



## Chinese Early Language and Immersion Network

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Asia Society is pleased to present a new initiative, the Chinese Early Language and Immersion Network (CELIN) @Asia Society. In response to the expressed needs of Chinese early language and immersion programs throughout the United States, CELIN was established in 2012 under the leadership of Dr. Shuhan Wang, President of ELE Consulting International and former Executive Director of Chinese Language Initiatives at Asia Society.

Asia Society is a leader in building capacity for quality Chinese programs in U. S. schools, and CELIN is a natural fit with its mission. Drs. Shuhan Wang and Joy Kreeft Peyton will serve as CELIN's Project Director and Senior Project Associate, in collaboration with the Chinese Language Initiatives team at Asia Society.

Through this initiative, we seek to convene and work together with practitioners, researchers, policy makers, parents, and advocates for language learning across the United States and beyond. Our goal is to strengthen and expand Chinese language education in early childhood and primary grades. In collaboration with Chinese Language Initiatives at Asia Society, we will:

- Create an online directory of Chinese early language and immersion programs
- Collect and share information and resources for various stakeholders via a CELIN online portal and newsletter
- Identify and share best practices in Chinese early language and immersion education, including Confucius Classrooms
- Cultivate and support effective Chinese language teachers for early language and immersion programs by collaborating with professional organizations, teacher preparation programs, state certification agencies, and local education institutions

An advisory committee of national leaders in the field of Chinese language, world languages, language immersion, and early childhood education provides guidance to our work.

To learn more about CELIN at Asia Society, please contact us at [Chinese@asiasociety.org](mailto:Chinese@asiasociety.org) or check our website at <http://asiasociety.org/celin>. We look forward to working with you!

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