

Language Revitalization....

What is it?

“Language revitalization refers to the development of programs that result in re-establishing a language which has ceased being the language of communication in the speech community and bring it back into full use in all walks of life”

*- Hinton & Hale (2008),
The Green Book of Language
Revitalization*

Language Revitalization Programs

Programs tend to fall in 1 of 5 categories:

1. school-based programs
2. children's programs (outside of school)
3. adult programs
4. documentation &
material development
5. home-based programs

Language Revitalization Initiatives:

1. Mother-Tongue - a child's 1st language
2. Language Nests - 1st language acquisition, living the language, daily
3. Master/Apprentice - adult 2nd language acquisition, living the language, daily
4. Elementary Classroom - full immersion in primary, daily
culturally-based, experiential
5. Adult Classroom - full immersion, daily, long-term, culturally-based, experiential
6. Language-as-a-Subject - elementary, secondary, post-secondary
- vocabulary-based, grammatical
7. Night Course/Day Course - short term, adult, vocabulary, grammar
8. Language Camps - short term, week-long, weekends
- cultural, partial immersion, any age/mixed ages/family
9. On-line courses - short term, mixed
10. Labling, Signage, Billboards, Radio, TV, newsletters