

## Trilingual Families in the U.S.A.: Harmonious Multilingualism in Action

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*The Trilingual Families in the U.S.A.: Harmonious Multilingualism in Action* team has achieved substantial progress since receiving financial support from [HaBilNet](#) in March 2023. One of the notable milestones includes the public launch of our website [Trilingual Family](#) and the corresponding [YouTube Channel](#) in September 2023, both of which are undergoing continuous editing and updating. Included in our website and YouTube channel so far are two researchers' (Drs. Choi and Gazioglu) family videos showcasing their children interacting in multiple languages (Korean, Farsi, English, Turkish, and Romanian). Our videographer completed Dr. Choi's two videos and Dr. Gazioglu's first video and is currently finalizing Mihaela's second video. Additional outcomes include conducting in-depth interviews with the two researchers, as well as interviews with their children and spouses, respectively.

### Participant Recruitment

In April 2023, we began recruiting participants for our study, successfully enrolling five individuals with ongoing recruitment for additional participants. Participating families received detailed Harmonious Multilingualism (HM) guidelines. Initial surveys gathered demographics, language usage, educational backgrounds, and children's schooling details. Subsequently, four families submitted videos showcasing daily multilingual interactions. These videos are currently undergoing an editing process in preparation for their upload on the project's website. We have engaged the services of a professional translation provider, GoTranscript, to provide accurate translation for the participants' videos. Once each participant completes all steps (i.e., selecting children's videos using three languages, choosing a minimum of one video clip that shows HM, and creating a multimodal representation of HM in their family), they will be contacted for an interview. None of our participants is currently in this phase. We expect to have an interview with participant #1 soon.

### Dissemination and Research Updates

Our grant project has garnered recognition and visibility through its inclusion on the Kennesaw State University's website on November 3rd, offering comprehensive information about the research and its funding source. Please visit the [link here](#).

Additionally, we presented our grant project at the Kennesaw University Research Symposium on November 7, further expanding its reach and impact.

We are scheduled to present the pilot study findings at the Literacy Research Association (LRA) conference on November 29, 2023, in Atlanta, USA. (Presentation entitled: *Challenging language hierarchies through border thinking: Literacy practices in trilingual families living in the United States*).

Our research has been accepted for presentation at the American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) conference in March 2024 in Houston, USA. (Presentation entitled: *Toward harmonious multilingualism: Investigating trilingual families*).

We are currently analyzing available data, such as the videos of children that families have shared, in preparation for conference presentations and manuscripts.