

**College Resource Center**

**Spring 2015**

# of Spring 2015 scholarship awards thru 1/9/15	1,728 (869 Pell, 699 NonPell, 160 Grad) 5 UKB (Pell eligible only)
# of Promise students for Spring 2015 thru 1/9/15	44
# of Spring 2015 concurrent scholarships thru 1/9/15	71
New Directed Studies students Spring 2015	1 (Substance Abuse Counseling)
Spring 2015 (waiting list)	559 Undergrad & Grad 44 concurrent

**Fall 2014**

# of Fall 2014 scholarship awards	3,430 (1,865 Pell, 1,243 NonPell, 322 Grad) 30 UKB (Pell eligible only)
# of Promise students for Fall 2014	68 (51 NSU, 17 RSU)
# of Fall 2014 concurrent applications to date	206 (37 Juniors, 169 Seniors)
New Directed Studies students Fall 2014	3 (1 MD, 1 Dental, 1 Masters of Social Work)

**Accomplishments:**

1. Deadline for Spring 2015 renewal, Undergrad & Graduate – January 9, 2015
2. Fall 2014 funding cycle closed

**Outreach & Presentations:**

- December 15 – Sperry High School
- January 6 – Chouteau High School
- January 7 – Welch High School
- January 12 – Union High School
- January 13 – Verdigris High School
- January 14 – Grove High School
- January 15 – Caney Valley High School

**Future Plans:**

1. Release 2015-16 scholarship application by February 6, 2015
2. Explore technologies allowing staff to accept applications via tablet devices, contract and testing being scheduled
3. Scheduling of outreach and technical assistance sessions following release of 2015-16 application

**Upcoming deadlines:**

1. Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship – Spring 2015
  - a. Deadline: February 6, 2015
  - b. Paper application, schedule, letter from school official, most recent high school transcript (NEW students)
  - c. Self help form, schedule, college transcript with Fall 14 grades (current students)
2. Valedictorian & Salutatorian Scholarship (school year 2014-15)

- a. Deadline: April 10, 2015
  - b. Paper application, letter from school, W-9 form, transcript
3. Promise Scholarship
- a. Deadline: April 10, 2015
    - i. Online application
    - ii. Student Aid Report
    - iii. Recent Transcript
    - iv. Driver's License
    - v. Proof of Address
    - vi. Acceptance letter to university/college
    - vii. Parents income tax (1<sup>st</sup> page only)
    - viii. Reference Letter
    - ix. Essay

**Community Language Programs**

Activity	December/January	YTD
# of off-site presentations	1	24
# of participants-Outreach	54	539
# of on-site classes	7	22
# of participants in on-line class	N/A (classes not in session)	0

**Accomplishments:**

1. Ed Fields taught a 40 Hour Cherokee Language Immersion Class
2. Ed Fields taught a two day Cherokee language course for Cherokee Heritage Center Staff
3. Lula Elk taught classes at the Murrow Indian Children's Home
4. Sarah Hawk held two Shawnee Language classes at the TERO conference room
5. Sarah Hawk attended the Loyal Shawnee board meeting in White Oak.
6. Provided translation and curriculum assistance to Cherokee Language Teacher Training Program
7. Provided translation assistance to the Cherokee Translation Department
8. Mailed out Cherokee Cultural packets

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Continue offering Employee Cherokee Language Immersion Courses onsite at Cherokee Nation complex as well as offsite at several CN clinics and other facilities
2. Develop a second Cherokee Language online class
3. Develop Cherokee literacy class for fluent Cherokee speakers

**Language Technology**

**Accomplishments:**

1. Continue working with Microsoft on consistency checks of Windows 8
2. Continue working with Microsoft on consistency checks of Office Online
3. Upload and maintain language materials on the Cherokee Nation website
4. Continue working with Google on consistency and updates of Google search page and Gmail

5. On second revision of editing the Cherokee New Testament. Currently 26 books of the Bible have been edited.
6. Daily uploads of photos to Instagram with Cherokee syllabary questions and comments
7. Reviewed completed Mango language app
8. Completed recordings for the Mango language app
9. Created department flyer to promote OneDrive and Microsoft Office Online
10. Created How To Write The Cherokee Syllabary poster
11. Recorded and edited audio for CNE outdoor camping video
12. Corrected and completed curriculum for the Cherokee Language Teacher Training Program
13. Cherokee Language Technology training for employees at CNE

