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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Foundation Invites Language Learners, Teachers to Training**

*Where Are Your Keys Workshops to be held in Fairbanks, Tanana & Tok*

*Fairbanks, Alaska* – Individuals interested in learning or teaching Native languages are invited to attend one of three upcoming language trainings using the Where Are Your Keys (WAYK) method, an accelerated language learning and teaching system. The trainings, facilitated by WAYK developer Evan Gardner, will be held in:

- Tanana: October 27 – 31
- Tok: November 3 – 5
- Fairbanks: November 14 – 16

The Tanana and Tok training will focus on the process of creating a community of language teaching and learning experts. This training will provide community leaders with specific tools for beginning community language nights, developing language curriculum, and creating language teachers. The training is highly interactive and includes the use of sign language. Participants should come willing to be expressive in learning and using the method.

The Fairbanks training will provide a WAYK introduction and review with an additional focus on maintaining language nights and creating a learning pathway based on available language resources. College-age students as well as elders are encouraged to attend.

The Fairbanks training is offered at no cost to eligible individuals, and those interested are required to apply and be accepted to attend. Travel assistance is also available to eligible applicants. The training and travel assistance application for the Fairbanks training is now available on the Foundation website, [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com). The deadline to apply for the Fairbanks training is Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

The Tanana and Tok trainings are offered in partnership with Tanana Tribal Council and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Tok Center. Individuals interested in attending the Tanana training should contact Shannon Erhart with Tanana Tribal Council at [serhart@tananatribe.org](mailto:serhart@tananatribe.org) or 907.366.7160. Those interested in the Tok training should contact Crystal Wilson at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Tok Center at [cdwilson@alaska.edu](mailto:cdwilson@alaska.edu) or 1.800.478.2773.

For more information on Doyon Foundation's language revitalization program or the Fairbanks Where Are Your Keys training, contact Malinda Chase, Doyon Foundation language revitalization program director, at [chasem@doyon.com](mailto:chasem@doyon.com), 1.888.478.4755 or 907.459.2162.

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