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Bio

Ryan Wilson is the President of the National Alliance to Save Native Languages. Ryan is a member of the Oglala band of the Tituwan Oceti Sakowin, and is from the Wilson Tiospaye. Ryan is a national leader in the fields of youth advocacy and language revitalization, and he chaired Indian Country's oldest and largest Native youth organization, the Northwest Indian Youth Conference, for many years. He is also a recognized leader in the Native American Boys and Girls Clubs movement. Whether as a court advocate, drug and alcohol counselor, cultural director, GED instructor, or executive director of Indian Boys and Girls Clubs Ryan has devoted his entire professional career to the advancement and development of Indian youth. Ryan is a current board member of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and has also previously served as NIEA's president and its vice-president.