**Future Plans/New Initiatives**

1. Hold more workshops for organizations that create materials that use the syllabary.
2. Create more instructional videos on how to use various technologies in the Cherokee language
3. Continue to maintain the Cherokee Language section on the Cherokee.org website to offer language materials, information, and documents for public download

**Translation**

Activity	Dec/Jan	YTD
# of internal requests completed	20,291	48,882
# of external requests completed	1985	11,794
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	0-Proficiency 0-Cerification	0-Proficiency 0-Cerification

**Accomplishments:**

1. Hosted January Speakers Bureau meeting
2. Completed curriculum for the new Cherokee Language Teacher Training program
3. Continue working closely with Language Technology to work on updates on Microsoft and Google translation projects.
4. Collaboration with Language Technology on the translation of Gilcrease archival materials.
5. Gathering of Cherokee language documentation for research.
6. Continue second round of proofing of Cherokee New Testament: spelling, red lettering, punctuation, etc.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting February 2015 at the Community Ballroom.
2. Digitize all of the Translation Office's files

**Sequoyah Schools**

Activity	December	YTD
Student GPA	3.47	3.53

ADA	94.24	96.19
EOI Pass Rate	72% (winter 2013 test administration) 72% (spring 2014 test administration)	72% (2013-2014 school year)
ACT Average	18.27 (avg of December 2013 ACT tests) 17.74 (avg of February 2014 ACT tests) 20.0 (avg of June 2014 ACT tests) 22.44 (avg of September 2014 tests)	20.01 (avg of highest scores for all current students)

**Accomplishments:**

- Sequoyah senior Terrance Nofire signed to run cross-country for Bacone College.
- The Robotics team has qualified for the VEX state tournament which will be held March 7 at NSU.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

- The Lady Indians will participate in the Annual High School Hoops Showcase at the BOK on January 31.
- Eighth grade day has been scheduled for February 11.
- The Academic Team will compete in the Area Tournament on January 17.
- A professional development day for teachers is scheduled for January 23. There will be no school that day.

**Head Start**

Activity	December/January	YTD
# of students enrolled	210 EHS 667 Head Start	680 HS 210 EHS
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 23 sites	63 classrooms 23 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	13 Conducted	63 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	25 Site Visits	275 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	10 hours offered	66.5 hours offered
Credit Card Expenditures - Travel	\$12,818.99	\$12,818.99

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)  
Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement  
**November**

Breakfast - 3863	Lunch - 4093	Snack - 3951
Total Food Cost - \$		Reimbursement - \$22,708.00

**Accomplishments:**



# of schools participating	1	6	120
# participants students/adults	0	77/0	8,268/240
# of school staff participating	6	1	322
# contractors participating	0	4	6

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**JOM:**

1. JOM Applications: Approved- 69; Processing- 3
2. Technical Assistance and site visits to Bell, Greasy, Hulbert, Oaks, Okay and Vinita.
3. Met with Caney Valley PS Superintendent to discuss JOM program start-up (1-13-15).

**Special Projects:**

1. December 15-18: Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools (67) participants; (1) school; (1) school staff.
2. December 17-18: Cherokee Teacher Enrichment (10) participants; (5) schools.

Special Projects sponsored 2 events during this reporting period.

**(SEE ATTACHED SPEADSHEET FOR MORE DETAIL)**

**FUTURE PLANS/NEW INITIATIVES:**

**JOM:**

1. January 15: JOM 101 IEC training at Greasy PS.
2. January 23: Community meeting with Caney Valley PS.
3. January 28: 2015 OKJOM Conference Planning Meeting – Hard Rock Conference Center
4. 2015 OKJOM Conference: March 3 & 4, 2015 – Hard Rock Hotel – Cherokee Nation is Host tribe this year. We want to see all Tribal Council there in force!

