

The OSEU Need to Continue to Grow - Vanessa Iverson

I definitely hope that this just continues to grow. That culture is something not just culture, but Native American culture, the Oceti Sakowin understandings, is something that just digs deeper into our curriculum in our schools and the mindset of everyone so that when my kids go to school they can completely understand and come home with such a proud idea we learned this and this and the language side of it. I'm fortunate my grandma still speaks Lakota.

She's one of the oldest Yankton Sioux tribal members alive right now, at 95, but you know, because of past traumas she did not pass that on and so I only know certain words and certain phrases, and that would also be one of my goals and dreams for my kids to be able to speak at least a little bit. You know you can't be fluent if people in your home aren't fluent, and so that would be a goal of our family to really kind of dig into that as well.