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Students can and will continue passing on their knowledge of language and culture to the following generations.....

"AILDI PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE BECAUSE THEY TEACH A VARIETY OF PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES WITHIN THE CLASSROOM."

"AILDI Rocks!"



Students & Instructors during Microteaching Orientation 2008.

"MICROTEACHING WAS A CHALLENGING AND EXPOSING EXPERIENCE. IT EXPOSED AREAS WHERE I NEEDED TO GROW AS A TEACHER AND A LANGUAGE LEARNER. IT ALSO CHALLENGED ME TO CONTINUE LEARNING - IT CAN ONLY GET BETTER."

"It's (getting Native Americans involved in education) very beneficial and integral part of language revitalization. AILDl gets people thinking of languages again."

"Very beneficial - for school teachers, and the importance of proliferating one's Native language."

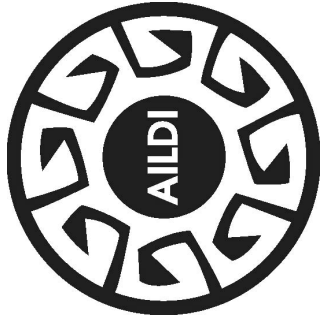
"It will always be instilled in my heart forever. This is my 3rd year and I come 900+ miles to get this education where no other institute could offer."

"Again, (AILDI) has only confirmed what I have always believed about language teaching. I know my strengths and creativity and how I can be of service to the community."

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AILDI Founders Scholarship

*Supporting Indigenous students
and language educators*



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AILDI Mission Statement

The American Indian Language Development Institute's (AILDI) mission is to mobilize efforts to document, revitalize and promote Indigenous languages, reinforcing the processes of intergenerational language transfer. AILDI plays a critical role in ongoing outreach, training and collaborative partnerships with educators, schools and Indigenous communities nationally and internationally through the use of multiple resources.

**"IT WAS LIFE CHANGING!
WE NEED OUR LANGUAGES
TO SURVIVE. METHODS OF
IMMERSION WERE THE
BEST."**



AILDI Founders: Akira Yamamoto,
Teresa McCarty, Leann Hinton, Lucille
Watahomigie & Ofelia Zepeda

**"I'M HERE FOR A PURPOSE. SOMEONE WAS
PRAYING FOR ME TO REACH HIGHER IN MY
EDUCATIONAL GOALS. WITH A HIGHER
EDUCATION AND SURROUNDED BY
MOUNTAINS - I CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS. I
WILL REACH OUT AS AN ADVOCATE FOR MY
COMMUNITY MEMBERS - THIS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN THEIR DREAM TO REVIVE OUR
LANGUAGE. FOR IT'S WHO WE ARE."**

**"THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, I HAVE
GAINED A LOT FROM AILDI, ESPECIALLY
IN NATIVE WAYS OF TEACHING AND
LEARNING EPISTEMOLOGY."**

History

AILDI was founded in 1978 with the support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The proposal was drafted by Lucille Watahomigie, a Hualapai educator and language activist, and Dr. Leanne Hinton, a linguist from the University of California, Berkeley. Also involved were Dr. Akira Yamamoto, Dr. Teresa McCarty and Dr. Ofelia Zepeda.

Since the establishment of AILDI at our current location at the University of Arizona, the institute has grown to include a wide range of languages and cultures. Our faculty members travel from different parts of the country and bring with them rich experiences of working with Indigenous language communities.

**"THIS PROGRAM IS VERY UNIQUE
AND I WOULD CONTINUE TO
ATTEND AS LONG AS PERMISSIBLE.
I WOULD ALSO BRING OTHERS AND
SUGGEST TO OTHERS TO COME TO
AILDI. YOU ALL ARE DOING A
GREAT JOB. EVERY YEAR IT GETS
BETTER AND BETTER."**

Through your gift to the AILDI Founders Scholarship for Native American Students, you provide access to higher education for future generations with knowledge of their language & culture.

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