



The Capital District Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) at Questar III is pleased to announce this special event:

Fostering English Language Learners' Acquisition of Academic Language in a Collaborative Setting

This hands-on session will explore strategies to support these students' academic language growth and consider ways to collaborate with colleagues to more effectively foster students' acquisition of academic language.

Participants will:

- Define what academic language is and describe its importance for ELLs to access challenging content
- Use selected New Language Arts Progressions to pinpoint linguistic demands of grade level Common Core Learning Standards
- Analyze academic language features of a selected grade level text and plan ways to teach specific features of academic language at the word, sentence, and discourse level
- Explore and apply relevant aspects of distributed expertise to define collaborative roles in supporting ELLs' acquisition of academic language
- Apply concepts learned through a lesson plan and action plan

This event meets the requirements for ELL specific professional development.

When? **Tuesday, August 2, 2016**
8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Networking
8:30 - 3:00 Conference

Where? **Comfort Inn, 99 Miller Road, Castleton, NY 12033**

Presenter:

Dr. Diane Staehr Fenner's background includes ten years teaching and assessing ELLs in Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia. She authored the well-received *Advocating for English Learners: A Guide for Educators* (Corwin, 2014). In addition, she writes a popular [blog for Colorín Colorado](#). She frequently presents on the topics of ELL advocacy and collaboration, teacher preparation of ELLs, and practical strategies for implementing College and Career Ready Standards for ELLs at state, national, and international conferences.

Who should attend?

ALL educators and administrators of ELLs are encouraged to attend.

This event is free, but registration is required. Please register on My Learning Plan via this [link](#) by July 26, 2016.

Please call the Questar III RBERN with any questions at 518-479-6820

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