Upcoming NIEA Webinars

**Educator Initiative: School Leadership Resources & Best Practices**
Wed., June 5, 2-3pm EDT
[Register!](#)

**Tribal Education Codes: Promoting Sovereignty in Education**
Tues., June 18, 1:30-3pm EDT
[Register!](#)

**Educator Initiative: Educator and Teacher Resources**
Thurs., July 11 2-3pm EDT
[Register!](#)

Did You Know...NIEA has posted new events?

Check out our Event Calendar Today!
[Visit our website](#)
Kairos Blanket Healing Exercise

NIEA partnered with Kairos Canada to provide the Blanket Healing Exercise and Facilitator Training.

NIEA can now provide Blanket Healing Exercises in our local communities. Learn more about participants’ experiences and how to have a blanket exercise in your community.

Language 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 Convenings within target states to gather as many stakeholders together as possible, including parents, tribal leaders, school principals, superintendents, teachers, and students.

The goal of this project is to develop a model of a Native Language Immersion Program that will employ best practices from our research, as well as strategies to mitigate any potential challenges of pitfalls.

In our current phase, NIEA is conducting preliminary research in the form of a context analysis, to understand

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
Native language immersion as a whole, that will be used to better understand our local communities.

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?

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.

**NEXT STEPS?**
NIEA will be traveling to Arizona to conduct research and learn more about school choice in urban schools in Phoenix by talking with school leaders and Indian Education administrators and coordinators at the Arizona Indian Education Association meeting on June 11, 2019.

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**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**!

NIEA has relaunched a new, and improved application on our Educator Initiative job board. Don't miss out on the opportunity to post jobs for your schools today!

[Visit our website](#)

[Learn More!](#)

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**NIEA Events Across Indian Country**

**ESSA and Foster Care Workshop**

**Arizona Indian Education Association Meeting**

**June 6, 9am-2pm, Comanche Nation, Lawton, OK**
NIEA hosted.

**June 9-12, Phoenix, AZ C**
Idaho Indian Education Summit

June 12-14
Boise, Idaho
NIEA is attending to learn more about creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms for our Native students.

Journey to Discovery and Wellness Camp

June 17-21
Riverside Indian School
For Native students, grades 6-9 to promote healthy lifestyles and behavior changes featuring recognized motivational and wellness coach Chance Rush, UNITY Wellness Warriors, and WeRNatives

1st Annual National Trauma-Skilled Schools Conference

June 23-26
Kissimmee, FL
Hosted by the National School Dropout, NIEA will be in attendance to learn more about how trauma affects our Native students.

National Tribal Support Enforcement Association's Annual Conference

June 23-27, 2019
NIEA will sit on 2 panels to discuss educational wrap-around services

TED Training

June 24
Oklahoma City, OK
NIEA and TEDNA hosting a training event.

BIE Regional Conference

June 24-26
Haskell Indian Nations Univ., Lawrence, KS
NIEA will present a professional learning session on language immersion research

NEA Race and Social Justice Conference

June 30-July 2
Houston, TX
NIEA will be speaking on a panel about diversifying the teacher workforce.
Register now for our 50th Annual Convention and Trade Show

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