**Special Projects:**

1. January 12 - 16: Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools – Owasso PS
2. January 30: Deadline for Cherokee Art Competition entries
3. February 12-13: Cherokee Teacher Enrichment Institute – Tankiller Lodge
4. February 19: Cherokee Art Competition judging

**Special Projects / Co-Partner Program**

Activity	December 2014 – January 2015	#	Total	YTD
# of Special Project Events	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools- December 15-18		2	19
	Cherokee Teacher Enrichment- December 17-18			
# of students participating	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools- December 15-18	67	77	8,228
	Cherokee Teacher Enrichment- December 17-18	10		
# of schools participating	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools- December 15-18	1	6	41
	Mitchell Elementary- Tulsa	5		
	Cherokee Teacher Enrichment- December 17-18			

	Vinita, Tulsa, Nowata, Greasy, Ft. Gibson			
# of school staff participating	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools- December 15-18	1 7	<b>8</b>	<b>222</b>
	Cherokee Teacher Enrichment- December 17-18			
# participants: parents/other	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools- December 15-18	0 0		<b>156</b>
	Cherokee Teacher Enrichment- December 17-18			
# contractors participating	Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools- December 15-18	0 4	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
	Cherokee Teacher Enrichment- December 17-18			

## Heritage Center

### 2014 Accomplishments:

- Sidewalks that are dyed and stamped to look like red clay were installed in Diligwa.
- The Gathering Place has been transformed to look like a 1710 era Trading Post but still needs to be christened with a name.
- The Tsa-La-Gi Ancient Village was demolished.
- The open air structure called The Echota House was constructed with grants from the Tahlequah Public Works Authority and the Grand Region Dam Authority and the Gelvin Foundation.
- New entry sidewalks, flagpoles and flags were added
- Completion of Artist-in-Residence programs through the Oklahoma Arts Council in Diligwa and Adams Corner with a third ongoing through February for the Hands-On Exhibit in the Museum funded through the Oklahoma Arts Council and the Oklahoma Humanities Council.
- Education and Outreach had a total of 16,085 individuals served through include classroom presentations, presentations at cultural day events, coordinating with Cherokee Nation programs and departments to offer educational classes, and assisting with the major undertaking of holding 9 booths at the Kids World expo in Tulsa, OK.
- Genealogy had a total of 20,830 items of correspondence including phone calls, e-mails, and letters with 3,666 guests coming in to the Cherokee Family Research Center
- Five exhibits/art shows in 2013 - For the two art shows, 30% of one show sold while 31% of the other sold for a total of \$55,241 with CHC netting 30% of that figure
- Annual Gospel Sing had 310 in attendance and received donations to cover the cost of the hog fry dinner offered in conjunction with the event.
- Cherokee Holiday attendance was 9,881
- Development hired Will Lowe, as a part-time employee and consultant. Development saw the postponement of the Sevenstar Gala in October but was able to net \$13,000+ in donations from sending out an Year End Annual Giving Campaign letter.

### Major Item of Concern:

- Continued leaks in basement present humidity control issues that will cause damage and corrosion to Collections and Archives. Even conservative estimates state that we will lose pages of documents in the upcoming year if conditions continue with no change.
- Budget shortages continue to be of concern.

Upcoming Dates:

January 17, 2015

Lisa Rutherford, Hands-On Twining Workshop  
CHC Chapel

January 16 - 17, 2015

Cherokee National Historical Society Board Meeting  
O-Si-Yo Training Room

	Events and Offsite Services # of Attendees		Visitors To Museum & Diligwa	Volunteer Hours
	Off site	Onsite		
January	477	20	612	222
February	651	17	401	327
March	334	1081	3,594	1053
April	1761	380	2520	352.5
May	2889	335	4498	451.5
June	602	90	3649	815.45
July	488	75	6511	451.35
August	276	35	15247	369.95
September	128	34	2589	248
October	977	2151	4900	490
November	7422	22	2348	220
December	80	9	839	217
	16085	4299		
		20384	49,708	5,218

Visitors from: 96 Countries  
50 States

**Education Liaison**

Activity	December 2014/January 2015	YTD
TEDNA	Quarterly Meeting	2
Public School Coop/MVT	Techniques of Successful Superintendents (TOSS)	
	Teachers of Successful Students (TOSS)	
Institutional Review Board (IRB)	Attended the monthly meeting in December	4 Meetings
Community Meetings	0	6



