



What Do We Know About the Families of English Language Learners?

- About 80% of English language learners in our public schools are U.S. citizens.¹
- Immigrant parents value and prioritize education, even if they do not understand how U.S. public schools function.
- Immigrant parents respect teachers and defer to their expertise.
- Immigrant adults usually have strong work ethics and are willing to work long hours to provide financially for their families.
- Most recent immigrant families have strong family values.²
- Immigrant families can contribute to their local schools and their children's educational success.

¹Bazar, B. (2009, April 14). Report: Most illegal immigrants' kids are U.S. citizens. USA TODAY. Retrieved http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-04-14-immigrant-report_N.htm

²González, N., & Moll, L. C., & Amanti, C. (Eds.). (2005). Funds of knowledge: Theorizing practices in households, communities, and classrooms. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.