



13th Annual

Indigenous Language Institute Symposium (ILIS)

The Healing Power of Language

October 22-24, 2025
Albuquerque, NM | Sandia Resort & Casino

Sponsorship Opportunities



About the Indigenous Language Institute (ILI)

The Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) was founded in 1992 as a publicly supported 501(C)3 non-profit organization based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. ILI is a majority Native American and Indigenous led organization, with the Staff and Board of Directors representing nations from across North America.



The mission of the Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) is to provide vital language related services to Native American nations, tribes, and communities so that their individual identities, traditional wisdom and values are passed on to future generations in their original languages.

There is urgency to revitalize Native languages as the small population of Elder speakers is rapidly declining. ILI's guiding philosophy is to assist communities to create speakers of the endangered languages that are USED in daily life by all generations.

About the Language Symposium

The Indigenous Language Symposium (ILIS), hosted by the Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) annually, has become a cornerstone for Indigenous language revitalization efforts. In 2024, the Symposium achieved a record turnout of over 300 attendees, representing more than 100 tribal nations from across the United States. This gathering fosters collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and inspiration among participants from diverse Indigenous communities, uniting them in a shared commitment to preserving their languages and cultural identity.

The Symposium serves as a platform where presenters—including academics, community leaders, language practitioners, educators, and advocates—share community practices, research, personal experiences, and professional success stories. These presentations address critical challenges in language revitalization, such as the dwindling number of Elder speakers, limited resources, and the need to ensure intergenerational language transmission.

This year's theme, "***The Healing Power of Language***," emphasizes the profound role Indigenous languages play in fostering identity, resilience, and well-being. The Symposium exemplifies ILI's commitment to empowering Indigenous communities to reclaim, strengthen, and sustain their languages. This year, we are excited to add the Youth Language Symposium, which aligns with the theme and focuses on bridging connections between generations in language learning, ensuring the vitality of languages for the future.

In essence, the Annual Indigenous Language Institute Symposium is not just a symposium—it is a movement, inspiring action and offering practical tools for advancing language revitalization efforts nationwide.





2024 Symposium Attendees Voices

What did you enjoy about this year's Symposium?

"I absolutely loved it! I feel less alone. I feel motivated & inspired!"

- Michelle R. (Alaska Educator)

"It was pretty perfect! Interacting with all the other language workers. Thank you!"

- Laura G. (California Non-Profit)

"Loved it! Learning all new teaching strategies from all Native communities."

- Kendra T. (Michigan Educator)



"Very powerful. Learned about what's most precious & what is most sacred. Great to see the work in action, and happening now."

- Dawn D. (Minnesota Language Non-Profit)

"I enjoyed the presentations, and listening to people's stories."

- Kenji S. (Alaska High School Student)

"My first symposium, it was very inspiring & I am excited to bring back the information to my tribe!"

- Darin B. (Tribal Chairman)

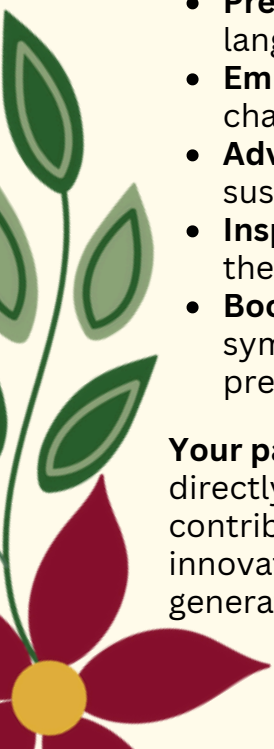
"Everything. Very informative. Very heartwarming. Very organized."

- Erlinda C. (New Mexico Educator)

Why Sponsor ILIS?

- **Preserve Indigenous Languages:** Support the preservation and revitalization of languages essential to cultural identity and heritage.
- **Empower Communities:** Help language workers and educators address challenges, share solutions, and strengthen cultural resilience.
- **Advance Innovation:** Enable the exchange of ideas and strategies that drive sustainable language revitalization.
- **Inspire Future Generations:** Invest in initiatives that reconnect communities with their languages and empower youth to lead.
- **Boost Your Brand:** Gain visibility with on-site signage, print materials, and the symposium website, connecting with an audience passionate about language preservation.

Your partnership keeps our languages alive! By sponsoring the Symposium, you directly empower initiatives that preserve and revitalize Indigenous languages. Your contribution ensures this vital gathering continues to inspire collaboration, innovation, and action—safeguarding individual and tribal community identity for generations to come.



Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

The Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) values your partnership in making the 13th Annual Indigenous Language Institute Symposium a success. All sponsors receive the following benefits:

- Recognition in the symposium program and event signage.
- Acknowledgment on the ILI website and in email newsletters.
- Opportunities to connect with 300+ attendees passionate about Indigenous language and culture.

