

Greetings!

I'd like to introduce myself to the Can Am Indian Friendship community members. My name is Tina Jacobs and I have accepted the offer of employment as your Aboriginal Housing Advocate. My first day was June 29, 2015.

I moved to Windsor six years ago. To this position I am bringing approximately twenty-three years of experience in responsible roles from within my home community of Delaware Nation, Moravian of the Thames First Nation. In Moraviantown I established and managed the Delaware Nation Housing and Lands Department where I was responsible for the overall management of this department and the staff.

As the Aboriginal Housing Advocate here at Can-Am I will carry out the following objectives:

- **Support Aboriginal individuals experiencing homelessness to obtain and retain housing.**
  - This will be accomplished by assisting Aboriginal individuals and/or family members in seeking and securing affordable accommodations
  - Assisting with lease signing
  - Education on tenancy rights/obligations
  - Advocating on behalf of clients to mediate tenancy issues and to secure supports that provide the best situation for Aboriginal individuals and/or family
  - Promoting Aboriginal culture through community wide networks to remove barriers and ensure community participation.
- **Support Aboriginal individuals at risk of homelessness to remain in housing.**
  - Connecting Aboriginal individuals and/or families to support services and programs to ensure housing is maintained
  - Develop appropriate referral agreements with community agencies that allow individuals to as much support as possible.

The next time you're at the Friendship Centre please feel free to stop in and say Hi! I look forward to working closely with all the Can-Am Indian Friendship teams, programs and assisting our Aboriginal community members of Windsor!