

## **Handout A**

### **Suggestions for Success Working with Immigrant Latino Students and Their Families**

- Identify community strengths
  - Utilize teacher-community liaisons
- Expand school outreach
  - Flexible parent-teacher meetings
  - Breakfast with families
  - Rotating PTA Meetings
  - Bilingual staff
  - Presence at community events
- Encourage diverse forms of parental involvement
- Capitalize on strong teachers
- Teacher education on 2nd language acquisition
- Provide native language support or dual language programs
- Spanish courses for teachers
- Learn from student households
- Improve school readiness with Year-round Head Start program
- Increase access to preschool
- Offer After school Spanish programs
- Improve Spanish and multicultural literacy resources
- Scholastic books in pairs (Spanish and English)
- Send home books in Spanish
- Emphasize strengths of Latino students
- Foster emotional well-being and academic success through strong relationships