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Main questions:

- What is community-based language planning?
- Why is community-based language planning important?
- Who does language planning?
- What steps can communities carry out to develop a language revitalization plan?
- What things make up a successful community-based language plan?

Some background ideas:

- At some point in time communities need to go through their own language planning process to develop successful language revitalization programs.
- At the same time a community may carry out various language projects before they develop a plan. This experience often helps give people the knowledge they need to develop a useful community-based plan.

Main comments and conclusions:

- Community-based language planning is an open-ended, circular process. During the process people decide what to do and how to do it; they carry out the plan and evaluate what happened; they decide what to do next.



