Together (FLUEnT) Act

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Background Information

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **21.6 percent of U.S. households** report speaking a language other than English at home. This expansive demographic encompasses millions of families nationwide, including recently immigrated caregivers who recognize how essential English fluency is to success in the United States.

Supporting these households requires a specialized approach that addresses the unique barriers facing non-English speaking families. However, caregivers often struggle to navigate public school systems and lack the resources to support their children's English language development. This disconnect in family engagement results in a stark academic achievement gap. Without systemic intervention, the lack of parental involvement directly hinders the educational, social, and economic advancement of these students.

The Families Learning and Understanding English Together (FLUEnT) Act would address this deficit by **providing grant funds to increase family literacy and family leadership** under a targeted federal program. Under the program, grants must be given to initiatives that focus on both literacy and advocacy for families of school-aged English learners.

The bill would require funded programs to offer high-quality literacy activities that provide opportunities for educational success for both caregivers and children. Grant preference would be given to programs that build a stronger workforce and increase caregiver involvement in student learning, and recipients would be required to leverage these resources to improve English learner academic outcomes and strengthen community participation.



Five Reasons to Support the FLUENT Act

1. Delivers high-quality, research-backed literacy practices tailored to the unique developmental needs of English learners.
2. Cultivates strong school-home partnerships to drive active family involvement in student academic success.
3. Drives measurable, long-term improvements in both academic achievement and economic outcomes for families.
4. Provides continuous leadership, civic advocacy, and literacy training to build capacity within immigrant communities.
5. Strengthens English language proficiency and core literacy milestones for multilingual students.

FLUENT Act is endorsed by several organizations, including:

- National Center for Families Learning
- Joint National Committee for Languages
- National Council for Languages and International Studies
- National Education Association
- American Federation of Teachers