**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Planning for Science Fair to be held on January 24, 2015;
2. Notified selected RTR participants for 2015;
3. Cherokee Teacher STEM Scholarship (new initiative).
4. Supt's meeting on January 16 and January 21 in Tahlequah

**Program Liaison**

Activity	December 2014/January 2015	YTD
# of Participants		
-TYC	17	
-Miss Cherokee	1	
# of Cherokee participants		
-TYC	17	
-Miss Cherokee	1	

**Partners: TYC, MISS CHEROKEE, OUTREACH**

1. CN Behavioral Health
2. CCO (Cherokee Cultural Outreach)
3. CN Communications

**Accomplishments:**

1. Ongoing, answering various inquiries regarding Education Services via email, phone, Facebook, etc.
2. Assisting with the RTR Bike Ride Planning Committee. I will work with Communications to coordinate the Send Off and the Return Ceremony.
3. Assist with Language Programs Projects.
4. Serving on the My Brother's Keeper working committee.
5. Assist various programs with editing documents, and continue to do so
6. Assist as needed and coordinate Public Relations efforts for Education Services with the Communication Department
7. Manage Miss Cherokee budget. Coordinate monthly Miss Cherokee Committee meetings and Miss Cherokee activities. Also serve as Chaperone for Miss Cherokee as needed.
8. Coordinates Miss Cherokee Committee with Jr. Miss Cherokee and Little Cherokee Ambassadors to streamline policy and procedures for consistency.
9. Coordinates booth workers and materials for the Education Services Booth during Cherokee nation Community Meetings (Chaperone Miss Cherokee and Jr. Miss Cherokee at several of the meetings.)
  - a. Worked Community Meetings on December 18, held at South Coffeyville with Jr. Miss Cherokee.
10. Coordinate Education Services Booth at the Photo ID Events, when scheduled.
11. The Tribal Youth Council Member met on January 10. Twelve of the seventeen were present. Continued our discussion on the Listening Tour topics. Guest Speaker Cohle Fowler discussed Get Out the Vote initiatives with the group and brainstormed places/events to set up GOTV Booths. Guest Speaker Mary HorseChief discussed Prevention Services and challenged the TYC to assist with their Rock the Block event to be held in May. The TYC accepted the challenge. Discussed the possibility of all Spring Breaks were the same, to schedule at tour of the CN Complex and other

historical/educational sites. Our closing activity was making Valentines for Vets. The Next TYC meeting will be February 7, 2015.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Develop New Promotional Materials for Education Services and programs.
2. CN Community Meetings/Events to set up Education Services Booth with materials and workers.
3. The next Tribal Youth Council Meeting will be February 7, 2015.
4. Monitors future travel for Miss Cherokee with Miss Cherokee Committee approval. The Miss Cherokee Committee has oversight of Miss Cherokee, Jr. Miss Cherokee and Little Cherokee Ambassadors Policy and Procedures.
5. Photo ID Events.

**School/Community Specialist**

Activity	December 2014/January 2015	YTD
Archery Competitions	When requested	
Community Meetings		
I Believe Program		

**Accomplishments:**

1. First Archery Tournament December 17<sup>th</sup>, at Shiloh School, meet every Tuesday at Shiloh
2. First training with Oklahoma Wildlife Department, November 19, 22 schools were in attendance.
3. Attended the AISES Conference November 12-16, 2014 in Florida.
4. November 17, Archery shooting in Vinita with students
5. November 20<sup>th</sup> Archery Tournament Shiloh and Grandview Schools
6. December 04, Attended Archery Tournament at Zion School.
7. December 10<sup>th</sup> Superintendent meeting (TOSS meeting) in Adair
8. December 11<sup>th</sup> community meeting in Westville
9. December 18<sup>th</sup> I Believe Program at Roland High School

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Continue contacting schools regarding Archery Tournaments

## SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS REPORT

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2-17-2015

- Dorm Student Count is 103 students
- Sequoyah High School has 372 Students
- Cherokee Nation Immersion School is participating in the Cherokee County Science Fair at the Tahlequah Community Building February 3-6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Immersion School has completed and submitted application for Impact Aid Money for the next school year.
- Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>, Immersion School is hosting a delegation from the University of Arkansas.
- Immersion School 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade traveled to Kenwood to play basketball the week of February 2-6.
- Sequoyah Schools 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day is February 11, there will be several schools attending. SHS applications can be picked up at that time.
- SHS Wrestling results for the Maverick Conference Tournament:  
Junior High-
  - 80 lbs Joey Hardbarger finished 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 113 lbs. Jacob Lyons-Champion
  - 140 lbs. Jeffrey Vance- Champion
  - High School
    - 126 Will Tiger- Champion and Outstanding Wrestler
    - 132 lbs. Damon Davidson finished 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - 195 lbs. Noah Wilson was runner-up

