



State & Tribe Sign Tribal Title IV-E Maintenance Agreement

For the first time in its history, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) has accepted transfer of jurisdiction of cases from the State of Alaska. In a ceremony held March 2, 2016 in Juneau, Alaska, President Richard Peterson and State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Valerie Davidson signed a Tribal Title IV-E Maintenance Agreement which will allow the Tribe to receive federal Title IV-E funds to provide an array of services through its Child Welfare program and Tribal Court, including extensive case management, foster home licensing, and financial support to tribal foster homes.



DHSS Commissioner Davidson and President Peterson

Recent statistics show 55% of children in state custody are Alaska Native or American Indian. In Southeast, that percentage increases to 66% with Juneau's disproportionality rate at 64.5%.

"Reducing the number of tribal children in State custody is crucial to the Tribe and its citizens," said President Peterson. "Placing our children in culturally appropriate homes helps to ensure they will grow up with a sense of belonging to their community and develop an identity nurtured by our Tlingit and Haida traditions."

This agreement between the State of Alaska and the Tribe supports and recognizes the ability of Central Council to provide services to its tribal citizens, increasing the likelihood that tribal foster children will be able to stay in their communities with relatives, their culture, and traditions.

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Support the Tribe with AmazonSmile & Fred Meyer Community Rewards

By using AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer's Community Rewards program you can support the following programs and services:

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Elderly Emergency Assistance: Provides emergency financial assistance to tribal citizens 65 years of age and older who have urgent personal needs due to disastrous events such as fire, death, and illness.

Head Start: Promotes school readiness of children ages 3-5 from low-income families by enhancing cognitive, social, and emotional development.



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Every year Fred Meyer donates \$2.5 million to local schools, community organizations, and non-profits. Just link your rewards card to Central Council's non-profit number (91386) and use it when you shop at Fred Meyer.



Andrew Hope Building Exterior Renovations

Exterior renovations to the Andrew Hope Building located in downtown Juneau are nearly complete. The previous wood siding was original (1984) and had surpassed its useful life. Although replacing the siding was necessary to extend the life of the building, it also presented the opportunity to infuse tribal elements into the design that reflect our heritage and remind the public of our roots in the Juneau Indian Village.

A majority of the siding is painted, 20 gauge steel, interlocking panels which require very little maintenance. Wood-tone panels made of a phenolic core product were printed with abstract portions of Central Council's logo and face the Willoughby Avenue street front.

"The renovation adds a lot of curb appeal to the Willoughby District and I have no doubt it will be an attraction for the Juneau community and tourists," said President Peterson.

Renovations are expected to be completed in early April. Central Council would like to recognize our Property Management staff Elias Duran and Edwin Chappell for overseeing the work on this project.



Support the 20th Annual Spring King Salmon Derby

Submitted By: Higher Education

The 20th Annual Spring King Salmon Derby is just around the corner! Every year we receive a tremendous level of support through sponsorships and donations. We are once again looking to our community to help support this wonderful family event. You can contribute to the derby by becoming a sponsor, making a monetary donation, or donating a service/merchandise to go towards our derby prizes.



The derby is Central Council's largest fundraiser effort and supports the Alumni Scholarship Assistance program which provides annual scholarship awards to all Tlingit & Haida tribally enrolled citizens attending a degree-seeking program. Last year's derby raised \$30,800 in scholarships which was distributed to 88 tribal citizen students!

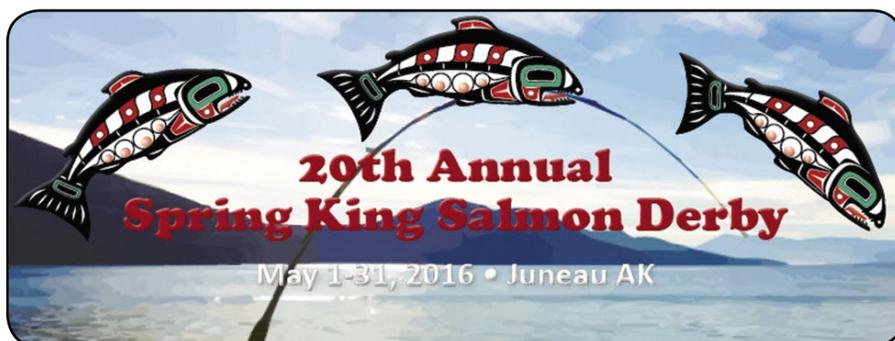
Sponsorship Levels:

- Killerwhale \$1000+
- King Salmon \$500-\$999
- Sockeye \$100-\$499
- Coho \$50-\$99
- Dog Salmon \$20-49
- Humpy \$1-\$19

The derby runs the whole month of May. Derby tickets will be available for purchase for \$35 starting Friday, April 29, 2016 at Western Auto Marine, De Hart's Auke Bay Store, and Harri Plumbing & Heating, Inc. If you want the early bird price of \$30, make sure you stop by Western Auto Marine on April 29th! Please remember, you don't need to fish to win – just buy a ticket and you'll be entered into our weekly drawing for a chance to win!

