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Bobbi Ciriza Houtchens retired in 2010 after 40 years of teaching English and English language development. She recently moved to Los Angeles and actively consults and provides professional development for teachers who work with English Learners and urban students across the country. She has taught in the migrant labor camps south of Miami, in the District of Columbia, Public Schools, and in her hometown, San Bernardino, California.

As a U.S. Department of Education Teaching Ambassador Fellow in 2008–2009, Ms. Houtchens worked in the Office of English Language Acquisition. She has also served as a teacher trainer/mentor and as a University of California, Los Angeles, Writing Project consultant. Ms. Houtchens received both a B.A. and Licenciado in Latin American Politics, Teaching English as a Second Language, and Spanish from Elbert Covell College, an experimental Spanish immersion college at University of the Pacific in California. She also holds an M.A. in Bilingual/Bicultural Literacy from California State University, San Bernardino, where she served as an adjunct professor in the School of Education.