

This is Who We Are - Janelle Williams - OSEU 2

This is our way of life. This is who we are. The language, the culture...it's not a religion. It's something we live every day. It is value. It starts in the home. My grandmother went to boarding school. My grandmother didn't want that for her children, what she went through. I feel they just never taught...so it just got lost along the way. It just wasn't taught. She was probably under the assumption that they were going to come and take them. She didn't want them to be treated the way she was. And so, she just never taught them. My grandmother remembered, so it just wasn't passed on. I know when I was born, my grandmother knew the language, but she didn't speak. We did go to sun dance and ceremony and to powwows, but we just didn't speak. I don't want to be the generation where it's lost.