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## ***DES Announces New Tribal Nations Instructor Liaison***

**PHOENIX** – The Department of Economic Security (DES) announced the hiring of Mr. Archie Mariano as the new Tribal Nations Instructor Liaison within the Office of Professional Development.

“Archie has served the agency well in his prior role with the Office of Community Engagement as our Community Engagement Liaison in the Northern Region,” said Director Timothy Jeffries. “His experience with the agency and his prior experience with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona will continue to strengthen his established relationships with our Tribal communities.”

Director Jeffries recently hosted a community meeting with our Tribal Nations leaders and identified the need for a dedicated Tribal Nations Instructor to meet the needs of DES colleagues and surrounding Tribal Nations. Mr. Mariano will provide dedicated curriculum development support, collaboration and instruction needed to improve efforts of ***Our New DES*** and provide cultural awareness training to our new colleagues.

Mr. Mariano is a member of the Navajo Nation and has served as a consultant for the Navajo Nation Office in Washington, D.C. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication with a minor in Native American Studies. He completed graduate coursework for a Master of Science Degree in Health Education from the University of New Mexico.

Mr. Mariano previously served in the DES Office of Community Engagement at the Flagstaff office, where he covered Apache, Coconino, Gila, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties. He has also been serving as the DES representative on the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care since January 2016.

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