If you'd like to support our derby, please contact Derby Coordinator Leslie Isturis at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7133, 907.463.7133, or listuris@ccthita.org.

For more information on the derby, visit: www.springkingderby.org or follow us on our Facebook Event page: www.facebook.com/cccthita.



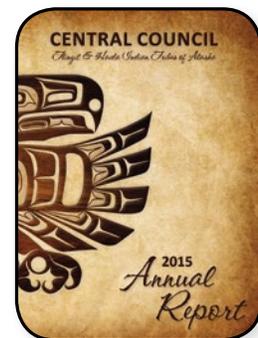
“Like” Us on Facebook!

We have grown to over 4,950 “Likes” on our Facebook page. Our goal is to communicate relevant information to our tribal citizens on Central Council's programs, services, and activities. Our Facebook page is proving to be a valuable tool and we want to make sure it remains active. Help us reach our tribal citizens and don't forget to “Like” our Facebook page and “Share” our posts!



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2015 Annual Report Published



Central Council is pleased to announce the 2015 Annual Report is now available online at www.ccthita.org/services/overview/documents.

In the spirit of our mission, Central Council's administrative team and staff are proud of the services we provide and are honored to serve our tribal citizens!

Apply Now for Head Start 2016-2017 School Year



Head Start

Tlingit & Haida Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year! Head Start promotes school readiness and provides educational activities that support cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Who is Eligible?

Children between 3-5 years of age. (must be 3 years old by September 1, 2016).

Communities Served

- Angoon
- Petersburg
- Craig
- Saxman
- Hoonah
- Sitka
- Juneau
- Wrangell
- Klawock
- Yakutat

Program Offers

- Nutritious Breakfast & Lunch
- Well Equipped Classrooms
- Services to Meet Special Needs
- Parental Involvement
- Family Support
- School Bus Transportation (Except in Angoon, Hoonah & Yakutat)

For more information, contact:
Tlingit & Haida Head Start at
1.800.344.1432, ext. 7127 or
907.463.7127.

Alaska Supreme Court Affirms Tribal Child Support Case

Submitted By: Tribal Child Support Unit

On March 25, 2016, the Alaska Supreme Court issued a decision recognizing the authority of Central Council's Tribal Court to issue child support orders. In *State of Alaska v. Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*, the Court affirmed Juneau Superior Court Judge Philip Pallenberg's ruling in October 2011 that Alaska tribes have inherent authority to "regulate domestic relation among members," specifically in child support cases.

The Alaska Supreme Court's decision maintains the status quo that has been in place for several years that tribal child support orders are to be accorded the same recognition and services as support orders issued by other states. "This is a very important court ruling for not only our children and families, but for tribal sovereignty," said President Peterson. "The Tribe and the State's Child Support Services Division have developed a successful working relationship and we will continue to work in a spirit of cooperation to ensure our children receive the support they need."

Central Council filed a lawsuit in January 2010 against the State of Alaska in Juneau Superior Court. At the time, the State's Child Support Services Division (CSSD) was not recognizing the tribal court support orders or providing interstate support services for cases with tribal court support orders. Subsequently, Central Council felt it had no choice but to seek relief on behalf of its tribal citizens who were being negatively impacted by the lack of interagency cooperation.

Following the Juneau Superior Court ruling, both Central Council and CSSD have been working closely to ensure tribal children receive the financial support of their non-custodial parents, which Judge Pallenberg noted in his ruling "may be the same thing as ensuring that those children are fed, clothed and sheltered."

Child support services are vital to the health and well-being of our children, families, and communities. Greater state-tribal cooperation is not only necessary to meet the needs of our tribal citizens, it is becoming increasingly important to address Alaska's economic crisis. The full text of the opinion can be read at www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/webdocs/opinions/ops/sp-7093.pdf.



Jessie Archibald & William Martin Join Central Council's Management Team

Submitted By: Office of the President

Central Council is pleased to welcome Jessie Archibald and William Martin to its management team. Jessie serves as the Tribal Child Support Unit (TCSU) Manager and William Martin serves as the 477 Director.



