Upcoming NIEA Webinar

Blended and Personalized Learning
Please join NIEA in partnership with The Learning Accelerator (TLA) for our exciting webinar on Blended and Personalized Learning.

Thursday, May 9th 2pm EDT

Learn more!

Register Today!

Did You Know...NIEA helps Native Educators find employment and resources? Visit www.niea.org to learn more.

NIEA Heads to Indian Country
Government-to-Government Meeting

New Mexico, April 14-16
NIEA Interim Executive Director Diana Cournoyer presents on recruiting and retaining culturally responsive teachers at the Indian Education Advisory Council Government to Government Meeting, Indian Education Summit in Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico, April 16.

On April 16, NIEA in partnership with The New Teacher Project (TNTP) held a brief meeting to discuss our National Educator Initiative, as well as our hiring, recruitment, and retention resources.

NIEA launched the NIEA Educator Initiative in February 2018. It is NIEA’s response to the educator shortage crisis in Native serving schools.

NIEA’s Program Team at Work

Kairos Blanket Healing Exercise & Facilitator Training

NIEA is partnering with Kairos Canada to provide the Blanket Healing Exercise and Facilitator Training. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise program is a unique, participatory history lesson -- developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators -- that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Where: National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) at 224 2nd St SE, Washington, DC 20003

Dates:
- April 29 - 5:30p-9:00p (Dinner Provided)
- April 30 - 9:00a-4:00p (Breakfast & Lunch)
- May 1 - 9:00a-12:00p (Breakfast Provided)

*Coffee, and snacks also provided

Disclaimer: Participants must attend all 3 days to become certified facilitators.

For questions and concerns contact: Kurrinn Abrams, kabrams@niea.org

*Registration is free. Space is limited to the first 30 registrants

Language Revitalization and Immersion

NIEA is currently working on a project with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to build capacity for both improving and creating Native Language Immersion Programs in schools across the United States. NIEA will undertake this work by collaborating with local Native education partners that have a deep level of knowledge and expertise about Native education at the state level. Additionally, NIEA will be holding Language
We will be addressing two key questions:

- What is the current status of your Native Language Immersion program?
- In what areas can your Native Language Immersion program be improved?

**School Choice**

Supported by funding from the Walton Foundation, NIEA is currently working on a project to understand if urban public schools in Denver, CO and Phoenix, AZ are effectively serving Native American students, and how other school models, like schools of choice, might provide a better context for educating Native students.

We seek to understand the scope of school choice in relationship to urban-based tribal populations:

- Are urban public schools effectively serving Native students?
- If not, are charter schools, or other school innovation approaches, better options?
- If yes, what tools are required to help Native communities establish those school options?

NIEA traveled to Denver, CO and held a community meeting in partnership with the American Indian Academy of Denver – a school specifically designed to address the unmet needs of American Indian and Latino students in the Denver metro area – we met with parents, students, educators, school administrators, and other key stakeholders, to create a substantive dialogue about the state of Native education in the urban area of Denver.

**Educator Initiative Project**

Teacher shortages are pervasive in Native schools across the country. The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and TNTP are working collaboratively to recruit and retain effective teachers and
unleash the power of the seventh generation of Native students. As part of our commitment to improve educational opportunities for Native students, NIEA has developed the first-ever online job board where schools representing hundreds of tribal communities can post employment opportunities available across the United States.

To support us in reaching our goal to help improve education opportunities for Native students, encourage prospective teachers and community partners to visit our Educator Initiative Job Board today!

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NIEA Events Across Indian Country

**Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference**  
April 25-27, 2019

NIEA is presenting and hosting listening sessions.

**NIEA ESSA and Foster Care Workshop**  
April 30, 2019

NIEA, with the Delaware Tribe of Indians, will co-host a workshop on ESSA and Foster Care in Bartlesville, OK.

**New York State Education Department Native American Education Conference**  
May 16-17, 2019

NIEA will give one presentation and Dr. Lori Quigley, NIEA Board Secretary is giving a keynote speech.

**National Tribal Child Support Association Annual Conference**  
June 23-27, 2019

NIEA will participate in two round table discussions about internal and external wrap-around services

For more information, contact Rusty Brown, NIEA Field Operations Specialist, rbrown@niea.org
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