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Tribe Welcomes New 477 Director



William Martin

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to welcome William Martin as the Tribe's new 477 Director. In this position, Martin is responsible for the overall operation and management of the Tribe's 477 programs which include Child Care, Employment & Training, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation.

"Providing quality service to our tribal citizens is a priority of the Tribe," said Martin. "To achieve this, one of my areas of focus for this coming year will be to establish professional development plans for all 477 staff to ensure the delivery of high quality case management and customer service."

Martin brings over thirteen 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. Martin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies from the East Coast Bible College in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Martin'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, *Chookaneidí* clan, *Naanaa Hít* (Upriver House).

"I am very pleased to welcome William to our management team," said President Richard Peterson. "His knowledge of TANF and other 477 programs will be a great asset to the Tribe."

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