Jessie Archibald

Prior to her return, Jessie served eight years as the Tribe's child support attorney. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Tribe's TCSU and Tribal Court and in 2012 was awarded the Doloresa Cadiente Hardin Tribal Justice Award by Central Council's Judiciary Committee for her contributions to advancing tribal sovereignty.

Jessie holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Northern Colorado and Juris Doctor from the University of Puget Sound School of Law. She has practiced law in the state of Washington and Alaska.

Jessie was born and raised in the community of Wrangell, Alaska. Her father, Lloyd Rinehart, was a longshoreman and mother, Pauline Rinehart, was a homemaker and an artist. Her maternal side of the family is *Kaagwaantaan* from the *Jilkoot Kwáan Xóots Hít* (Brown Bear House) of Klukwan. She is married to Guy Archibald and together they have three adult children – Anita, Dana, and Jamie.

As the Tribe's new 477 Director, William is responsible for the overall operation and management of the Tribe's 477 departments which include Child Care, Employment & Training, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR).

William holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies from the East Coast Bible College in Charlotte, North Carolina. He brings over 13 years of experience in public assistance service which includes work for the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency - a consortium of five tribes, Skokomish Tribal Nation and State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.



William Martin

William's Tlingit name is *Keegan*. He is the son of Juneau Delegate Harold Martin and Alaska Native Sisterhood Executive Committee member Jacqueline Martin. He is of the Eagle moiety, *Chockaneidí* clan, *Naanaa Hít* (Upriver House).

To read the full press releases on Jessie and William's hire, please visit www.ccthita.org/info/press.

Update Your Contact Information Online



Currently, Central Council's tribal enrollment records show over 4,324 tribal citizens with an invalid address. A list of tribal citizens with invalid addresses has been posted at www.ccthita.org/services/enrollment/overview.

Update Your Address Online:

www.ccthita.org/services/overview/forms/form-update-contact.

For more information, please contact the Program Compliance department at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7359, 907.463.7359 or depttbe@ccthita.org.

United States Fish & Wildlife Service Signs Native American Policy

United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Director Dan Ashe signed the updated Native American Policy (NAP) on January 21, 2016.

Over the past two years, 1st Vice President (VP) Will Micklin has served as co-chair of the NAP work group composed of tribal and USFWS representatives tasked with developing the NAP, which was a significant overhaul of the original 1994 policy. First VP Micklin's goals going into the workgroup were to ensure the final policy was mandatory for each USFWS office; implementation of the final policy was a priority; the Alaska region with distinct needs not fully addressed by the policy had the opportunity to develop a regional plan; and the final policy was approved before the end of the current administration. First VP Micklin will continue to work on the team in drafting the Alaska regional NAP.



VP Will Micklin speaking at NAP Signing Ceremony



VP Micklin at signing ceremony with NAP work group members

The USFWS manages federal public lands and resources, and enforces federal environmental law regarding species conservation that directly impacts the culture and welfare of tribal citizens and their tribal governments. NAP strengthens the USFWS policy mandating government-to-government relations with tribes through consultation, collaboration, and co-management. Co-management and collaborative management while permitting the tribal trust estate to be productive for economic resources is key to an effective federal-tribal working relationship. The policy promotes the building of tribal government capacity, the use of tribal ecological knowledge as expert knowledge, greater opportunity for USFWS training and education for tribes, and collaboration in USFWS-tribal law enforcement efforts where possible.

To view the final revised policy, please visit the USFWS website: www.fws.gov/policy/510fw1.html.

TFYS Staff Speak on Historical Trauma to Mongolia Delegates

Submitted By: TFYS



Eunice James and Le Florendo with Mongolia Delegates

On January 21, TFYS Indian Child Welfare Caseworker Eunice James and Elderly Services Coordinator Le Florendo provided a presentation to Mongolia's National Center Against Violence (NCAV) on historical trauma in Southeast Alaska. A group of 15 delegates from Mongolia comprised of social workers, shelter managers, and a police officer, traveled to Alaska to learn more about how Alaska is addressing sexual assault and domestic violence.

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault invited Eunice and Le to present to a delegation with an interpreter which was a new experience for the two. Le provided an overview of the "River of Culture" to show the major impacts of historical trauma on Alaska systems and

indigenous tribes since discovery in 1747. The presentation also included current statistics on the impacts of historical trauma on tribes, communities, and young people. While in Juneau, Mongolia's NCAV public safety officer met with law enforcement before the delegation continued their travel on to Anchorage and Nome.

