

Biography of Chairman Chief J. Allan Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Chief J. Allan has served as Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for over 20 years and on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council for 25 years. Chief's responsibilities include making leadership decisions that help guide the direction of the Tribe in matters including the cultural, historical, and contemporary resources of the Tribe.

Chief's priorities have focused around education, economic development, healthy lifestyles, human rights and the environment. The Tribe was awarded the Kootenai Task Force on Human Relations Award in recognition of its work in these areas, and the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce named Chief Allan its 2017 Citizen of the Year.

Under his leadership the Tribe has seen major achievements in economic development and social service delivery. These include multiple expansions and improvements at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort which provide employment opportunities and economic development to the Tribe and community.

Chief also led the construction of Marimn Health Center, a primary care facility aimed at serving the community's health needs. The enterprise is a model of community health in Indian Country and serves not just the reservation residents but all those who are able to access it. The medical center provides care in the following fields: medical, dental, mental health, optical, chiropractic and community programs aimed at advocating better lifestyles.

Under Chief's leadership, Marimn recently completed construction of the Coeur Center in Worley which boasts an interactive swim facility, workout stations, snack bar, meeting rooms and is home the Boys and Girls Club of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation.

Finally, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has aggressively pursued opportunities to improve access to housing for the Tribal membership. Recognizing that the Tribe's enterprises require a local workforce, Chief has led a number of efforts to offer paths to homeownership for Tribal members who want to live, work and raise a family in in the community.

Chief currently serves on the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee, Co-Chairs the Idaho Council on Indian Affairs, and is Chair of the Board Sqwiw Holdings, Inc., a Section 17 Corporation owned by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. He has two wonderful children and enjoys cheering their successes from the athletic field to the classroom.