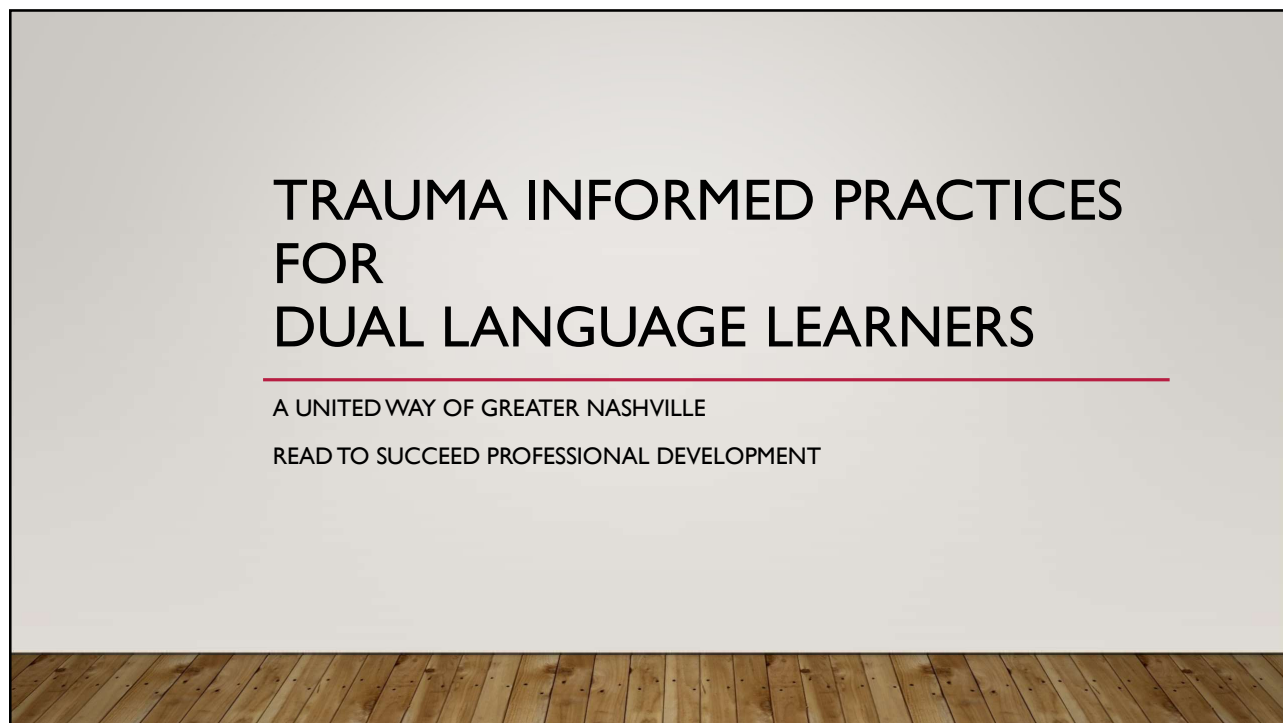
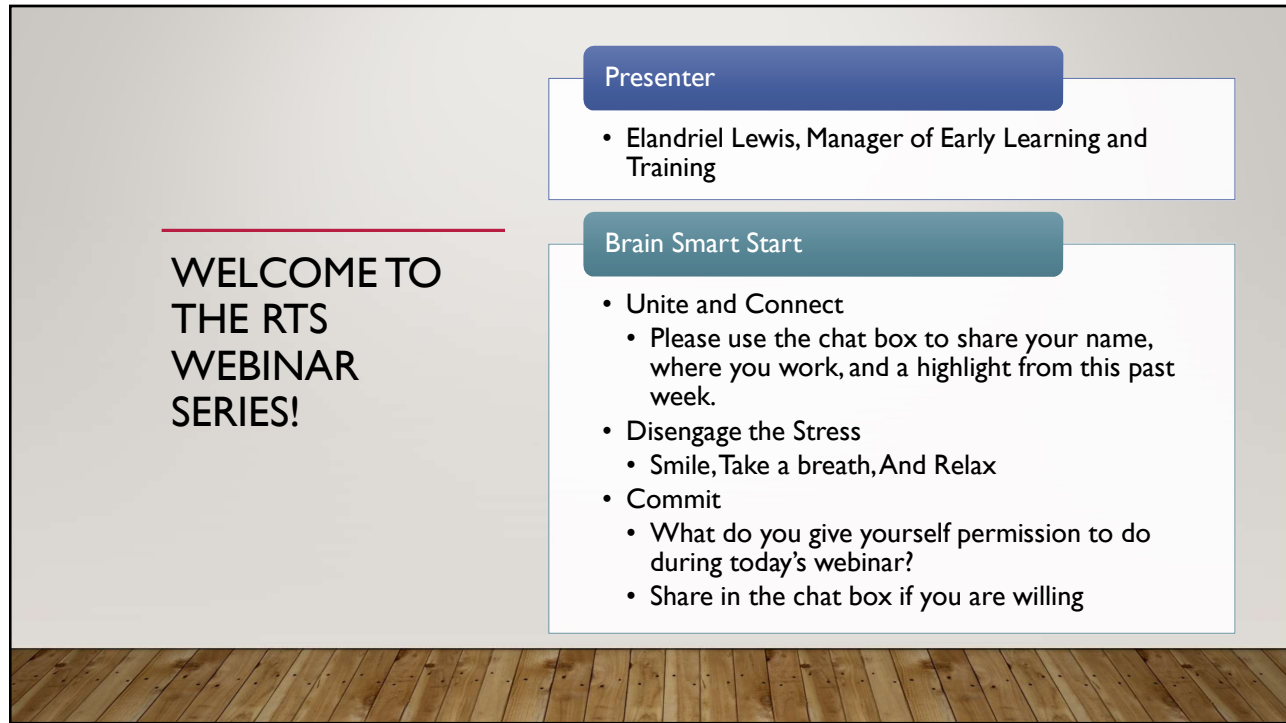