Staff Participate in Juneau Project Homeless Connect

Central Council's programs and services participated in the 5th Annual Juneau Homeless Coalition held on January 26, 2016. The event was a great opportunity for Central Council to share information on its programs and services and network with other community resources. Staff distributed sleeping bags, hand warmers, duffle bags, and hats, and received 40 applications for services.



TCSU employee Carlene Nore and other staff providing information to attendees at Juneau Project Homeless Connect

Other local agencies and supporters provided haircuts, housing assistance, Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) registration, veteran support, legal assistance, voter registration, help with birth certificates, and much more. "It is always a humbling experience to see the community come together to serve our less fortunate," said Head Start employee Molly Porter. "Collaboration is vital to serving our tribal citizens who are going through hardship."



Staff preparing essential items to give away to tribal citizen clients.

Central Council is a proud member of the Juneau Homeless Coalition, a partnership of local agencies and non-governmental organizations who serve Juneau's most vulnerable residents – the homeless and those most affected by limited and high cost housing.

Thank you to the staff who participated in the Juneau Project Homeless Connect event and/or helped with preparations!

Sign Up for Tribal eNews

Help us reduce the Tribe's paper consumption and print/postage costs by signing up to receive the Tribe's eNews via email! Join other tribal citizens and friends who have subscribed to receive our newsletter, monthly Tribal Updates, and other news on the Tribe's activities and events.

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New Application for Services

The Client Service team is pleased to announce a new consolidated Application for Services is now available online. The new application was developed in response to feedback Central Council received last fall during Client Service Benefit Fairs in Craig, Haines, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klawock, Saxman, and Wrangell. One of the main concerns clients shared was the difficulty they had completing the lengthy 477 application. The new application simplifies the process of applying for services by offering a significantly reduced length, fillable fields, and the ability to be saved electronically. Clients can access the application from Central Council's website at www.ccthita.org/services/overview/forms.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility requirements or application process, contact our eligibility technicians: 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7125 or 7170, 907.463.7125 or 7170, or 477intake@ccthita.org.

81st Annual Tribal Assembly

The 81st Annual Tribal Assembly will be held April 20-22, 2016 at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau, Alaska.

Theme

Prosperity through Sovereignty

Tribal Host

Harold Martin
Juneau, AK

Tribal Hostess

Lavina Boe
Seattle, WA

Agenda At A Glance

Monday, April 18th:

- Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 19th:

- Executive Council Meeting
- Delegate Registration
- Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 20th:

- Opening Ceremony
- State of the Tribe Address
- Language Fundraiser Lunch
- Committee Meetings
- Memorial Service

Thursday, April 21st:

- Nominations
- Southeast Alaska Native Veterans Fundraiser Lunch
- Elections
- Delegate Dinner Hosted by Juneau T&H Community Council

Friday, April 22nd:

- Consideration of Resolutions
- ANB/ANS Fundraiser Lunch
- Closing Banquet

President's Award Recipients Announced

Congratulations to our President's Award recipients! Recipients will be honored this year during the 81st Annual Tribal Assembly closing banquet. Recognizing there are many tribal citizens that greatly contribute to our Tlingit and Haida people and culture in various ways, this year President Peterson unveiled the President's Everyday Heroes Awards.

Marlene Johnson

President's Lifetime Achievement Award
Juneau, AK

President's Everyday Heroes Awards

Devlin Anderstrom

Emerging Leader
Yakutat, AK

Ruth Demmert

Culture Bearer
Kake, AK

Linda Schrack

Language Warrior
Ketchikan, AK

Doug Chilton

Brother's Keeper
Juneau, AK

Jonathan Rowan

Inspiring Educator
Klawock, AK

Jessie & Marti Fred

Holding Each Other Up
Juneau, AK

2016-2018 Delegates

The 2016 Delegate Election process has been completed. The number of Delegates per community was reduced from 137 to 107 as a result of amendments made to the Rules of Election during last year's Tribal Assembly.

Elected Delegates from each community will serve a two-year term, attend the annual Tribal Assembly (April 20-22, 2016), and participate in the election of Central Council's President, Executive Council Vice Presidents, Emerging Leader, Tribal Court Chief Justice, and Judges.

To view the list of elected Delegates by community, please visit www.ccthita.org/government/delegates/list.

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Delegates!

