10 Ideas on How to Teach the Karuk Language to Your Children at Home
(if you're not a fluent speaker)

1. Listen to Karuk audio or video recordings a LOT. Even if you don't know what is being said. Listening to how the language sounds, the inflections, the pronunciations, etc. will help you immensely. Listen while driving, while doing chores, while your kids are playing, and let them listen too – even if just in the background while they are doing other things like drawing or coloring.

2. Use 3 x 5 cards or strips of paper to write Karuk phrases and post around the house to identify items.

3. Avoid using single words. Try out using easy phrases like "This is a _____" (Páy uum pa _____).

4. Learn or post around the house easy phrases related to everyday tasks such as getting ready for school or going to bed. For phrases to use, go to the website https://www.karuklanguageresources.org > Resources > Teaching and Learning Resources by Topic > Everyday Phrases & for School to find useful phrases. Be sure to act them out or show what you mean *without resorting to English* if possible

5. Use the phrases all the time, whenever engaging in the activity the phrases relate to. Post phrases for getting ready for bed on the bathroom mirror, for instance, and tell your children in Karuk to brush their teeth, wash their face, etc.

6. Once you are confident in using certain phrases, *always use them to replace English* and then add more Karuk phrases to your routines.

7. Make a shopping list using Karuk language names for items to buy, and when you shop with your child(ren), have them help you look for the items by using the Karuk language, such as the phrases, "Where is a _____?" (Hôoy pa _____?) "Here it is! (Payook uum!)

8. Use Karuk reminders and commands (aka "imperatives") and show your children what you mean. "Put it [your things] away!" (Píshunwi!); "Close the door." (ipchivchaaki**)**. Then once you have them down, ONLY use the commands in Karuk. Add more Karuk commands as you progress.

9. Learn and use children's songs from the website https://www.karuklanguageresources.org > Resources > Teaching and Learning Resources by Topic > Song Translations. Songs are a great way to learn and embed language, and songs like "Pa Hôoy Pákuri" (The Where Song) and "Pa Ikyav Pákuri" (Put it Away Song) are songs that contain phrases that con be spoken daily.

10. Contact Sarah Supahan at ssupahan@mac.com or through the website if you need more ideas, need to know how to pronounce phrases, or need different language phrases to use and can't find them on the website!