Diné College's Early Childhood Program presents

Connecting Classrooms and Community:

Early Childhood Education through Diné Elder Perspectives

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We invite you to participate in this free 4-part workshop series connecting cultural Diné traditions with early childhood development. Whether you are a parent, teacher, community advocate, or an early childhood education student, this series offers valuable insights for everyone.

Topics Introduced

A Diné Cultural Framework utilizing traditional stories for teaching Early Childhood Education

Session Dates & Topics

Sessions will be in person & Zoom

November 24, 2026
NHC Room 101, Tsaile Campus
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Session I: Rooted in K'e: Introducing Origin of Diné clanship and Identity in Early Childhood

This Presentation will explore the role of Diné (Navajo) kinship and clanship system (k'é) within the concept of Early Childhood Education. Attendees will be introduced to the Sha'Bike'ehogo (clockwise) paradigm teaching used by the Diné spiritual leaders. Attendees, in groups will use the procedures to use their own clans and construct a working model that can be applied as a clan teaching model.

December 2, 2026
NHC Room 101, Tsaile Campus
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Session II: Early childhood Education Teacher Led-Activities Utilizing Diné Songs and Poems

Through this presentation attendees will be taught that they can develop their own teaching materials for use in the classrooms or at home. They will know how to use western poems and make them culturally relevant and apply them to Diné way of life. They will explore ideas from Diné recording artist's work to obtain ideas. There will be samples to develop songs, poems, and limericks for ideas.

December 9, 2026
NHC Room 101, Tsaile Campus
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Session III: Utilizing Diné Storytelling to Teach Respect for Proper Behavior for Early Childhood Education Students

Children's stories used by elders and adults will be presented to the attendees and the rationale of as to why it may be used to teach proper behavior and respect. Stories will touch upon such present-day issues as bullying and getting into physical altercations and its possible ramifications.

January 13, 2027
NHC Room 101, Tsaile Campus
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Session IV: The raising of children in Diné Ways: Diné Perspective of Child Development in Navajo

Educators and community members will know the knowledge given to young adults prior to marriage so as to know about child development from a Diné perspective and how to raise children to become highly capable adults. The scope of the teaching will be from conception through birth and beyond.



Dr. Herman Cody

Dr. Herman Cody is a retired educator who has been faculty at Northland Pioneer College, University of Arizona and Diné College. Before that, he taught in K-8 schools as teacher and an administrator. Dr. Cody is known for inclusion of Navajo cultural studies into state mandated education standards. He was born and raised in the Leupp area of the Navajo Nation and currently resides in Steamboat, Arizona. He continues to provide professional development for K–8 educators and deliver motivational presentations for Native American college students at institutions such as Northern Arizona University and Stanford University.

ZOOM LINK:
https://dinecollege.zoom.us/j/93951445049?pwd=wVoziLX1XD6HwPLIdtMcnmpuRBRZIM.1

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