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## WELCOME TO THE RTS WEBINAR SERIES!

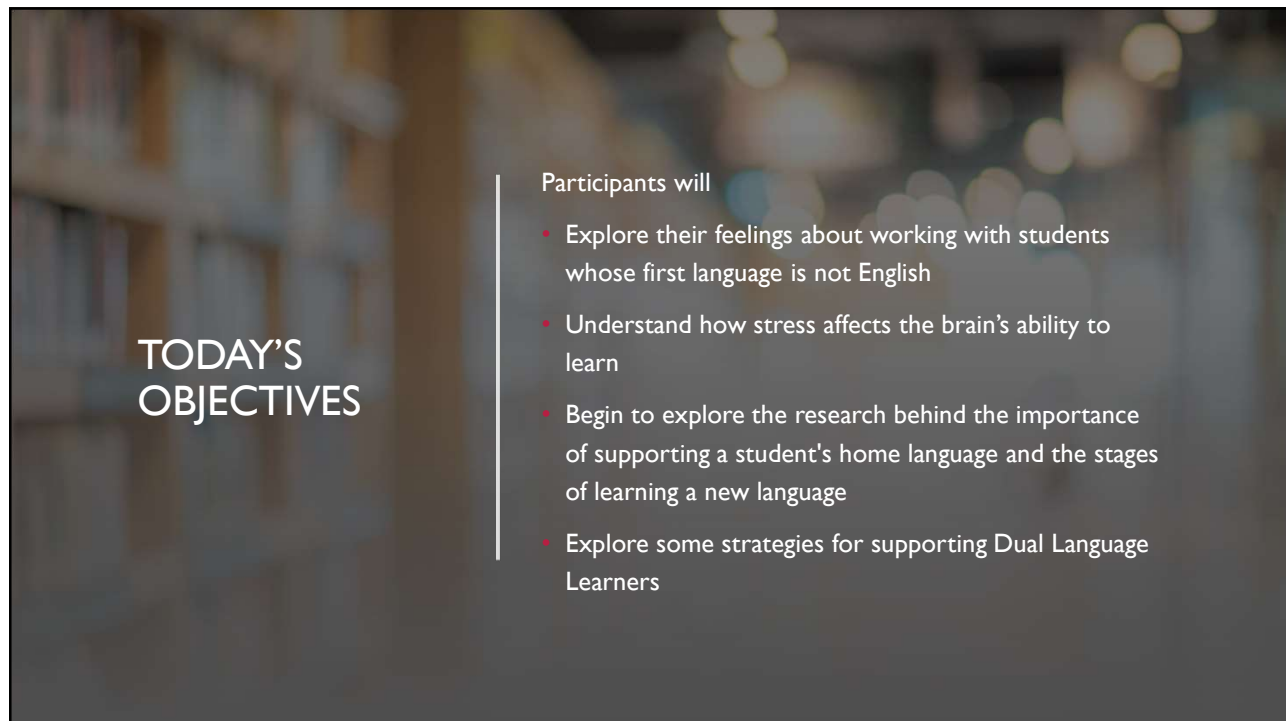
### Presenter

- Elandriel Lewis, Manager of Early Learning and Training

### Brain Smart Start

- Unite and Connect
  - Please use the chat box to share your name, where you work, and a highlight from this past week.
- Disengage the Stress
  - Smile, Take a breath, And Relax
- Commit
  - What do you give yourself permission to do during today's webinar?
  - Share in the chat box if you are willing

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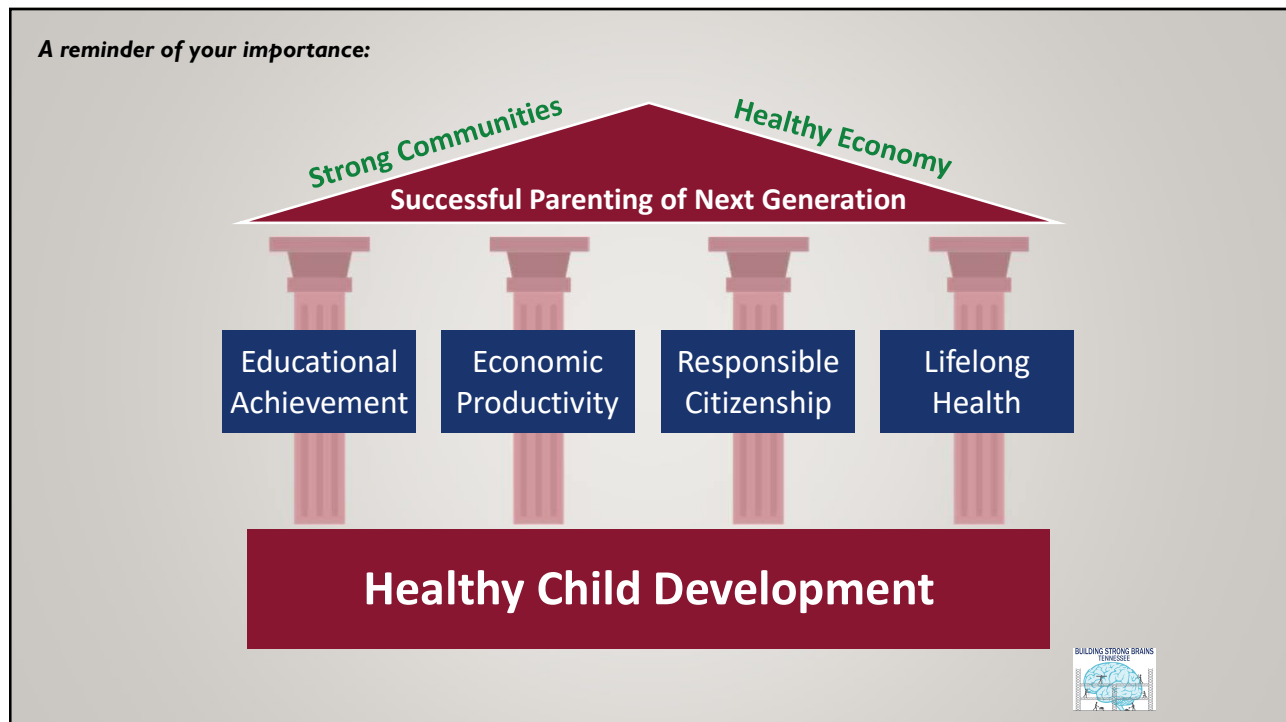
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## TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

Participants will

- Explore their feelings about working with students whose first language is not English
- Understand how stress affects the brain's ability to learn
- Begin to explore the research behind the importance of supporting a student's home language and the stages of learning a new language
- Explore some strategies for supporting Dual Language Learners

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## WHY “DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNER?”

