



FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

Workshop Title: Language Instructional Strategies Utilizing Dene Morphology

Name of Presenters: Agnes Carlson

Biography: Agnes Carlson is a member of the Northlands First Nation MB and is originally from Reindeer Lake area, near Brochet. She is a proud grandmother of two beautiful boys, blessed with the gift of life with my two sons, whom are now 32 and 29 years old. She is a graduate from the University of Alberta from Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies and Linguistics. She is currently employed with Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Center as the First Nations Language and Culture Facilitator (Dene). Her recent language projects completed include a Dene topical dictionary with MFNERC, a Dene Survival Booklet with MFNERC and Dene BYKI Program (Dene word lists, phrases and complex phrases). Most recently, she is working on a conversational phrase book in Dene Yatíé.

Abstract: In today's language talks, we are seeing an important shift in language efforts in many communities. Specifically speaking about Dene, we see "our" languages being spoken at cultural events throughout the year, at the community level, on the Dene BYKI and in social media. We see more young teenagers, young parents learning "our" ancestral language with increased vigor. We will share language learning strategies when teaching Dene morphology. These methods are directly utilized at the seasonal language camps. We will demonstrate how to create language scripts, as this is the basis for teaching Dene Morphology. We will demonstrate teaching strategies for staying in the language, how to utilize second language acquisition for new language speakers. We will discuss how young children and young teenagers can play a role in language revitalization, in Dalútuwé nənéné. The benefits of planning seasonal language camps teaches the young children to understand the way of "our people and to lead them into "Hquzu eghenaí."

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- Gain new insights and experiences of how to learn language through authentic experiences and engaging students and young children in Denesuline Yatie
- Understand this method of instruction at the youth and Elder language camps in northern Manitoba