Teikhweidí Chilkat Blanket Repatriated

Submitted By: Native Lands & Resources

On February 19, 2016 Central Council repatriated a *Xhoots Naaxhein* (Brown Bear Chilkat Blanket) from the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham, Washington. The *Xhoots Naaxhein*, believed to have been woven by Mary Willard (*Akhlé*) of Klukwan around 1900, comes from the *Teikhweidí* clan of Yakutat and had been in the collection of the Whatcom Museum for more than 40 years. It is not known when it was removed from Yakutat.



Xhoots Naaxhein
(Brown Bear Chilkat Blanket)

George Samuel (*Xhoots Kháa*) of the *Taantaan Khwaan Teikhweidí* from *Kaats' Hít* (House of *Kaats'*, The Man Who Married the Bear) wore a nearly identical *Xhoots Naaxhein* as he spoke of its return, likening it to the story of the Cub that Washed Away, a story of a mother bear crossing a raging river in the Spring and one of her cubs was washed way. The mother bear looked and looked for her cub but could not find it. A song was composed commemorating this event.

The song for the Cub that Washed Away was sung, but not finished due to recent deaths within the clan. After the song, George Samuel referred to the repatriation ceremony as “this time the cub was found.” The *Haandéi Ee Jín* and *Haida Laas* dance groups performed happy songs to give the *Xhoots Naaxhein* a proper send off.

President Richard Peterson accepted the *Xhoots Naaxhein* on behalf of the Tribe. President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas also attended the ceremony. Both spoke on the importance of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the return of our cultural objects.

Central Council would like to thank the dance groups for their performance and the Whatcom Museum for taking great care of the *Xhoots Naaxhein* while in their collection, giving it respect while on display, and for hosting the reception that officially transferred the blanket to Central Council.

VTRC Distance Education Program



Are you interested in a new career path? Let our Vocational Training & Resource Center's (VTRC) Distance Education program help you get the training you need! Through a partnership with Penn Foster, the VTRC offers access to hundreds of online training programs. The greatest thing about taking a Distance Education course is that there's no need to travel or miss work and you get to control your own progress and set your own pace.

Currently, the VTRC offers 45 distance education courses in cooperation with Penn Foster, a nationally accredited distance education company. The distance education courses have been approved by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) for the general public and provide an opportunity for students to earn real credentials (certificates, high school diplomas, and national certifications). For a full course description and pricing, please visit: www.vtrc.org.

The VTRC is a State of Alaska authorized post-secondary institution that provides training and career advancement opportunities through high quality academic, computer, and vocational education.

Training for Your Future!

For more information, please contact Distance Education Coordinator Eli Derenoff at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7145, 907.463.7145, or ederenoff@ccthita.org.

Douglas Indian Association Lawsuit Against Tribe Dismissed

Douglas Indian Association's (DIA) lawsuit against Central Council was dismissed on January 13, 2016 by the State of Alaska's Superior Court. Judge Louis Menendez affirmed Central Council has sovereign immunity from suit, and dismissed all of DIA's arguments to the contrary, including claims against Central Council President Richard Peterson and Tribal Transportation Manager William Ware.

The lawsuit involved DIA's claim that it was owed tribal transportation funds after leaving Central Council's Tribal Transportation Consortium in January 2012. When DIA left the consortium, it took responsibility for its shares of Central Council's Federal Highway Administration (FHA) Program Agreement. DIA later demanded that Central Council give DIA its entire amount of tribal shares for the years of 2005-2012, which DIA claimed was approximately \$1M without deductions for amounts spent or for DIA's share of the consortium's expenses for those years. There was no legal, factual, or contract basis for this request.

Nonetheless, Central Council made multiple offers to resolve the dispute with DIA on generous terms. In a spirit of tribal cooperation, Central Council offered to have FHA transfer tribal shares of transportation funds to DIA for those years, less DIA's share of the program's expenses. And, even though the Tribe was not obligated to do so, Central Council conducted an exhaustive audit of the years DIA was involved with the program. DIA was provided extensive documentation of its designated tribal shares by year; actual drawdown documents from the federal agencies; audited expenses by year; meeting minutes; and copies of long range transportation plans and transportation improvement plans. The documentation showed Central Council fulfilled all of its obligations to DIA, to the extent that it had successfully increased DIA's road inventory from 5.7 miles in 2005 to 82 miles in 2011, which increased DIA's annual allocation of funding from \$41,188 in 2005 to \$142,986 in 2011. Regretfully, DIA declined all offers and instead filed the lawsuit in April 2015.

For the full press release, please visit: www.ccthita.org/info/press/index.html

Tribal Representatives Meet with Bristol Bay Tribes



Southeast and Bristol Bay representatives

On March 16, 2016, members of the United Tribal Transboundary Mining Work Group (UTTMWG) met with the United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB), Angoon Community Association President and Mayor Albert Howard, and Native American Rights Fund (NARF) consultant Rob Rosenfeld.

