



Dear NLCC Recipient,

We are pleased to invite you to the Spring 2020 Semi-annual Cohort Convening, which will be held March 24-26, 2020 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma hosted by Cherokee Nation. The purpose of this convening is to strengthen peer-to-peer networks and continue to solidify the Community of Practice around the Native language continuum.

The meeting will include opening ceremonies and mindfulness activities, hands-on experiential learning, facilitated group discussion, peer-to-peer unstructured networking opportunities, inspirational moments, cultural sharing, Cherokee Nation site tour, and informative presentations. Please continue for specific information.

## Getting to the Meeting

### Flights

Tulsa International Airport, Tulsa, OK: Approximately 75 miles from Tahlequah, OK and takes about 1.5 hours to drive.

Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, Highfill, AK: Approximately 75 miles from Tahlequah, OK and takes about 1.5 hours to drive. This is the more scenic route. Flights may be cheaper to this airport.

### Ground Transportation

Unfortunately, neither the hotel or the conference center provides transportation between Tulsa and Tahlequah or Highfill and Tahlequah.

Both airports have rental cars available. We recommend that you reserve a car for travel between the airport and Tahlequah, as well as travel between the hotel and the conference center (~ 2 miles distance), and the tour of the Cherokee site.

### Lodging

A room block has been set aside at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tahlequah. The link to the NLCC block is [NLCC 2020](#). We received the government rate of \$96.00 (tax not included in rate) per night. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The **closing date is March 17, 2020**. If you have already made your reservations, let Maria know the names of the people staying and she'll have them moved to our room block.



## Venue

The convening will take place at the Cherokee Casino – Chota Event Center, less than 5 minutes from the hotel and ~ 2 miles away. One-on-one meetings will be located in the event center as well.

## Event Registration

We set up a registration page so we can easily print up name tags and total counts for materials, etc. Please have everyone in your group register at this link:

<https://ananlcc.org/tahlequah-ok-semi-annual-meeting/>. This is for information only and there is no cost to register.

Please register by **March 17, 2020**, 3:00 p.m. PT.

## Poster Session

A poster session will be held for participants to visually display individual grantee data and evaluation of project progress and projects from their communities, as continued from the Kodiak convening.

## Inspirational Moment

During the convening, the grantees are asked to provide an inspirational moment for 15 minutes. We all have experiences that motivate us to continue the work we do in language and culture. The inspirational moment can be a story, a song, a realization, a dance, etc. that is shared out with the cohort to share our own inspiration to inspire others.

## Curriculum Share-out

Time will be allotted during the convening to share out on curriculum that has been developed by each project. This time will allow for grantees to discuss curriculum guidelines, benchmarks, and other established protocols, procedures, etc. in regard to curriculum development. In addition, this time will allow for peer-to-peer Q&A, discussion. Please come prepared to share and discuss your curriculum.