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Paula Seanez, Ph.D., is the Director of the Growing in Beauty Home Visiting program within the Navajo Nation's Department of Diné Education, based in Window Rock, Arizona. A member of the Navajo (Diné) Nation, Dr. Seanez has dedicated her career to the fields of special education, early intervention, and early childhood services. Throughout her career, Dr. Seanez has provided vital leadership in developing and implementing comprehensive home visiting services across the Navajo Nation. These programs are strategically designed to support families and their children from prenatally until their entry into kindergarten. A staunch advocate for indigenous early childhood development, she deeply believes in the power of home visiting to deliver culturally relevant services tailored to the unique needs of each tribal community. Under her guidance, these programs focus on strengthening tribal capacity, improving maternal and child health outcomes, and expanding the integration of evidence-based practices rooted in community values.

Her clans are Kinłichii'nii and Tó'aheedlini, Honághaahnii, (maternal grandfather) and Ashihi. (paternal grandfather). She holds a Ph.D. in Justice Studies from the Arizona State University. Her bachelor and Master's degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling are from the University of Arizona and University of New Mexico, respectively.