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Vision Statement:

Dare to dream big. This is not the place to be practical, dream huge. What does your vision of language use/learning entail?

Example: Ojibwemowin is commonly used at home and in the community. We are able to speak Ojibwe everywhere we go. Ojibwemowin is heard on the radio and on tv. Our family uses Ojibwemowin throughout the day. Our family is creating a new generation of Ojibwe speakers who are confident in their cultural knowledge and identity. We are building a community of active Ojibwe language revitalizers and language learners to support the next generation of speakers.

Describe where you are now in achieving your vision:

This is the space where we are realistic. Describe the reality of language learning/use.

Example: I know my grandparents spoke Ojibwe and I heard some words and phrases when I was growing up. I learned some words and phrases in school but I don't use it actively or often with my children. I have heard of some resources in the community but I don't really know anyone who is actively working on language and I'm unsure of how to access resources.

Describe where you would like to be (goal):

We dream BIG for vision, but for your goals identify *small, concrete, achievable steps* toward your vision.

Examples:

- 1) Ojibwemowin is used daily in my household in my community.
- 2) I hear and speak Ojibwe every day.
- 3) I learn new phrases each week.
- 4) My children are learning Ojibwe with me.

What strategies will you use to achieve your goal?

Here is where you identify the HOW. How will you achieve your goals?



Examples:

- 1) I will identify 5-10 phrases I already know in Ojibwemowin, such as Miigwech and use them in place of English with my children and in my community.
- 2) We will learn songs and play games in Ojibwemowin.
- 3) I will build up my vocabulary by identifying things I say to my children every day and learn how to say these in Ojibwemowin by using the Ojibwe dictionary and resources provided in the family language kit.
- 4) I will set an ongoing weekly/monthly goal to incorporate specific new words and phrases into our home lives.
- 5) I will post reminder signs throughout my home until I use these words naturally.
- 6) I will target specific times of the day for vocabulary growth, such as meal times, to help build up the Ojibwe habit for my family.
- 7) We will speak Ojibwe to community members.
- 8) We will attend events where Ojibwemowin is being spoken as often as possible.

What possible barriers/obstacles might you face in achieving your goal?

Example: I might forget. I might feel silly. I might not say the words right.

How will you prepare for these obstacles?

It's important to prepare for obstacles that might prevent us from reaching our goals.

Example: I will add an alarm to my phone to remind me to use Ojibwemowin. I will post inspirational quotes around my house to help remind me the importance of our language. I will sing songs and play games with my children to make it fun. I will remind myself that it's okay to feel silly. I will use resources such as the online dictionary to help with pronunciation. I will value what language I know and learn more. I will recognize that we cannot rely on anyone else to keep our language heard for the next generation; we all must do our part.

Celebrate Success: Take time to acknowledge successes. What have you already achieved toward your vision?

Example: My children already know so much Ojibwe. They use Miigwech and boogid. I already know some friends who are working on Ojibwe. I have the dictionary bookmarked on my phone. I have a list of resources I'm going to use.