Legacy Sponsor | \$25,000

Your Legacy: Lead the Movement to Revitalize Indigenous Languages with Us

Premium Visibility

- Designation as **“Sponsored & In Partnership with [Your Organization]”** on all event materials.
- Top-tier logo placement on signage, website, printed materials, and communications.
- Branding on main stage backdrops and keynote presentations.
- Exclusive acknowledgment during opening and closing sessions.

Youth Symposium Impact

- Recognition as the official Youth Symposium sponsor on signage, materials, and giveaways.

Cultural Night Spotlight

- On-stage acknowledgment and option for a 2-3 minute video or live remarks.
- 2 VIP Tables (16 tickets) for the Cultural Night Banquet.

Complimentary Registrations

- 8 Complimentary Symposium Registrations (a \$3960 value).

Program & Digital Promotion

- Full-Page Inside Front Cover Ad in the program.
- Dedicated "Legacy Sponsor Spotlight" on social media and newsletters.

Impact Recognition

- Post-event impact report with photos, metrics, and testimonials highlighting your sponsorship's effect.



Platinum Sponsor | \$15,000

- Prominent brand name & logo placement on all event signage, website, and printed materials.
- Acknowledgment in social media posts and email newsletters.
- Special mention during keynote speeches and Cultural Night performances.
- 6 Complimentary Symposium Registrations (a \$2970 value).
- 1 Table (8 tickets) at the Cultural Night Banquet with priority seating.
- Full-Page Ad in printed program.



Gold Sponsor | \$10,000

- Brand name & logo on all on-site signage, ILI website, and printed materials.
- Recognition in social media posts and email newsletters.
- Mention during symposium general sessions and Cultural Night.
- 4 Complimentary Symposium Registrations (a \$1980 value).
- 4 Tickets to the Cultural Night Banquet.
- Half-Page Ad in printed program.

Silver Sponsor | \$7,500

- Brand logo on all event signage, website, and printed materials.
- Recognition in social media posts and email newsletters.
- 2 Complimentary Symposium Registrations (a \$990 value).
- 2 Tickets to the Cultural Night Banquet.
- Quarter-Page Ad in printed program.

Turquoise Sponsor | \$3,000

- Brand name on event signage & website.
- Recognition in email newsletters.
- Acknowledgment in the symposium program.

Coral Sponsor | \$5,000

- Brand name on event signage, website, and printed materials.
- Recognition in social media post and email newsletters.
- 1 Complimentary Symposium Registration (a \$495 value).
- Acknowledgment during symposium welcome remarks.

Lapis Sponsor | \$1,500

- Featured as a General Sponsor in the Language symposium program.
- Acknowledgment during general sessions.

Additional Sponsorship Impact Areas

Cultural Night | \$5,000

- Exclusive logo placement at sponsored Cultural Night Banquet
- 4 Tickets to the Cultural Night Banquet.
- Plus benefits at Coral Level



Opening Ceremony | \$5,000

- Logo placement at Open Ceremony
- 2 min Welcome remarks
- Plus benefits at Coral Level

Event Technology | \$3,000

- Exclusive logo placement at event- "Wifi, Tech & AV sponsored by... "
- Plus benefits at Turquoise Level

Youth Language Symposium

Make an Impact on the Next Generation

Sponsoring the Youth Language Symposium is your opportunity to empower the next generation of Indigenous language champions. Held on Friday, October 24, 2025, alongside the ILI Symposium, this one-day event aims to bring 100 adolescent participants from tribal communities together for immersive language learning, cultural activities, and mentorship with fluent speakers and educators.

Your support breaks down critical barriers, ensuring every youth participant can access and fully engage in this unique and rare opportunity!



Transportation Access | \$5,000

Ensure youth from tribal communities can travel safely to the event by sponsoring transportation services.

- Special recognition during the Youth Symposium's opening and closing remarks.
- Prominent logo placement on directional and event signage.
- Inclusion in the Youth Symposium sponsor listing in the program.
- Plus benefits at the Coral Level.

Meals & Snacks | \$3,000

Fuel the day's activities by providing nutritious meals and snacks to youth participants.

- Acknowledgment during the Youth Symposium lunch session.
- Logo placement on table tents at meal stations.
- Inclusion in the event program sponsor listing.
- Post-event Impact Report with metrics and photos.
- Plus benefits at the Turquoise Level.

Workshop/Activities | \$3,000

Support interactive workshops and cultural activities that deepen language learning for youth.

- Recognition during specific workshops or activities you sponsor.
- Logo placement on workshop materials (e.g., agendas, handouts).
- Mention in event communications highlighting workshops.
- Post-event Impact Report with testimonials from participants.
- Plus benefits at the Turquoise Level.

Contact Information



Contact Raul Aguilar Jr, Executive Director, at raul.aguilarjr@ilinitiative.org to schedule a meeting to discuss sponsorship opportunities for ILIS 2025.

