

About the Pilot Study

Advancing ALTELLA is a national project that focuses on improving how educators screen and assess English learners with the most significant cognitive disabilities. To inform screening and assessment decisions for these students, the Advancing ALTELLA project team is conducting remote interviews via Zoom or telephone for parents and educators about the Tell Us About Your Child Survey.

What is the Tell Us About Your Child Survey?

The Tell Us About Your Child Survey is a questionnaire for families/caregivers of students who are potential English learners and who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The survey asks questions about a student's method of communication and language, ability to understand communication, and the supports used for communication. Survey information is meant to help educators better understand their language and communication needs.

We are looking for

- Parents or guardians of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are identified as English learners
- Parents or guardians of students with most significant cognitive disabilities who are **not** English learners
- District level English learner coordinators or special education case managers or other staff who are knowledgeable regarding the identification of English learners and who work closely with educators, students, and parents.

If you participate in the Advancing ALTELLA Tell Us About Your Child Survey Pilot

- District level coordinators or case managers will complete the written Tell Us About Your Child Survey and will be part of a remote interview about the survey for up to four students. This should take no more than two hour.
- The parents or guardians of the participating students will fill out the written Tell Us About Your Child Survey and be part of a remote interview about the survey. This should take no more than 60 minutes.
- Educators will receive \$45 for the first survey/interview and \$15 for each additional one to compensate for their time.
- Parents will receive \$45 to compensate for their time.

Next steps

If you are interested in this study or if you have questions about it, please send an email to Delis Cuéllar at advancingaltella@wcer.wisc.edu. You can also call the University of Wisconsin's confidential research compliance line at 1-833-652-2506.



What is a pilot study?

A pilot study happens when researchers test out aspects of their studies. In this case, we would like to test the Tell Us About Your Child Survey to make sure it is clear, relevant, and useful.