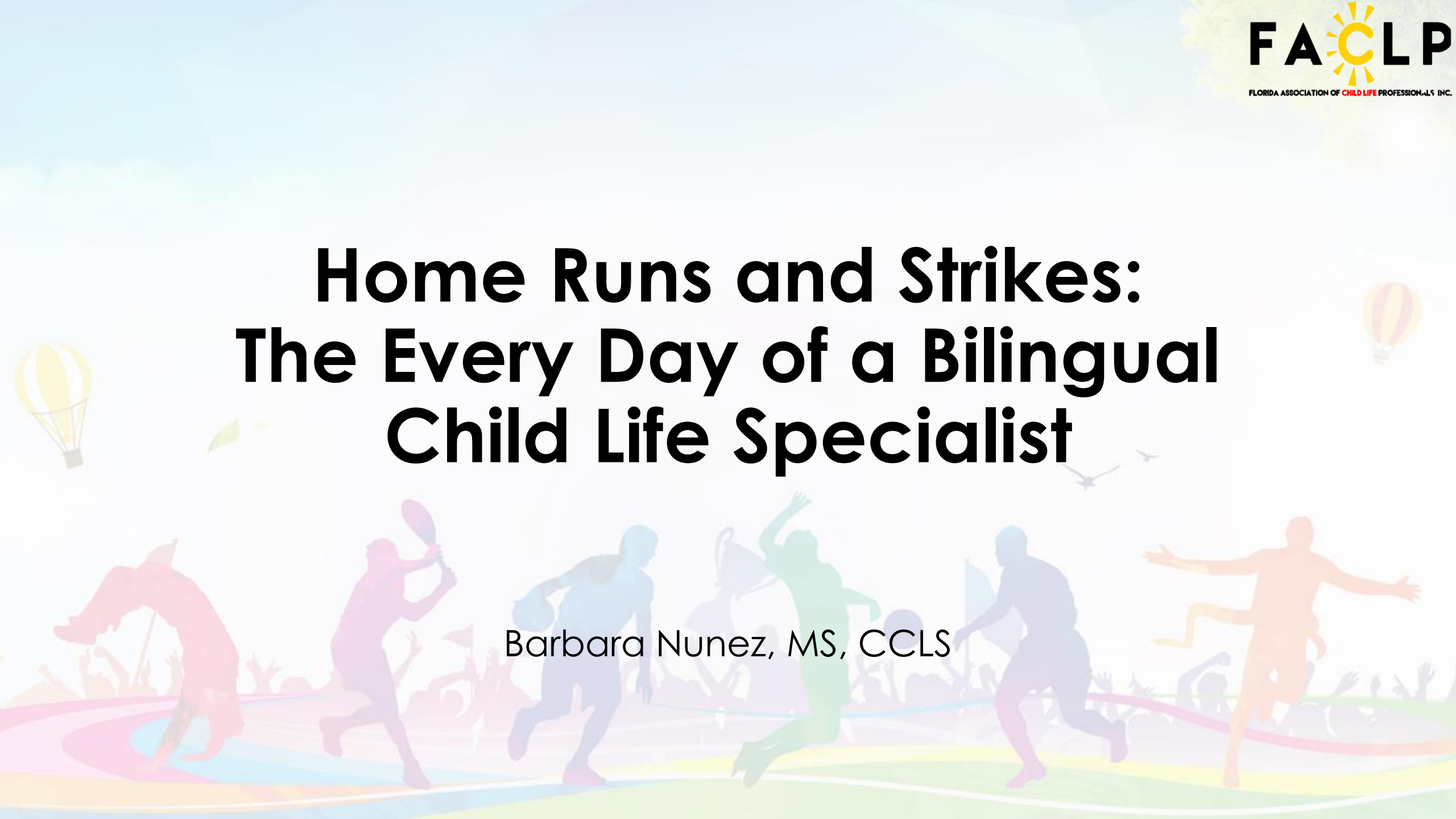
