



## **New Investigator Projects**

**Spring 2015**

### **Hopi Disability Conference**

By Darold Joseph



*From Left to Right: Madeline, Aaron, Kellen, Desiree, Kwaayesnom, Shawn, Bucky, and Darold.*

Hi, My name is Darold H. Joseph, I am Coyote Clan from the Hopi Village of Moenkopi. My project has given me the opportunity to have witnessed the ability of people with disabilities to practice resilience. In March 2015, I facilitated a digital story training workshop in collaboration with the Hopi Health and Human Services Department and the Office of Hopi Special Needs. The purpose of this workshop was to support individuals with disabilities create and tell their stories of resilience. The following are the personal stories of resilience of four amazing individuals with disabilities and their families who at times have struggled but found the resilience to continue on. Our hope is that their stories will speak to a broad audience to educate our society about the assets these individuals possess that included the intersection of culture, community, education, disability, and identity.



*Left to Right: Aaron Preston, Bucky Preston, and Darold Joseph planning their story.*

*Madeline Sahneyah sharing her daughter Ivy's story of what it's like to grow up deaf in a hearing world.*

