



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Senate Subcommittee Hearings on Landless Traditional Villages & Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Equity Act

Two very important bills were heard by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining on October 8, 2015: S.872, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act and S.1955, Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Equity Act.

S.872 would give recognition to the five traditional villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee Springs, and Wrangell that were left out of the original Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971. In 1994, a congressionally directed study determined the omission of these traditional villages from ANCSA was erroneous. To view a video of Leo Barlow (Wrangell) testifying on behalf of landless communities, please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQHIOMdY5bk.

S.1955 proposes to amend ANCSA to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans. It is the duty, trust responsibility, and legal obligation of the federal government to ensure our Alaska Native veterans who honorably served during the Vietnam era receive legislatively approved allotments on federal land they are entitled to.

Central Council strongly supports the passage of S. 872 and S.1955. To track these two bills, please visit: www.govtrack.us.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

All-Staff Strategic Planning Workshop

On September 28, 2015 Central Council employees participated in a strategic planning workshop facilitated by 6th Vice President Jacqueline Pata. The workshop used the World Café model with a theme of “Setting a Path to Empowered Tribal Citizens and Vibrant Communities”.



The workshop engaged employees in roundtable discussions that were prefaced by three simple questions:

- If I gave you one wish for the future of your people, what would you ask for?
- What needs to be in place to accomplish the vision and what opportunities does this create?
- We know change requires engagement of heart, mind and structure. If you really wanted to make your vision come true – how would you make it happen?
 - What strategies are needed to ensure these changes occur?
 - What immediate steps should we undertake together in the coming year?
 - What role do you see yourself playing to advance these recommendations?

“Staff provided valuable insight that will be used to shape the vision and strategic direction of the Tribe. I am really proud of our staff for voicing their ideas, having courageous conversations, and providing valuable input,” said President Peterson.

The Executive Council will review the key areas identified during the staff workshop and Delegates will be contacted to provide input via an online survey before the Tribe’s strategic plan is finalized.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

ICW/TANF Demonstration Continuation Grant

Central Council was one of eight tribes recently awarded a five-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Children and Families totaling \$1,125,000. The grant will fund the *ICW/TANF Collaborative Case Management Initiative* which continues to strengthen the collaboration between the Tribe's Tribal Family & Youth Services (TFYS) and TANF departments. Using the *Systems of Care* holistic model, the project focuses on early identification of families at risk for child maltreatment and provides early intervention services. The project leverages in-home prevention services to reduce the number of Alaska Native children disproportionately represented in the Alaska child welfare system.

40th Anniversary of Tlingit & Haida Head Start



This year marks the 40th anniversary of Tlingit & Haida Head Start! If you or your child attended Head Start, help us celebrate this milestone and share a photo with us at communications@ccthita.org.

Celebrating four decades of service, Tlingit & Haida Head Start has provided services to families for nearly three generations. With a focus on helping our tribal children become school-ready by kindergarten, Head Start has made a difference in the lives of many children, families, and communities. We look forward to another 40 years of preparing our tribal children for educational success!

Thank you for supporting Head Start over the years!

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Awarded Continuation Grant

Central Council is pleased to report the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR) department has secured a five year continuation grant in the amount of \$3.6 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Education – Rehabilitation Services Administration. The federally funded discretionary grant will provide vocational rehabilitation services to Alaska Natives and American Indians with disabilities in Southeast Alaska. The TVR program has an established record of providing culturally relevant services to individuals with disabilities since 1995.

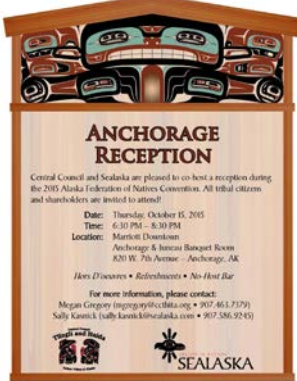
Over the course of the next five years, TVR will focus on increasing outreach to eligible tribal citizens through community visits, partnerships, and use of Central Council's social media, website, and newsletter.

"This grant is competitive and I am very pleased that we can continue to provide these services that are truly critical to the employment, health, and well-being of our tribal citizens with disabilities here in Southeast Alaska," said President Peterson.

For more information on TVR's services and eligibility requirements, please contact:

1.800.344.1432 ext. 7326 | 907.463.7326 laarca@ccthita.org

SAVE THE DATE



Anchorage Reception for Tribal Citizens and Shareholders

Central Council is pleased to announce it will be co-hosting a reception for tribal citizens and shareholders in Anchorage the week of the Alaska Federation of Natives convention in partnership with Sealaska Corporation. Please join us October 15, 2015 for hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and a dance performance!

For more information on the reception, please contact: Megan Gregory at mgregory@ccthita.org or Sally Kasnick at sally.kasnick@sealaska.com.

Brotherhood Bridge Rededication Ceremony

If you're in Juneau on October 24, 2015 (Saturday) don't miss the opportunity to attend the Brotherhood Bridge Rededication Ceremony.

Roy Peratrovich Jr. designed the historic Brotherhood Bridge that was dedicated on Alaska Day in 1965 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB).

The new Brotherhood Bridge will accommodate four lanes of traffic, a multi-use path on one side and a sidewalk on the other.



Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Central Council will be hosting a Bridges Out of Poverty training November 9-10, 2015 in Juneau, Alaska. At the core of tribes is social services that nurture and protect our families and children, provide assistance to our neediest, and encourage our tribal citizens to seek better opportunities. The training will provide tribal employees with a comprehensive approach to understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to the systemic level. Participants will review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. Throughout the workshop, participants will receive specific strategies for improving outcomes for people living in poverty.

Date: November 9-10, 2015
Location: Juneau, Alaska
Cost: \$100 Registration Fee

If you work for an Alaska tribe and provide client services, please contact the Employment & Training department to register for this training:

1.800.344.1432 ext. 7176 | 907.463. 7176 | vhoyle@ccthita.org or echurch@ccthita.org

Employment & Training Open House

Please join the Employment & Training department for an open house to learn more about services offered and see their new *Tribal Workforce Center*. E&T staff will be available to help tribal citizens apply for services, share information on local job openings and paid training opportunities, and discuss the importance of cover letters, resumes, and what being “job-ready” means.

Date: November 20, 2015
Time: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Location: 320 West Willoughby Avenue (Third Floor)
Juneau, AK 99801

Don't miss this great opportunity to meet E&T staff and get your questions answered!

Native Artist Market



The Business & Economic Development department, in association with Juneau's Public Market, is pleased to host a Native Artist Market at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall during Thanksgiving weekend. The market will feature a variety of handmade Alaska Native products such as sea otter apparel, jewelry, textile weaving, woodwork, Devil's Club salve and other Native made goods.

If you are a Native artist and would like to secure a vendor table at the market, please contact:

1.800.344.1432 ext. 7139 | 907.463.7121 | aulmer@ccthita.org