*Historically, our nation has tended to regard differences, especially language differences, as cultural handicaps rather than cultural resources. (Meier & Cazden, 1982) “Dual Language Learner” conveys respect and value for a child’s home culture, language, and diverse learning styles as much as the new language and culture they are working to acquire.*

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## THINK AND SHARE

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FILL IN THE SENTENCE STARTERS IN A NOTEBOOK OR ON PAGE 2 OF YOUR PACKET.

It can be great to work with Dual Language Learners when...

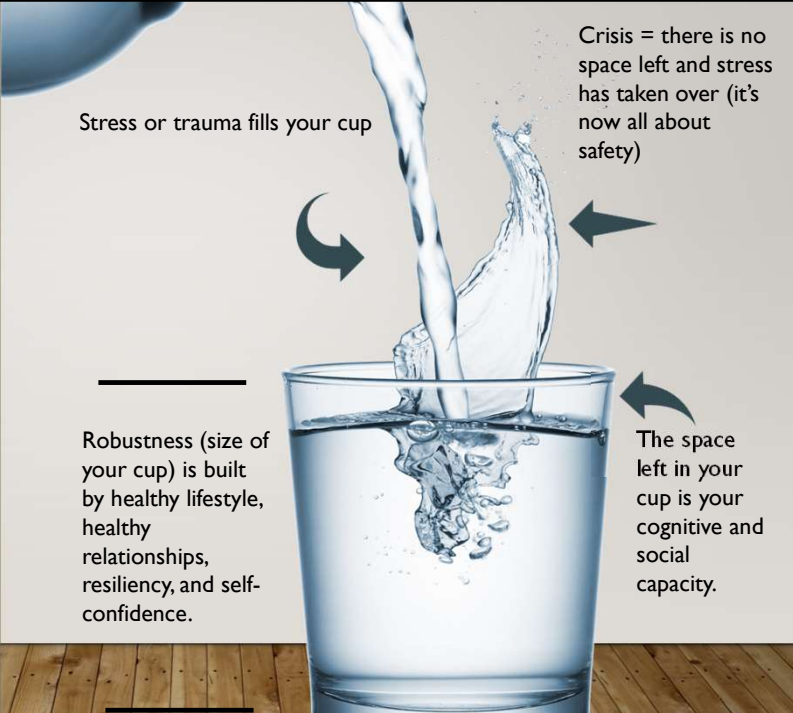
It can be difficult to work with Dual Language Learners when...

When I work with Dual Language Learners I wonder if...

My hopes for my Dual Language Learners are...

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**Robustness** = the capacity to hold the energy needed to live the life the individual desires to live.



Stress or trauma fills your cup

Crisis = there is no space left and stress has taken over (it's now all about safety)

Robustness (size of your cup) is built by healthy lifestyle, healthy relationships, resiliency, and self-confidence.

The space left in your cup is your cognitive and social capacity.

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## Window of Tolerance

Where there's still room in the cup.

Within our window of tolerance we are:

- Flexible
- Adaptive
- Coherent
- Energized
- Stable

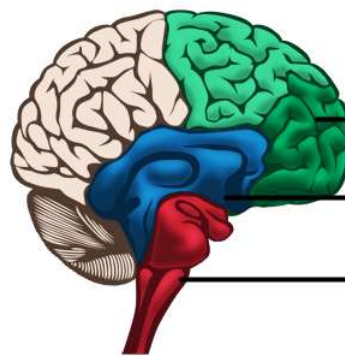


Outside our window of tolerance behavior shifts to keep us safe:

- Hyperarousal (fight or flight)
- Hypoarousal (freeze)

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## THE CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE BRAIN STATE MODEL



### Executive State

Prefrontal Lobes

What can I learn from this?

### Emotional State

Limbic System

Am I loved?

### Survival State

Brain Stem

Am I safe?

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## TYPICAL BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT...



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## A TRAUMATIZED BRAIN...



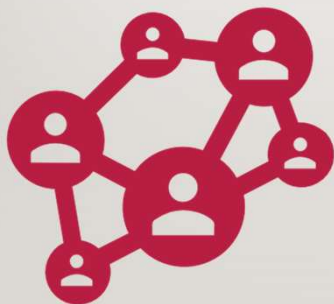
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What happens in school will have a tremendous impact on a child's social, emotional, and cognitive development, influencing the child's values, view of the world, perspectives on family, and connections to community.

