

## Natives sue state over child support

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Representatives for Tlingit and Haida Natives have filed a lawsuit against the state to gain control of child support matters.

The Central Council Tlingit & Haida filed lawsuit in Juneau Superior Court last month.

Named are the state, Department of Revenue Commissioner Patrick Galvin and John Mallonee, director of the state Child Support Services Division.

The council wants the state to recognize its tribal court and administrative orders regarding child support that it says are granted under federal law.

State officials have declined to comment on the pending lawsuit.

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