

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*](#) project, funded by [HaBiNet](#), was launched in 2023 aiming to investigate and promote **harmonious multilingualism** within transnational and immigrant families raising trilingual children. The project team consisting of Drs. Jayoung Choi, Mihaela Gazioglu, and Tuba Angay-Crowder focused on exploring how transnational and immigrant families raise trilingual children and capturing the richness of their daily multilingual interactions. Through research, multimedia documentation, and public resources, the project wanted to enhance the understanding of and provide practical strategies for cultivating multilingualism as a tool for linguistic equity and cultural connection.

12 U.S.-based families shared their multilingual experiences and insights. Each family created unique multimodal representations of **harmonious multilingualism**, offering rich perspectives on multiple language learning. Supported by professional translations, these stories are now accessible to the public through our [TrilingualFamilies](#) website and [YouTube channel](#). The website is meant to serve as a dynamic hub for multilingual parenting resources. It features:

- [Meet the Family](#) pages, showcasing families' success stories as well as some challenges they experienced in raising trilingual children;
- [Language Portraits](#) pages, illustrating each family's linguistic landscape and recorded daily multilingual interactions;
- [Tips](#) and [Suggestions](#) pages, offering research-based guidance for fostering trilingualism and suggestions drawn directly from participants' lived experiences;
- [Resources](#) pages, including scholarly articles, books, and blog entries to further assist families' trilingual upbringing.

Our research journey has reached a global audience through numerous conference presentations and academic collaborations. Highlights include presentations at the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) and the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL). Additionally, several publications inspired by our findings are under review, contributing to the broader conversation about multilingualism and linguistic justice.

Looking Forward

We are expanding our research to families in South Korea, Turkey, and Romania. By embracing diverse socio-political contexts, we seek to broaden our understanding of **harmonious multilingualism** across the world.

The researchers working on the TrilingualFamilies project are committed to making multilingualism a source of strength and joy. Join us as we continue to explore, share, and celebrate the beauty of trilingual family life.



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