



FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

Workshop Title: Iyekiya Un Iapi (Language is Identity)

Name of Presenters: Noella Eagle

Biography: Dakota c'aze H'ante Izidiya Win imakiyapi (My Dakota name is Smudging Cedarsage Woman). C'anupawakpa Oyate imatahan (I am from the people of Pipe Creek). Noella Eagle, a member of the C'anupawakpa Dakota Nation, is passionate about language and cultural revitalization. Noella has made her career in the education field. She recently graduated with her Master's degree in Education Administration from Brandon University. She also just completed her first year in the K-12 Doctor of Education program with the University of Calgary. She advocates for the importance of developing youth to understand the value of the language and culture. Language embodies the essence of your being. Language is the foundation of a culture of people. Language and cultural proficiency creates positive self-identity, positive self-esteem, and positive self-sustainability. The correlation between academic success and those students who possess language and cultural proficiency is well documented in educational research.

Abstract: The workshop will discuss the buffalo in correlation to the Dakota language and culture and how this animal, through the cultural perspective, then and now, begins a resurgence of intellectual and innovative attributes that we must see through language and cultural perspectives. The workshop will focus on History, Kinship, Intelligence, Innovation, and Sustainability.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- With a personal understanding of the power of traditional knowledge, how we can transfer knowledge to modern times to empower our people