

SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE!

Bilingualism is a skill and asset



LEARNING MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE IS GOOD FOR YOUR CHILD

- Teaching your home language will help your child develop a deep and lasting connection to their culture
- Children have the unique ability to learn many languages at the same time
- Knowledge of more than one language can boost your child's creative thinking and problem solving skills
- Sharing your home language gives your child the foundation to learn English well in school



BILINGUAL SKILLS HELP STUDENTS BE COMPETITIVE FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER

- A young person that graduates speaking two or more languages will have more job opportunities
 - In high school, students can earn credits and the Seal of Biliteracy for knowledge of two languages
 - National research has shown that Dual Language Programs have improved academic outcomes for students
- *ask your school district about dual language programs



HELP YOUR YOUNG CHILD LEARN THEIR HOME LANGUAGE:

- Talk with your child during daily activities, like washing the dishes, grocery shopping, driving or walking around
- Sing to your child and tell your child stories in your home language
- Ask open-ended questions while you play with your child
- Read to your child, ask your librarian if they have books in your home language
- Speak to your child in your home language throughout their life to help them retain their multilingual skills