The meeting was coordinated to provide both groups an opportunity to discuss current mining issues and build an alliance between the tribes to develop strategies and resources to protect tribal communities and traditional ways of life. Discussions covered unsustainable large-scale hard rock mines like the proposed Pebble Mine, mining development in the transboundary region between Southeast Alaska and British Columbia, Canada, and the impacts to Hawk Inlet from the Greens Creek Mine on Admiralty Island.

Southeast Tribal Representatives:

- Rob Sanderson Jr.
- John Morris Sr.
- Albert Howard
- Jennifer Hanlon
- Sylvia Banie (teleconference)
- Brian Holter Jr. (teleconference)

Bristol Bay Tribal Representatives:

- Alannah Hurley
- Robert Heyano
- Mary Ann Johnson
- Alexander Tallekpalek

Others Who Attended:

- Rob Rosenfeld (NARF)
- Michelle Ridgway (Oceanus Alaska)

2016 Native Issues Forums

Central Council was pleased to host the 2016 Native Issues Forums. The forums provided a great opportunity to hear panel discussions on a wide range of topics important to our Native community. Thank you to our guest speakers and co-sponsor Sealaska Corporation!

Topics at this Year's Forums

- Jan. 26 Senator Dennis Egan, Representative Sam Kito III, & Representative Dan Ortiz (Legislative Update)
- Feb. 10 Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
- Feb. 23 Ken Koelsch & Karen Crane (City & Borough of Juneau Mayoral Candidates)
- Mar. 2 Katherine Eldemar & Danielle Lindoff (Rural Development)
- Mar. 9 VP Will Micklin, VP Rob Sanderson Jr., Barbara Blake & Jennifer Hanlon (Transboundary Rivers & Mining)
- Mar. 17 Senator Donny Olson & Representative Harriet Drummond (House Bill 275 Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Mar. 23 Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Lance Twitchell, Robert Edwardsen, VP Marvin Adams & Alfie Price (Tlingit, Haida, & Tsimshian Language Preservation)
- Mar. 31 Representatives Cathy Muñoz & Bryce Edgmon (Legislative Update)
- Apr. 5 Congressman Don Young

Did you miss one of our Native Issues Forums?

Watch online at www.livestream.com/accounts/507620.

Tribal Events Raffle

Support Our Tribal Events and Buy a Ticket to Win!

It's round two for Central Council's Tribal Events Raffle! Throughout the year we host a variety of events important to the Native community, such as the Native Issues Forums. Please show your support for our tribal events and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win some great cash prizes!

NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE:	Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska No. 00001 Permit # 35	Central Council Event Raffle Fundraiser for Tribal Events 1st Prize: \$4,000 Cash 2nd Prize: \$2,500 Cash 3rd Prize: \$1,000 Cash Other Cash Prizes: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 Drawing will be held at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau, Alaska on April 22, 2016. (NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)
	No. 00001	Permit # 35
		Ticket Price: \$10

The raffle drawing will be held April 22nd (need not be present to win). Tickets are available for purchase at the Edward K. Thomas building (9097 Glacier Highway) or to purchase a ticket via credit/debit card, contact our Finance department at 907.463.7110 or atillson@ccthita.org.

Snap Shots from 2016 Forums



Legislative Reception Snap Shots



Legislative Reception

On February 9, 2016, Central Council hosted a Legislative Reception at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau. The event was co-sponsored by the Alaska Regional Coalition, a tribal alliance including Central Council, Tanana Chief's Conference and Kawarek, Inc.; Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council; and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development.

The reception was well-attended with approximately 70 guests and served as an opportunity for tribal leaders, legislators, commissioners, and students to network, learn more about the State's budget crisis, and how proposed budget cuts may impact our Alaska Native communities and funding for programs and services administered by Central Council. President Peterson provided a welcome and opening remarks that focused on the need for greater collaboration between the State of Alaska and Alaska tribes as part of addressing the State's budget deficit.

Funding Priorities for the Tribe:

Maintain state funding levels for tribally-administered Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) and Head Start programs.

Legislative Priorities:

SB 117 (Tribal Courts Diversion), SB 91 (Omnibus Criminal Law & Procedure, Corrections), & SB 112 (Adoption of Child in State Custody).

