Aanaar Saami is a small Indigenous language in Finland (around 350 speakers) which was earlier considered seriously endangered. During recent decades it has gone through a powerful cultural revitalization process, as a program has been launched to revitalize the Aanaar Saami language by "recreating the lost generation of speakers" through the empowerment of the "missing generations" of speakers. The project introduced a research-based model for language revitalization among a critical age group – professional adults – who could, once they learn the language, teach or raise children in the endangered language. In this paper, the author offers a new language revitalization method that can be used with Indigenous and minority languages, especially in cases where the Native language has been lost among people of working age. The author provides practical examples as well as a theoretical frame of reference for how to plan, organize and implement an intensive language program for adults who already have professional training.

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