

## 2015-2016 ANA Language



WHERE ARE YOUR KEYS TRAINING

# "Where Are Your Keys" With Evan Gardner & Susanna Ciotti

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October 18-31 Evan Gardner original developer of "WAYK" came to Paluwik to help structure our teaching style with our Sugt'stun Staff. Setting up a two week training, and splitting the day into group sessions, working with different Speakers and Learners every day, for us to learn how to use his "WAYK" structure.

#### Feedback from participants.

Michelle "Malaniakcak's" Quote on "Where Are Your Keys Training" "It taught me how to hunt for Sugt'stun Conversations! Yeah!!"

Ephimia "Apamia" "I learned how to use complete questions & responses in Sugt'stun."

Naomi: "The "Where are your keys" training was amazing to be a part of. I got to expand my language skills, interact with Elders in our language. I was able to teach 2 night session from 7-8. I know how to ask anyone if they want coffee. Quyana for letting me be a part of this!"

Pat: "I knew a lot of single words, but with these past trainings, I am learning how to put them into sentences, so I can have conversations with Elder speakers.

Rita: "Seeing all the different participants throughout the two weeks has amazed me. Seeing non speakers learning our language, to people who speak it, riddle their brain on the next sentence they need to come up

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with. This training has impacted our Learners and Speakers, we are now on a path of learning how to interact with our Sugt'stun Language! This training has made a difference in our Sugt'stun Teachers, staff and community members that attended."

Mary: "Lots of learning, waking up my Alutiiq brain, beautiful language we have and fun bonding with groups, I have a better understanding of our roles as an Elder."



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### **Next Visit**

"Where are your keys" next visit, we are working with them and our grant to bring them back, Please if you missed this training and want to learn our language, this is a great start for you, come and experience yourself how this "WAYK" works.











