



# TRIBAL LANGUAGE GATHERING

The Tribal Language gathering, held in May 2024, included over 60 Tribal language/culture teachers from 14 Tribes and 24 districts/STECS across Washington. We had representation from the following language families:

- Lushootseed: Northern and Southern
- Salish: Kalispel, Colville Okanogan, Moses Columbia dialects
- Ichishkiin (Sahaptin)
- Quileute
- Quinault
- Makah
- titoqatimt (Nez Perce)
- Xwlemi'chosen (Lummi)
- Chinuk Wawa
- S'Klallam

## WHAT IS YOUR GLOW?

*What is working?*

- Increasing the visibility of speakers to promote language and cultural awareness
- Gaining buy-in to existing programming, ensuring widespread support and participation
- Learning the language through legends to connect students with cultural narratives
- Hosting educator nights to share culture and language, building understanding and support
- Encouraging students to become teachers to perpetuate language and culture
- Having older students take on leadership roles during cultural events
- Implementing immersion practices to enhance language acquisition

## WHERE DO WE GO?

*Where do you need support?*

- Expand professional development opportunities for educators
- Facilitate targeted, focused inter-tribal and district conversations to foster collaboration
- Develop curriculum resources and best practices in language development
- Secure funding through grant opportunities to support language and cultural initiatives
- Promote continued collaboration among stakeholders to achieve shared goals
- Create more learning opportunities for students to engage with the language
- Support urban language initiatives to reach diverse populations

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