



FIRST NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

*A conversation on
Native food
sovereignty.*

Monday November 24, 2025

CRADLED BY CARE, FED BY TRADITION



Agenda

- i. Welcome by Anaya Echo-Hawk
- ii. Intro to the NAFSI program by A-dae Briones
- iii. Panel Discussion by A-dae Briones, Shawna Whaley, Amanda Singer, and Zintkalamahpiyawin (Skybird Woman) Blackowl
- iv. Ways to Action by Anaya Echo-Hawk



Questions can be directed to the chat throughout the webinar



The webinar is being recorded and will last one hour



Native Agriculture and Food Systems Investments

Strategic Focus Areas:



Native Food Sovereignty



Native Food Security



Native Food Economies



Native Food Networks



The Chippewa Creek Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana in Box Elder, MT (Photo taken by Jason Belcourt)



Cherishing Native Foodways: Cradled by Care, Fed by Tradition



First Foods and Maternal Health Project

Lifting barriers and supporting first foods is key to strengthening Native food systems



Cradled by Care: Fed by Tradition

Our foodway keepers



**SHAWNA
WHALEY**

Suqpiaq



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SINGER**

Navajo



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Sicangu Lakota



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Know the People Behind the Plate



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Connecting with the Land and One Another in Albuquerque

New Mexico is known as the **Land of Enchantment**, providing a natural setting for inspiration and creativity. Taking advantage of **First Nations'** presence in Albuquerque, we welcomed our **First Nations** staff in **Colorado, California, and throughout the country** to experience the beauty and history of the area **at** our semi-annual staff meeting. We convened for three days of program planning and resource development, **reaffirming our commitment** to our mission and Indian Country, in an enchanting setting that **inspires strength and renewal**.



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Gather Film Stars: Chef Nephi Craig (White Mountain Apache) and Twila Cassadore (San Carlos Apache)

Participate in Donor Events

Support NAFSI Scholarships

Backing Native-led community initiatives



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IMPACT OF NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS INVESTMENTS IN 2024

30

Grants awarded

61

Community of Practice participants

25

Scholarships awarded

19

Technical assistance events and trainings

1,139

People reached through programs and outreach

\$1M+

Distributed to tribes and Native nonprofits

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THANK YOU

Please take a moment to
fill out our survey.

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