

# Chukchansi Yokuts Revitalization Project

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The Chukchansi Yokuts Revitalization Project is a nonprofit, cooperative endeavor between members of the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians and the Department of Linguistics at Fresno State. Its goal is to enhance the revitalization of Chukchansi Yokuts, from preschool to adult education, and to document the structure of the language from sounds to sentences. Tribal members include:

- Kathleen Kabbani TDP Coordinator, Chukchansi Career Development Center
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*Working with the tribe are a number of students and faculty from Fresno State, including:*

- Niken Adisasmito-Smith Department of Linguistics
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Our plan over the next few years covers language planning, language documentation, and language revitalization.