

# Stacey Taken Alive Bio

In 1976, Stacy Taken Alive was born in Toppenish Washington. Within two weeks of birth, she was placed in foster care as a ward of the State of Washington. A turbulent, often abusive childhood led her to run away as a young teenager. She then had the good fortune of connecting with the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation.

The United Indians of All Tribes Foundation facilitated her being placed with licensed Native American foster parents. She attended Iwasil, an alternative school that not only provided education, but had an instrumental youth counseling program for high-risk teens- many of whom were homeless and lived on the streets.

Although she became homeless again when released from foster care at age 18, she valued her education enough to persevere and graduate high school- with aspirations of advanced education after that. Before attending college, she decided to serve her country in the armed forces. After four years, she became an honored Marine.

Upon returning to Seattle, she attended college at Seattle Pacific University (SPU). Her class focus at SPU was Theology and World Religions. While attending college, she worked in Native American education programs with the Seattle Public School District. All the while, volunteering hundreds of hours at the Chief Seattle Club as a speaker, a leader of community support groups and associated programs.

Today, she is a fourth-year apprentice in a five-year program to becoming a licensed electrician in the Electrical Trade. Making her contribution to building a better America and giving back to the Native American community!

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