

## AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION CENTER

### Robert Roche

1971-1974	Youth Worker
1974-1976	Cleveland American Indian Center Youth Director
1976-1981	Cleveland American Indian Center Paralegal
1978-1980	C.E.T.A. Executive Director Comprehensive Education Training Act, Department of Labor Eleven Northern Ohio Counties, Including Cuyahoga
1969-1991	Self-Employed, Owned & Operated Five Stores with thirty-five employees
1971	City of Cleveland Minority Business Man of the Year
1986 – Present	Self- Employed

### Community Service, Programs & Talks

1974-1982	Matt Talbot Board Member Non-Chemical Alcoholic Residential Treatment Halfway House
1974-Present	City of Cleveland Juvenile Court Division (Public Defender) Working with Indigenous Youth in the system
1991-1992	Lake Erie Native American Council Acting Chairperson
1992 – Present	<b>Activist - Chief Wahoo</b>
Oct. – April 1992	Lake Erie Native American Council Board – Chairperson
1992 – Present	<b>Executive Director – American Indian Education Center</b>
1993-1995	Esteem, Board Member for the Homeless
Jan. 1994 – Present	<b>Appointed Executive Director by Russel Means- Cleveland American Indian Movement, Cleveland, Ohio</b>

1994 – 1995	Chairperson of Native American Needs Assessment Task Force for Cuyahoga Community College – Metro and Western Campuses
May 4, 1995	<b>American Indian Movement ,Robert Roche and the United Church of Christ Successfully filed a Civil Rights Lawsuit against Gateway</b>
June 6, 1999	<b>Filed Civil Rights Action Against Cleveland Indian/Gateway Corporation</b>
	Lorain County Children Services
	Grafton Correctional Institution – talks for inmates & working with the Indigenous in the system
	WERE Radio call in Talk Show 1 hour Interview with Stanley Tolliver
	TV- 5 Morning Exchange – Interview for the Native American Community
	Live 2 hour Interview on WJMO Radio
<b>1994-2004</b>	<b>Coordinator for fund raising PowWow</b>
<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>Project Director of Red Spirit Circle (Alcohol Awareness )</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>Received NASA award Native American Advisory Council</b>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Host 1300 AM Radio Show “Smoke Signal”</b>
<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>Editor And Publisher of “Smoke Signal” newspaper Host of Channel 21 Native American Cable T.V show</b>
<b>2003-2006</b>	<b>Project Director of a Tobacco Grant Prevention and Cessation</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Teaching Native American History “American Indian Movement” Oberlin College</b>
<b>Present</b>	<b>City Year Cleveland Panel Discussions</b>

Member of the FBI Hate Crime Taskforce

Earth Day Coalition – Earthfest – Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Organize & Coordinate the Annual Powwow & Christmas Party  
for the American Indian Education Center

Annual Festival held at Aurora High School yearly in September

Chase Manufacturing Housing –A Division of Chase Manhattan  
Co-sponsored by Department of Defense, Department of Defense  
Financing &Accounting Services, United States Coast Guard

Department of Navy Educational Workshops

United States Postal Service Educational Workshops

Beck Center for Arts

Cleveland Metroparks Systems

Member of the Bi-Centennial Commission

Board Member of the Multi-Cultural Training Institute

Member of the Cleveland Round Table

Advisory Board Member of the Natural History Museum

Board Member of the International Community Council

Board Member of the Fannie May oversight committee

### **Lectures**

Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus “Relocated Native  
Americans”And “Chief Wahoo: A Picture of Racism”

John Carroll University “Urban Indians” and “Chief Wahoo:  
Cleveland the All-American City”

Cleveland State University “ Chief Wahoo: Why Don’t They Ask Us  
How We Feel?”

Bedford School System (3 schools) “Is Chief Wahoo Really an  
Indian”

Live Talk Show in Edinboro, PA on August 28, 1995 “The In

Invisible People”

Chief Wahoo: Exploitation of Native Americans”

John Carroll University – Wahoo Issue

1994-1995

Ireland – Invited to Speak on a Lecture Tour in Northern Six Counties on Native American Indian History and Their Struggles, and the American Indian Movement. Participated on Radio Talk Show.

Feb. 15– 25, 1996

Ireland – Returned to Ireland, in Northern Six Counties, spoke about Native American Culture, History and other Issues.

Cleveland City Club speaking engagements

Cleveland Community Relations Board Speakers’ Bureau

Interview by the Plain Dealer for the American Indian Movement

Lakeland Community College – “Negative Images”

Cuyahoga Community College- Metro Campus “Genocide”

Rotary Club of Cleveland

Daughters of The American Revolution

City of Mayfield Women’s Club

Cleveland International Program 2002 Cultural and Educational Series

Cuyahoga County Public Libraries