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Department of Diné Education names new program manager for Johnson O'Malley

Experience with veterans, people with disabilities, Child Protective Services leads to DODE

The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program under the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education (DODE) has been overseen by an interim program manager since January 2021. But JOM has now selected a new full-time program manager to oversee the functions of the program.

Suzette Haskie, who has previously served as a senior education specialist for DODE's Office of Diné Accountability & Compliance (ODAC), was introduced by Acting Superintendent Patricia Gonnig as the new JOM program manager on September 14.

Haskie is an Army veteran and a Diné mother of two sons. She is Tl'aashch'í, born for Ta'néészahnii, Kinyaa'áanii are her maternal grandparents and Táchii'nii are her paternal grandparents. She hails from Sanostee, New Mexico.

Haskie earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Science in Management from Arizona State University, and a Master of Education in Human Relations from Northern Arizona University.

Her career has focused on helping others, spanning years as a case manager working with disabled veterans and clients with mental illnesses; a Child Protective Service worker; a school social worker in a public school; and an adjunct faculty for a community college before working at DODE.

"I'm excited to continue the long-established cooperative relationships with schools so Johnson O'Malley can continue to provide the unique services that benefit our Diné students," Haskie said.