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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Native American Workshop for Children

Authors **Yvonne Wakim-Dennis** and **Arlene Hirschfelder** will give a workshop geared towards grade and middle school students on Native American Cultures of Today. The hands-on workshop will explore various Native American cultures including the Native Hawaiians, Yupiks and urban Indian people. Using materials from their highly acclaimed book and Educators Resource Guide, *Children of Native America Today*, they hope to promote intercultural awareness and understanding.

Ms. Wakim-Dennis, a Pike County resident, has worked within Indian education and community service for over twenty-five years. Besides being a writer and curriculum consultant, she is also the coordinator of Nitchen, Inc, a New York City wellness program for American Indian families. Arlene Hirschfelder, author of award-winning nonfiction books, articles and curriculum, also worked for the Association on American Indian Affairs for over twenty years. Wakim-Dennis and Hirschfelder have collaborated on several books and projects and are currently at work on a children's book highlighting diversity in fifty one American cities.

The workshop will be held on January 11, 2004 at 12:30pm in the Dingman Township Branch of Pike County Public Library which is co-sponsoring the workshop. The workshop is also co-sponsored by the Tri-State Unity Coalition as part of their diversity education program partially funded by a grant from the Pike United Way. Space is limited and those interested must reserve a seat by contacting the library at (570) 686-7045.

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Creating a Moral Barrier to Hate  
Enhancing Community Harmony**