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## LEARNING ONLY HAPPENS WITH A FELT SENSE OF SAFETY

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- A felt sense of safety is when a person feels accepted, respected, and connected.
  - Who I am is good
  - I contribute to my community (I matter)
  - I have value and am valued

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FOR THE OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING OF ALL CHILDREN,  
EDUCATORS MUST BE WILLING TO:

Accept	accept the legitimacy of children's home language,
Respect	respect (hold in high regard) and value (esteem, appreciate) the home culture
Promote and encourage	promote and encourage the active involvement and support of all families, including extended and nontraditional family units.

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**SURFACE CULTURE IS SIGNIFICANT (NOT SUPERFICIAL)**

Surface culture “is the sacred visible component of a culture; a collective community of customs which were built from prior generations. Heartfelt memories and fragile emotions adhere to our family’s history and ethnic roots. When we expose students to many surface cultures, we are creating an atmosphere of unbiased understanding and compassion with one another.”

(Surface Culture: The Visible Gateway to Deep Culture by Melissa Campesi <https://www.schoolrubric.com/surface-culture-the-visible-gateway-to-deep-culture/>)

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## CONNECTING THROUGH SURFACE CULTURE

1

Embed a child's language in the classroom alongside English examples

2

Invite families to participate in read-alouds, etc, in their own language.

3

Use images of the children and their families, as well as teachers and staff

4

Use images that counter stereotypes and reflect diversity in gender roles and family styles/configurations.

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## CONNECTING SUPPORTING SEL NEEDS

1

Use predictable routines and visual schedules

2

Provide a safe place for children to be if they are overwhelmed

3

Explain to peers why a child may not be speaking English

4

Explain to peers some ways to interact with DLL peers

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## CONNECTING THROUGH USING IMPACTFUL INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

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Use your  
body language

2

Narrate your  
day

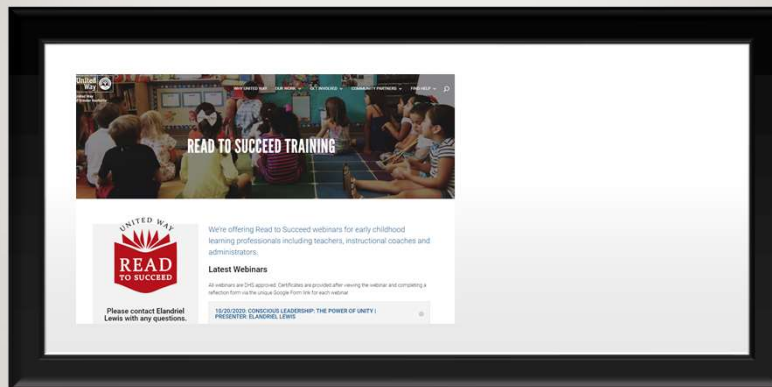
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Repeat,  
repeat, repeat

4

Choose  
meaningful  
content

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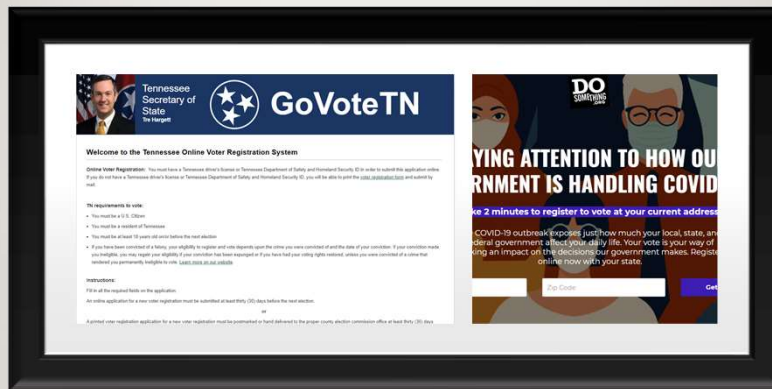
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## WE ARE WORKING FOR HIGHER WAGES IN ECE!



- To do this, we want to better understand your day-to-day cost of living, compensation, responsibilities, and experience.
- Want to help with this work?
  - Complete this survey (you could win a Kroger Gift Card!)
    - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2ifZjgULyD9QqwT2izj\\_V3nEPjEC-IAiOa4OltHHq7zUqg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2ifZjgULyD9QqwT2izj_V3nEPjEC-IAiOa4OltHHq7zUqg/viewform)
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