

JACQUELINE JOHNSON-PATA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

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Jacqueline Johnson is the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest and largest tribal representative organization, which informs the federal government and the public on federal policy issues affecting tribal governments. NCAI also coordinates communications among tribal governments and serves as a forum for consensus-based policy development among its membership of more than 250 tribal governments in the United States.

Aside from her duties at NCAI, Johnson serves on a variety of national executive committees, including the Executive Board for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and National Voices. She is also a board member of Sealaska Corporation, an Alaska Native regional corporation. In her commitment to American Indian youth development, Johnson sits on the Native American Advisory Council for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Prior to joining NCAI in June 2001, Johnson served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers programs throughout the United States, which provide affordable housing for Native Americans.

Previously, Johnson served as the Executive Director of the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority headquartered in Juneau, Alaska and she is a former Vice-Chair of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. She served as Chairperson of the National American Indian Housing Council and was appointed to the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing. She also has served on the National Community Development Financial Institution Fund Advisory Board, an advisory board to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

She is a member of the Raven/Sockeye Clan of the Tlingit Tribe and is a former member of the Central Council of the Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. Among her other activities, prior to her move to Washington, D.C., she is extremely proud of her service for 13 years as Director of a Native Youth Culture Camp held each summer where young people experience and learn traditional values.