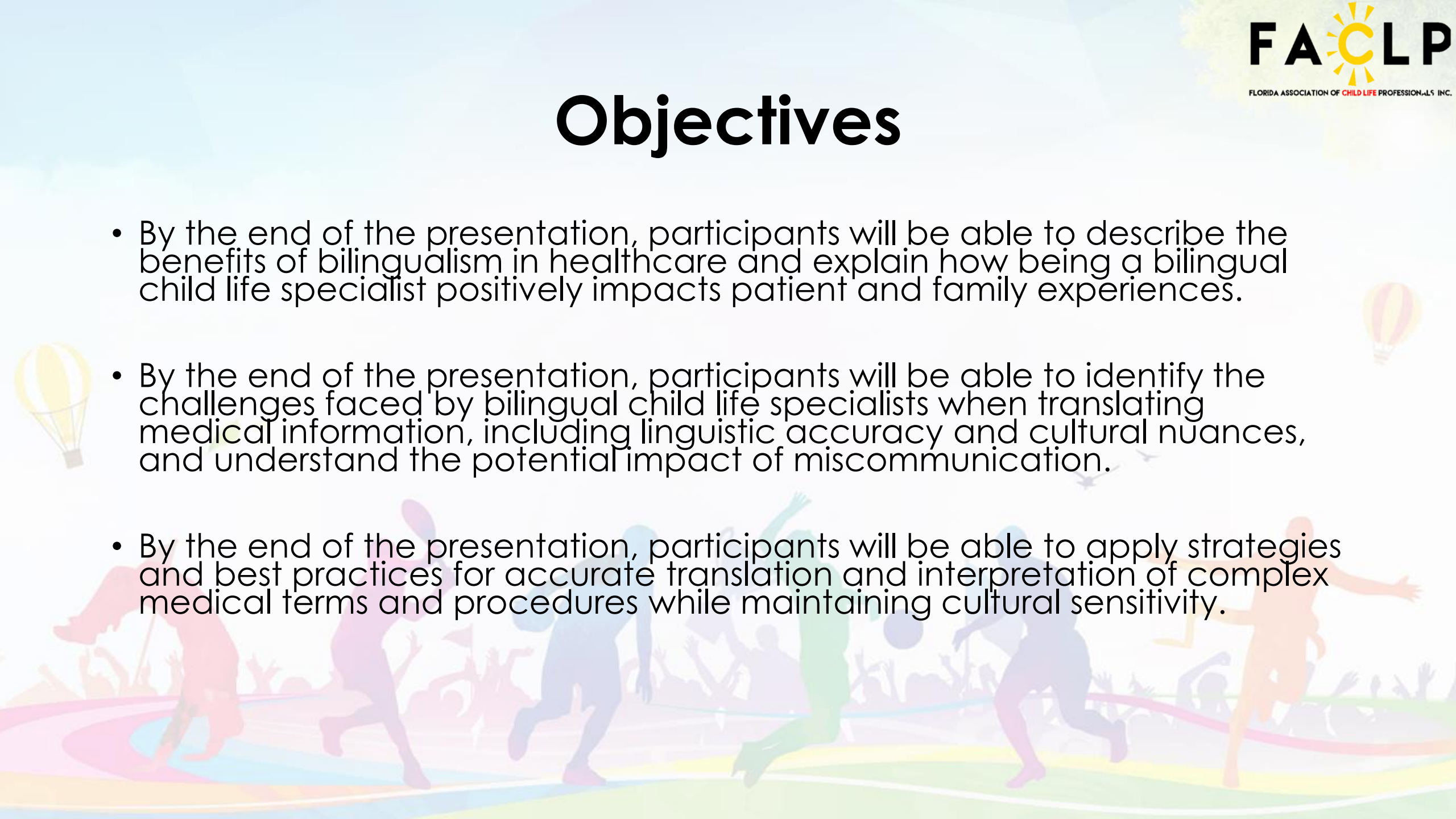


