



# Teacher PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Online Sovereignty Content Intensive

**Instructor of Record:** Heather Bender, Native Education Outreach Specialist, Buffalo Bill Center of the West

**Delivery:** Live Interactive Zoom Sessions, Canvas Course Shell

**Audience:** All Wyoming Educators

**Length:** 7 hours = .5 Wyoming PTSB credit or 7 Montana OPI Renewal Units  
Broken into Three, 2-hour and 20-minute modules over the course of one week.

**Cost:** \$25 registration fee. Participants will receive \$25 worth of resource materials upon completion of the course.

**How to Enroll:** Register here: <https://tickets.centerofthewest.org/Selection.aspx?item=387&sch=140327>

**Resources:** Access to Buffalo Bill Center of the West curated resource materials, access to Historians, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, Museum Curators, and Museum Educators.

**Objectives:** Participants will be able to

- Collaborate with museum educators, curators, historians, and Indigenous knowledge keepers to identify content resources that addresses sovereignty and forms of tribal government.
- Engage in culturally responsive pedagogical practices.
- Analyze content resources and identify ways to incorporate them into inquiry-based lesson plans.
- Develop a professional learning community (PLC) for Indian Education for All instruction.

**Output:** Indian Education for All resources available for use in the classroom.

**Topic: Sovereignty and Tribal Government**

**2/10/26, 4–6:30 PM:** Cultural Competency  
Treaties and Reservation Era

**2/11/26, 4–6:30 PM:** IRA and Non-IRA Tribal Governments  
Intersections with Federal, State, and Local Governments

**2/12/26, 4–6:30 PM:** Court Cases and Tribal Law  
Contemporary Issues

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