



Understanding culture as key to bringing  
about trust for education with families and  
community sustainability

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# Real time, real place experience





# Taking time to listen and learn



# Meeting people where they are





# Children—everyone's future



# Traditions blessed with new opportunities...



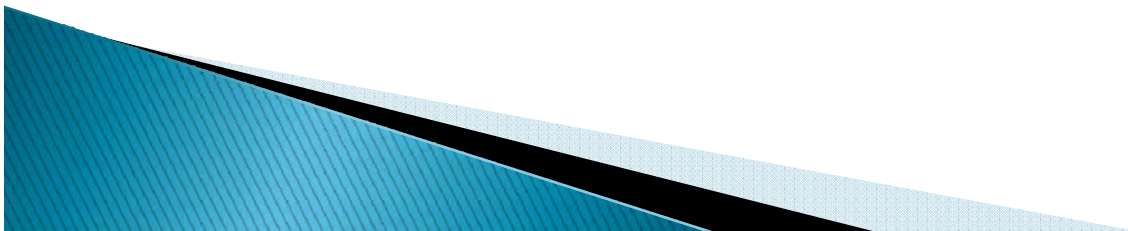


# Celebration of communities...



# “Mitakuye Oyasin”—We are all related....

- ▶ Welcoming, sincere people
- ▶ Experiencing poverty in actual settings
- ▶ Poverty looks the same in all cultures
- ▶ Interaction with individuals in another nation in their actual life settings, economic status, traditions, food, social settings
- ▶ Struggle for sustainability of community—factors that affect
- ▶ Human needs are the same in any culture





- ▶ Positive hopes for the future
- ▶ Out migration similarities
- ▶ Lessons learned in intergenerational families
- ▶ No matter how poor the villagers were, they shared their very best with us
- ▶ Mexican good-bys are hard...it was hard to leave our new friends...reminded me of Sioux Indian phrase Mitakuye Oyasin: “We are all related”