# Home Runs and Strikes: The Every Day of a Bilingual Child Life Specialist

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# Objectives

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- The background of the slide is a light blue sky with a soft, watercolor-like texture. There are several decorative elements: a yellow hot air balloon on the left, a smaller yellow hot air balloon on the right, and a large, colorful silhouette of a crowd of people at the bottom. The crowd is composed of various colored shapes (red, purple, blue, green, orange) representing people in motion, some with arms raised. The overall aesthetic is bright and positive.
- By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to describe the benefits of bilingualism in healthcare and explain how being a bilingual child life specialist positively impacts patient and family experiences.
  - By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to identify the challenges faced by bilingual child life specialists when translating medical information, including linguistic accuracy and cultural nuances, and understand the potential impact of miscommunication.
  - By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to apply strategies and best practices for accurate translation and interpretation of complex medical terms and procedures while maintaining cultural sensitivity.



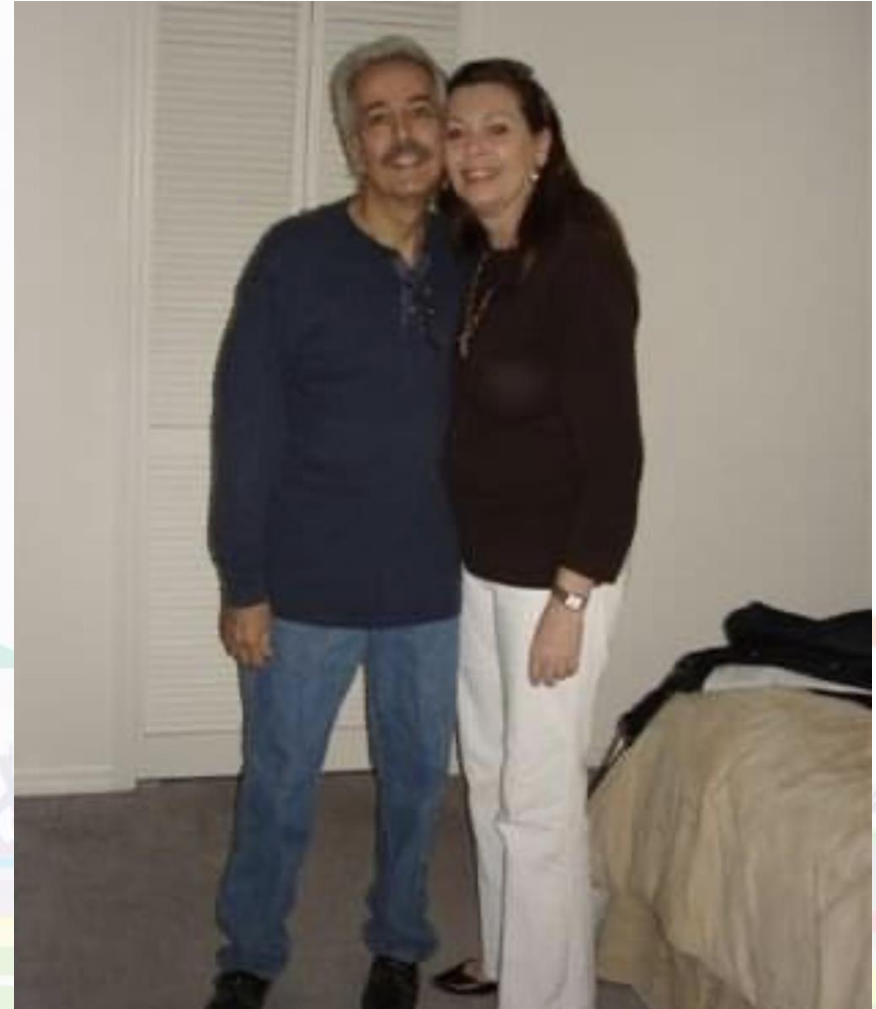
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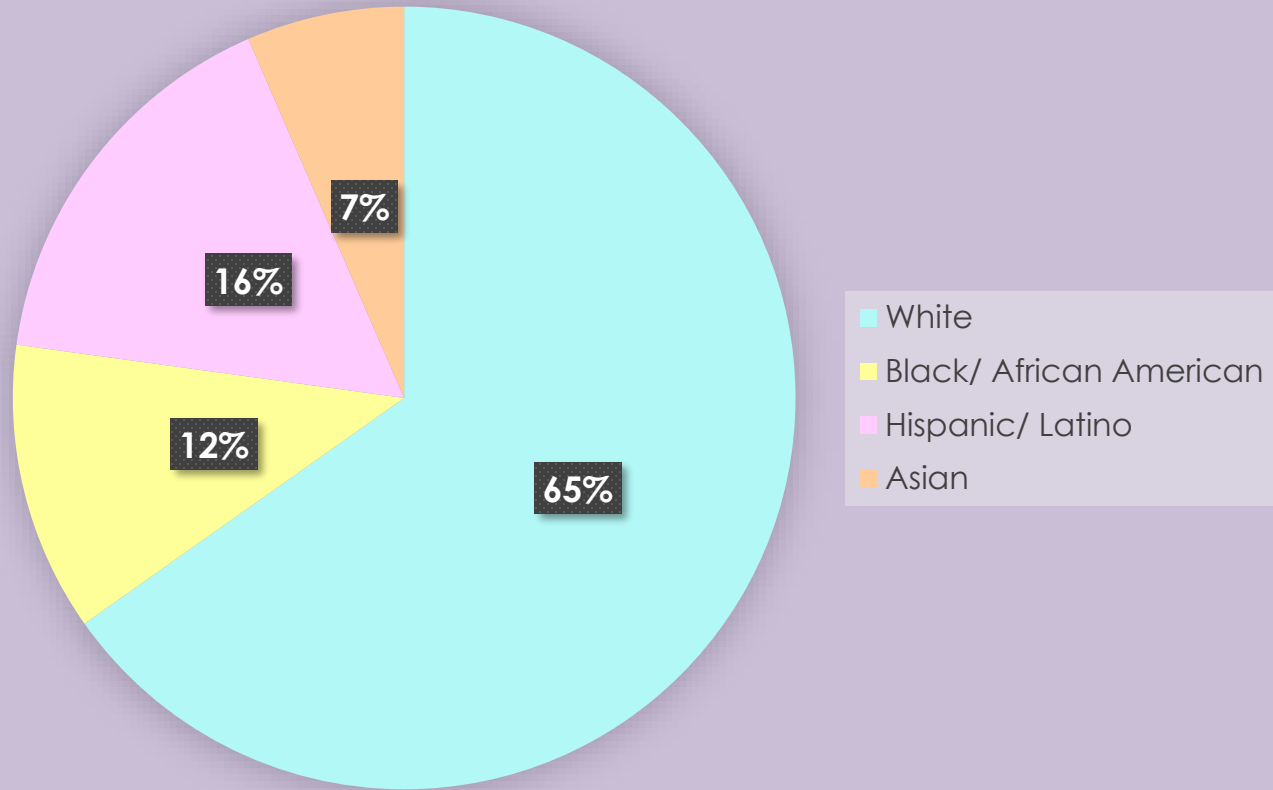


