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As a senior consultant, Norma E. Hernandez, a life-long educator with more than 35 years experience in the education field, provides school systems and institutions of higher learning with consultation services in the areas of Professional Development, Foreign Language Programs, Second Language Acquisition Programs, Bilingual Education, and Dual Language Research.

Her teaching expertise includes teaching at middle and high school levels along with teaching at institutions of higher learning. Norma has served as the Louisiana State Director of the Bilingual Program; worked at Bilingual Department at the Texas Education Agency; and the Multifunctional Resource Center in Florida that also served Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. She has authored numerous publications including curriculum guides and co-authored chapters in books including her most recent, *A Kaleidoscope of Special Population in Gifted Education*, 2011. She is currently the President of Louisiana Association for Bilingual Education.

As a parent advocate, she believes that language programs tap resources and strategies that promote active learning and a differentiated approach. She validates research that indicate that students who are taught more than one language outperform monolingual students. She has worked with school systems for many years and has been very successful in implementing various programs for bilingual children who are at-risk and for teachers whom need a new approach to captivate and engage these students. She can be contacted at: **Email:**

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