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pronouns: she / her / hers

Talia (Ghaayéitli) is Sitka Kaagwaantaan of the Wolf House (Gooch Hít), raised in the traditional home of her grandfather's people in the village of Angoon. She enlisted in the US Air Force at the age of 22 where 10 years of service and three deployments in developing nations introduced her to the social, economic and systemic injustices in the world. After attaining a BA in Social Science, Talia returned to Alaska seeking a more structured avenue for social and community change. She found this path within her tribe where she was tasked with creating community and tribal resources for recovery and justice-involved individuals. She is currently charged with opening three reentry transitional housing programs for tribal citizens returning from incarceration. Talia finds her passion for reentry in her personal experiences with the formerly incarcerated and is a fierce advocate of reducing the grossly disproportionate incarceration rates of Alaska Natives and American Indians. She identifies the need for addressing and healing historical trauma as the primary vehicle for change in reducing recidivism and promotes compassionate accountability in her connections with those that have been disenfranchised. In her (rare) spare time she enjoys eating her traditional foods and exploring the wild beauty of her state with her Catahoula Leopard Hound, Tac.