## **Education: Culture Matters**

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YAPRsDEOsU





Support Native American Language Instruction

Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program

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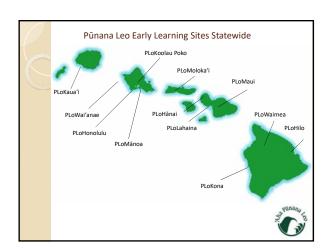
### **NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE ISSUES**

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- Continuity of identity, spirituality and culture of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.
- Native American languages are endangered.
- Individual Native Americans have a right to their language.
- Native American tribal governments have a right to their languages.
- Native American tribal governments benefit with highly educated multilingual citizens.







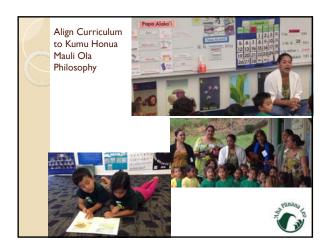


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### Pūnana Leo: Language Nests Infant & Preschoolers

- Exclusive use of Hawaiian
- $^{\circ}\,$  Early language acquisition advantage
- Integrated curriculum; infant, toddler & preschooler
- Base for P-20 language pathway system
- Teacher development high language fluency & proficiency
- Hawaiian language & culture-based early childhood education courses
- Family resources development
- International indigenous accreditation





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# K-12 Language Survival School Principles

- Hawaiian survives as "PRIMARY" language - English is "additional"
- Hawaiian speakers must have high academic outcomes
- Hawaiian speakers must have high English outcomes
- Hawaiian speakers must have high foreign language outcomes







P-12 Model Site Profile:

Keaʻau, Hawaiʻi

- 460 students (infants through 18 year olds) 2017-2018
- 96% Native Hawaiian student population
- 70% Qualify Free and Reduced lunch program
- 95% Attendance rate
- 100% high school graduation
- 85% college entrance
- Partnership between non profit 'Aha Pünana Leo, Hawaiian language college, a public charter school and a public high school program



### **System:** Bridge Hawaiian Medium Pathway

- Pūnana Leo preschoolers to Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u kindergarten
- Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u high school seniors to State Hawaiian Language college









# International Recognition And Best Practice

 2010 WINHEC (World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium) awards first P-20 accreditation to Hawaiian Language College and 'Aha Pūnana Leo



### **Start: Positive Attitude**

- Support Native American linguistic/cultural continuity
- Nurture Native American values for social stability
- Seek to produce academic excellence
- Connect integrated infants and toddlers with preschoolers; avoid segregating 4 year olds from 3 year olds
- Connect to K-12 education





# **Build Capacity In Community**

- Develop interest to save language at Middle & High School
  - Readings on language extinction
  - Interview elders about loss of their languages for English class
  - Record elders speaking in the tribal language
  - Learn how own traditional languages may be different from English in some field of vocabulary such as kin terms
  - View a video on the development of language nests and write a plan to develop one for their community
- Establish simple protocols using language at the Elementary level
  - Learn to greet others and introduce oneself in the traditional language
  - Connect language to cultural practices
  - Learn traditional songs and dance
- Familiarity with what is working and build on that
- $\,{}^{\circ}\,$  Elders in school program teaching art, food preparation, songs
- Enjoy using your language



# E Ola Ka 'Ōlelo 'Ōiwi!! Our native languages shall live!!



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