Thank you to our legislators and commissioners who attended:

- Senator Lyman Hoffman
- Senator Bill Wielachowski
- Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
- Representative Sam Kito III
- Representative Les Gara
- Representative Andy Josephson
- Department of Corrections Commissioner Dean Williams

2016 Program Profiles Published

Central Council has released an updated Program Profiles booklet. The publication was created to provide tribal citizens with important information on the wide range of individual and community services offered through Central Council.

In the spirit of Central Council's mission, we are proud of the services we provide and are honored to serve our tribal citizens! To access the latest edition of our Program Profiles booklet, please visit www.ccthita.org/services/overview/documents.



Janice Hotch Appointed to Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority Board



Janice Hotch

Congratulations to Janice Hotch who was appointed by the Executive Council to fill a seat on the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) Board of Commissioners previously held by the late Ketchikan Delegate Martha Johnson.

Janice is *L'uknaxádi* (Raven, Coho) and her Tlingit name is *Koo.see*. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Washington, Executive Education certification from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, and Master's certification in Government Contracting from George Washington University.

Janice currently works for the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation as a Procurement Specialist and is serving her second term as President of the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council. She also serves as Treasurer for the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 70 and Director of the Juneau Lions Club which operates the annual Gold

Medal Basketball Tournament.

THRHA is governed by a five-member board appointed by the Executive Council to represent Southeast Alaska as a whole. The board meets quarterly to develop THRHA's policies, procedures, and vision. Each commissioner serves a three-year term of office and represents all of Southeast Alaska.

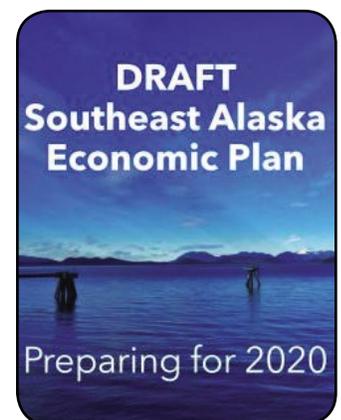
The THRHA Board of Commissioners include:

- Clinton Cook (Craig)
- Virginia Lawnicki (Craig)
- Victoria Demmert (Yakutat)
- Ella Bennett (Juneau)
- Janice Hotch (Juneau)

Draft 2016-2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan

Every five years, Central Council's Business & Economic Development department partners with Southeast Conference to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan for Southeast Alaska. A draft of the 2016-2020 CEDS is now available online and Central Council is requesting input from tribal citizens.

CEDS initiates and sustains local planning and implementation processes by which jobs are created, more stable and diversified economies are fostered, and living conditions are improved. It is a mechanism for coordinating economic development activities and is a valuable tool for bringing focus to the planning and development efforts of our unique and diverse communities throughout the region.



How to Provide Input:

- Review the draft CEDS Plan: www.seconference.org/strategy
- Provide any missing objectives at the end of each section
- Pick an objective to elevate to priority status
- Complete the Priority Objective Submittal form

If you have any questions regarding the draft CEDS plan, please contact Economic Development Specialist Annette Ulmer at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7121, 907.463.7121, or aulmer@ccthita.org.

Educational Support Services

Submitted By: TANF

AVAILABLE TO TRIBALLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Must be a student living in the Juneau School District or a scholarship applicant with Central Council, Sealaska, or Goldbelt.

GRADE LEVELS

MATH: 3rd-12th Grade and Advanced/College Level

SAT & ACT Test Prep: 9th-12th Grade

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Central Council's 477 Division is pleased to announce the availability of tutoring scholarships for tribally enrolled students from the Juneau School District, or higher education scholarship applicants from Central Council, Sealaska, or Goldbelt. Scholarships cover the cost of the following online mathematics subscriptions, and licenses and materials for ACT (American College Testing) and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) preparation:

ALEKS (www.aleks.com): A mathematics program using artificial intelligence and adaptive questioning to assess student knowledge and deliver individualized instruction on exact topics students are most ready to learn. Appropriate for grades 3-12 and advanced/college level.

Green Test Prep (www.greentestprep.com): A self-guided, step-by-step SAT and ACT prep system that improves average student scores by over 346 points on SAT and 4.66 points on ACT. Available to high school students.

This pilot educational support service would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of Central Council, Sealaska, Goldbelt, Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 70, and the support of the Juneau School District Indian Studies Program. We anticipate expanding the program to all of the Southeast Alaska communities served by Central Council as the program becomes more established.

Apply Now: www.ccthita.org/services/education/overview.

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact Program Coordinator Tina DeAsis-Wright at 907.463.7174 or tdeasiswright@ccthita.org.

