

# Thank you Arlene King for 31 years of service to tribe



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Hello, I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. Before I go any further, I would like to congratulate Arlene King on her retirement and many years of

service to our tribe. Arlene retired from the USDA Commodity Program after almost 32 years. Thank you.

I attended the first round of the Intergovernmental Reentry Program at the Department of Justice in Columbia, S.C. We were tasked with listing issues and challenges facing tribal reentrants who will be returning to our communities after a period of secure confinement in federal, state or tribal facilities. We ended up with 29 issues/challenges but the top priorities were lack of transitional housing, no shared data between state/tribal/federal enforcement programs, buy-in to the program from tribal leaders, liaison for tribe to the Department of Corrections and Branch of Prisons, access to employment,

funding, insufficient sober/safe living and access to employment among other things.

Remember, school is out and it is time to be extra careful with children playing outside. Forty percent of all injury-related emergency room visits happen between May and August. We can prevent the majority of these mishaps by educating ourselves. The leading cause of summer accidents is drowning, fires, children being hit by cars, falls and bicycles and ATVs. With the Fourth of July coming up, please practice fireworks safety.

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at [KKGravelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:KKGravelle@saulttribe.net).

Thank You,  
Kim Gravelle