



From Vision to Vault

Lessons In Launching Native Credit Unions

Real stories. Early lessons. What we wish we'd known.



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Credit
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Coalition



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Why and How Our Credit Unions Started

Leilani

- Origins and building from the ground up

Shayna

- Launching a credit union on the Pine Ridge Reservation

Maria

- Mentorships and support





Early Steps and Commitments

- Leilani
 - Moving from idea to charter
- Shayna
 - Early operations
- Maria
 - Early-stage development and partnerships





Early Stage Challenges, Surprises, & Wins

- Shayna

- Lakota FCU experiences

Leilani

- Otoe-Missouria FCU experiences

Maria

- Morning Star FCU and Clearwater CU experiences





Q & A and Final Reflections



Audience Q & A

- Share your questions for our panelists

Final Reflections from our panelists

- Maria
- Shayna
- Leilani





Thank You

It has been our pleasure to visit with you today. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions. We also invite you to join the NACUC. Use the QR code to become a member.

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