

# Federal Education Update



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# U.S. Department of Education

- Sec. Arne Duncan
- Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA)
  - Reorganization with Title I
  - Acting Asst. Secretary Richard Smith



# Federal Stimulus - ARRA

- For K-12 ELLs
  - Build infrastructure (e.g., improved data systems and valid assessments).
  - Accumulate instructional materials (including technology).
  - Enhance instructional capabilities.
  - Extend learning opportunities for ELL students.
  - Investigate key needs or barriers to improvement and design appropriate interventions.



# Federal Stimulus - ARRA

- For Adult Ed
  - Allowable expense under “training services”
  - Youth Program (older / out of school youth)
    - Increases age to 24 years of age

# No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

- Reauthorization
- Regulations
- Title III
  - ELP Framework
  - Interpretations
  - Grant Reorganization
  - “Supplement not Supplant”
- LEP Partnership





# Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

- Reauthorization - overdue
- House Subcommittee Hearings
- Senate listening sessions



# Integration

- DREAM Act
  - S. 729 - Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)
  - H.R. 1751 - Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA)
- Strengthening Communities Through English and Integration Act
  - Rep. Mike Honda (D-CA)
  - Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

# Flores v. Arizona

- Plaintiffs
  - Inadequate ELL programs in Nogales
  - Insufficient state funding for ELLs
- AZ: NCLB trumps civil rights laws
- 2000 - Ruling against state
- AZ: 4 hours of English instruction/day