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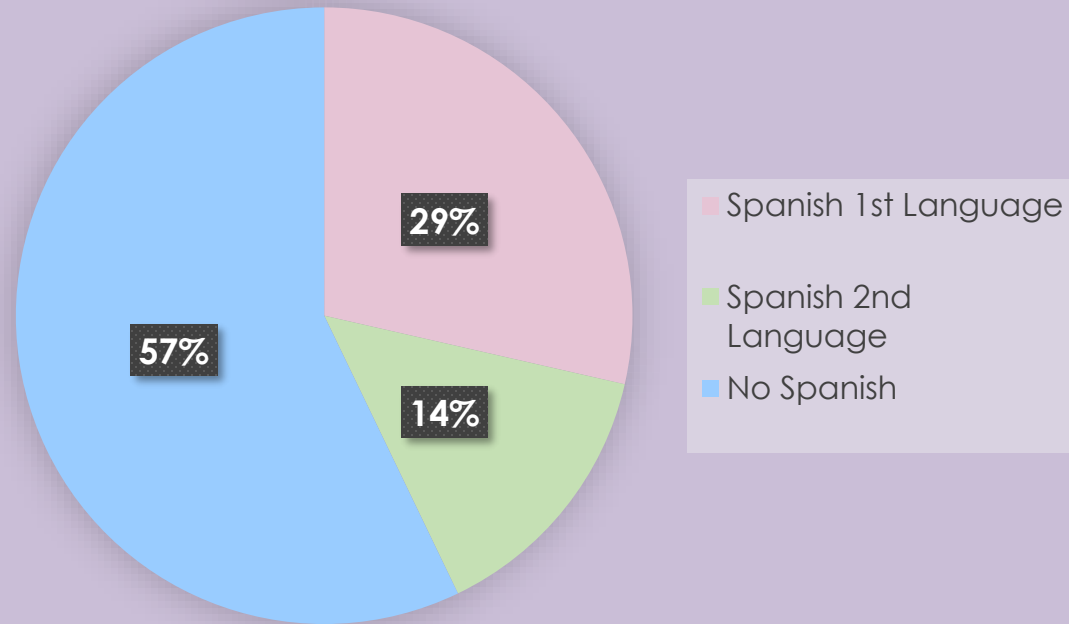
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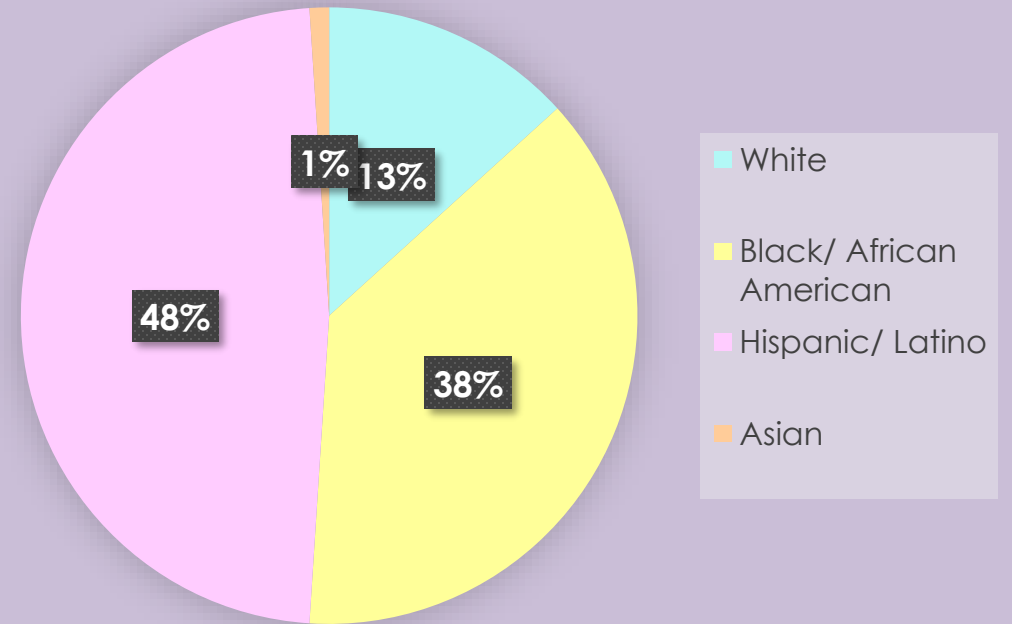
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Hispanic/Latino	900
Asian	360