News from Second Chance

Submitted By: Second Chance

On Saturday, March 12, 2016, Second Chance program staff were pleased to participate in the 9th Annual Success Inside and Out conference with approximately 50 inmates at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center (Lemon Creek). Tribal Child Support Unit and Employment & Training staff also attended the event along with over 30 community members ranging from elected officials to counselors and specialists who shared information (employment, housing, substance abuse support, peer support, etc.) with inmates on services available to them in the Juneau community.

During the event, Second Chance staff were able to talk about their programs and offer advice to those soon to be released from the facility. They also distributed about 25 applications to inmates and discussed with them their plans for success upon release.

Active Lemon Creek security clearances have been approved for Second Chance staff which allows them to regularly enter the facility to promote their program and work directly with inmates that will soon be transitioning to the community.

For more information on the Second Chance program, please contact Program Coordinator Talia Eames at 907.463.7365 or teames@ccthita.org.



Tribal Title IV-E Maintenance Agreement

Mark Your Calendars

April Events

- 3-6: 34th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect – St. Paul, MN
- 14: Native Issues Forum – Juneau, AK
- 18-19: Executive Council Meeting – Juneau, AK
- 20-22: 81st Annual Tribal Assembly – Juneau, AK
- 24-28: Tribal Self Governance Consultation Conference – Lake Buena Vista, FL
- 27-28: Prince of Wales Mining Symposium – Klawock, AK

May Events

- 1-31: 20th Annual Spring King Salmon Derby – Juneau, AK
- 5-6: Teen & Young Parent National Conference – Mesa, AZ
- 14: *Jilkaat Kwaan* Cultural Heritage Center & Bald Eagle Observatory Opening – Klukwan, AK
- 16-17: Native Alaskan Leadership Forum – Juneau, AK
- 30: Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

June Events

- 1-7: 2016 Journey to Celebration – Southeast Alaska
- 8-11: 2016 Celebration – Juneau, AK
- 12-25: Goldbelt Heritage High School Summer Academy – Juneau, AK
- 14: *Jilkaat Kwaan* Cultural Heritage Center and Bald Eagle Observatory Opening – Klawock, AK
- 14-17: Sealaska Heritage Institute's (SHI) Latseen Running Camp
- 18: 4th Annual Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day Juneau Community Picnic – Juneau, AK
- 19: Central Council Day (Observed 6/20 ~ Offices Closed)
- 27-30: NCAI Mid Year Conference – Spokane, WA

July Events

- 4: Independence Day (Offices Closed)
- 10-19: SHI Middle School Math & Culture Academy – Juneau, AK
- 11-15: Goldbelt Heritage Middle School Culture Camp – Juneau, AK
- 18-22: Goldbelt Heritage Middle School Culture Camp – Juneau, AK
- 25-29: SHI Latseen Leadership Academy – Angoon, AK

August Events

- 1-5: SHI Baby Raven Reads: Gumboot Camp – Juneau, AK
- 8-12: SHI Latseen Hoop Camp – Juneau, AK

Cont. from Cover

TFYS Director Francine Eddy Jones said, “Central Council has had a Title IV-E Agreement for administration and training with the state for over 16 years. During this time, the TFYS department has strengthened and developed its infrastructure in order to assume tribal custody of Tlingit and Haida children. This has been a work in progress, continuously raising the bar to have a program that meets and exceeds all of the stringent federal requirements for Title IV-E.”

To read the full press release, please visit Central Council’s website at www.ccthita.org/info/press.

A webcast recording of the ceremony may be viewed online at www.livestream.com/accounts/507620.





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Summer Youth Employment Services

The 477 Employment & Training department (E&T) is pleased to announce it is recruiting youth to participate in the summer Youth Employment Services (YES) program beginning July 2016. Employment positions are available in Southeast Alaska communities. If you are looking for job training and meet eligibility requirements, please consider joining the YES program.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student Age 14-21 or Non-Student Age 16-24
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Resident of Southeast Alaska
- Tribally Enrolled Alaska Native or American Indian

Required Documentation:

- Completed YES Application
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment (Original)
- State Issued Identification Card
- Social Security Card or US Passport (Original - copy not accepted)
- Proof of Southeast Residency
- Proof of Family Income for Past 30 Days
- Proof of Registration with the Selective Service for Males 18-21 Years of Age
- Parent/Guardian Signature for Required for Minor Applicants

**Application
Deadline:
May 15, 2016**

To apply, visit our website (www.ccthita.org/services/employment/youth) or contact E&T at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7792, 907.463.7792 or aarca@ccthita.org.