



**First Nations Language Keepers Gathering
Workshop
Tipiziwin Tolman**

Title: Evolution and Healing through Lakota Language Learning

Presenter: Tipiziwin Tolman

Biography: Tipiziwin (Yellow Lodge Woman) Young - Tolman is Wičhíyena Dakǎóta and Húnkpapǎa Lakǎóta from the community of Long Soldier, north of Fort Yates, along the Porcupine Creek, a tributary of the Missouri River on the Standing Rock Reservation. For over the past ten years, Tipiziwin dedicated her energy towards revitalizing the Lakota language for Standing Rock's youngest citizens in various roles, as a mother, as a student, as a community member, and as a preschool teacher in tribe's first and only Lakota language immersion program. She is married to T Tolman, also a former Lakota language immersion instructor at Wičhákini Owáyawa on Standing Rock, and they have five children: Itazipalutaslutela, Ptehewoptuha, Wigiiyaothi, Wanblikunzawin, and Wanapheya. They currently make their home as guests in Nimiipuu tribal homelands in Pullman, Washington.

Abstract: This workshop will take participants on as witnesses to how learning your tribal language and working on behalf of your tribal language can heal and transform an individual. Tipiziwin will share lessons and the victories learned in playing an active part of Standing Rock's tribal community language revitalization and tribal language immersion initiatives in a radically honest manner. She will include information and resources regarding adequate second language learning and teaching methodologies, effective language immersion teaching methodologies, community and parental engagement and involvement, normalizing tribal language in the home, educational and community spaces, the correlation between healthy homes, communities and tribal language revitalization, the challenges and successes tribal language revitalization brings to a community, and quality tribal language lesson planning with explicit language learning objectives and curriculum development. In addition, she will share her personal and professional growth, healing and transformative love that learning your tribal language gifts to you, as an individual tribal member. Finally, Tipiziwin will share an understanding of the roots of why our tribal languages are in the state they are in and what we can do to help reverse the colonial damage to our languages, how we can heal our languages and breathe life back into our languages in our daily lives.

Learning Outcomes: Participants will learn about:

- How language contributes to her healing journey;
- Lessons and victories;
- Resources and relevant information; and,
- Language revitalization.