# Statistics

## Holtz Child Life Team



## Holtz Patients Population



# Impacts of being a bilingual child life specialist

- Effective communication with a wider range of patients and families
- Enhance patient experience and comfort
- Bridging language barriers for accurate information exchange
- Reducing misunderstanding during medical interactions
- Providing emotional support in multiple languages
- Explaining medical procedures in a way that eases anxieties
- Contributing to a more inclusive healthcare environment





# Challenges of being a bilingual child life specialist

- Balancing Languages
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Code-Switching
- Misinterpretations
- Limited Fluency
- Emotional Toll
- Language Preference
- Time Constraints
- Lack of Resources



# Translating medical information as a bilingual child life specialist

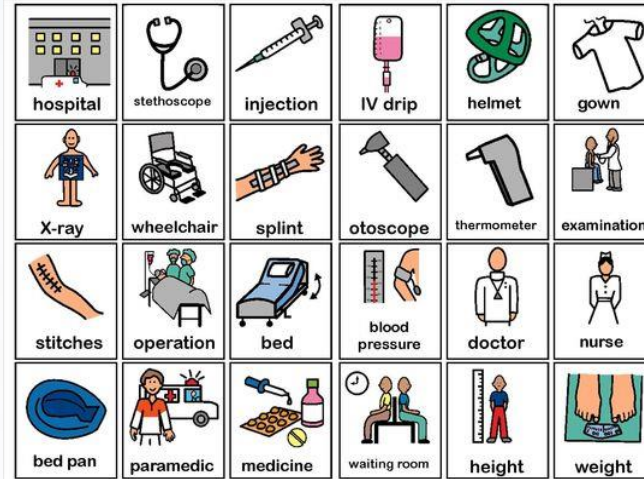
- Medical Jargon
- Cultural Nuances
- Lack of Equivalents



- Clarity and Simplicity
- Patient Understanding
- Medical Errors

# Communication Strategies

- Professional Interpreters
- Bilingual Staff
- Visual Aids
- Simple Language
- Gesture and Body Language
- Open Communication
- Digital Translation Tools
- Written Materials
- Use of Family Members
- Patient's Preferred Language
- Respectful Listening
- Cultural Sensitivity



Do not let  
**LANGUAGE** be  
a **BARRIER!!!**



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