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Bio

Jamie Valadez, an Elwha Klallam Tribal Member from Port Angeles, Washington. She has been teaching Klallam Language since 1999 and Native American Studies since 2005 at Port Angeles High School. She provides Cultural awareness training for educational communities, outdoor education programs through the Nature Bridge (a cultural and natural resource program); Jamie enjoys storytelling, basket weaving and cradleboard making workshops for tribal programs. Jamie's formal education includes: Peninsula College – Associate of Arts; The Evergreen State College and University of Puget Sound – Bachelor of Arts and teaching certificate with grade 8 – 12 endorsements in Social Studies and Klallam Language; Pacific Lutheran University to complete ProCert. Jamie is most proud of the 20 years spent working with tribal elders of the Klallam Tribe learning the Klallam Language, Culture and History. Since 1991 Jamie has worked with the Klallam Language Program, on preservation, revitalization and expansion of the Klallam Language. This has led to several publications including a Klallam Dictionary, Klallam Grammar and stories. Jamie has also made contributions to Inter-tribal publications such as 'Native Peoples: Who We Are' and 'From the hands of a weaver'.