



**The Need for Culturally Specific
Early Learning Curriculum:
Supporting Aboriginal
Early Learners**

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A history of Eurocentric education
and assessment methods

Curriculum that supports Aboriginal children in both
the Dominant and their own cultural context



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JK Two Young Men, Stoney Nakoda First Nation
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Heritage language as
transmitter of culture



World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (2002), Montevideo
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Culturally-based Indigenous Pedagogy and Epistemology



Stoney Nakoda Youth Advisory Council (2011)
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Local, community-developed curriculum and administration

Conclusions

- Curriculum that supports success in all contexts
- Heritage language instruction and support
- Culturally-based Indigenous pedagogy and epistemology
- Local, community-driven curriculum development and management

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