- All of these wrestlers are All-Conference (this team is ahead of last years team which was a record setting year for Sequoyah High School Wrestling)
- Sequoyah Basketball Teams both won the Tri-State Classic Championships at Jay
- OSSAA Rankings for class 3A has Sequoyah Girls #3 and Sequoyah Boys #7 in Oklahoma
- Lady Indians had Jackie Wright make All-Tournament and Johnett Cookson was named Tournament Most Valuable Player
- Indians had Zach Parrish make All-Tournament and B.J. Leach was selected Most Valuable Player
- SHS Senior Counselor took students to Senior Day at Connors State College on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Sequoyah Graduation Rate last year was 99% . National Graduation rate is 80%, BIE Schools Graduation rate is 53%, Native Americans in Non-BIE Schools Graduation rate is 67%.
- Sequoyah High School has 30 Gates Millennium Scholarship nominees out of 75 seniors which is 40% of the senior class.

**Group:** Career Services-Education    **Month/Year of Report:** January, 2015

**Executive Director:** Diane Kelley    **Phone:** 453-5628    **Email:** dkelley@cherokee.org

**I. Budget Highlights – Please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

None

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Balanced Scorecard Measures**

	<i>December</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>% of Goal</i>
<i>GED Completions</i> – includes individuals completing and receiving a GED or High School Diploma from Talking Leaves Job Corps and Career Literacy.	3	29	250	11.6%
<i>Training Completions</i> – includes individuals receiving a nationally-recognized certification, credential, or degree while enrolled in one of 11 different vocational training programs.	41	124	450	27.6%
<i>Employment Completions</i> – includes individuals who completed a Work Experience or TERO OJT assignment.	6	60	300	20.0%
<i>Unsubsidized Placement</i> – includes all individuals who entered unsubsidized employment (they got a job!) while enrolled in one of 15 different programs, both employment and vocational.	59	241	500	48.2%
<i>Retention</i> – includes individuals who were retained in their unsubsidized employment through assistance from a Career Services Program.	25	84	200	42.0%
<i>Job Readiness Training</i> – includes individuals who completed the Life/Employment Skills Training.	64	174	250	69.6%
<i>WorkKey Credentialing</i> – includes individuals who received a bronze, silver, gold, or platinum WorkKeys credential.	30	73	500	14.6%
<i>Job Bank</i> – includes the number of new individuals entering the TERO Job Bank.	32	107	500	21.4%
<i>Indian Owned Businesses</i> – includes the number of businesses newly certified as an Indian Owned Business.	13	40	100	40.0%

<i>Job Fairs</i> – includes the number of Job Fairs held by Career Services.	0	11	15	73.3%
<i>Community Service Projects</i> – this is the number of Community Service Projects completed by youth, both through the Summer Youth Employment Program and Talking Leaves Job Corps.	5	17	50	34.0%

**b. Accomplishments**

1. The GED teachers are going out in the communities doing outreach activities to raise awareness of our Adult Education Program.
2. Talking Leaves Job Corps was named a Gold Star Center by the National Job Corps Association for 2014. This will be the third year in a row.
3. One of our Vocational Training participants went from a seasonal part-time job where he worked only 20+ hours per week to a full-time position earning \$16.00 per hour.
4. Although the next participant has not completed CDL training, we wanted to mention him in this report. William is a learning disabled citizen who came into our office determined to change his life in order to provide for his family. He enrolled in CDL training last year, but failed his final test. William worked through the Holidays studying, determined to pass. He successfully passed the test and is now training with Central Tech! William could have been content to continue drawing social security disability but he is working hard to better himself and support his family!

**c. Initiatives**

1. Staff are preparing for the new Spring semester that begins in January.
2. Talking Leaves Job Corps continues Work Based Learning Partnership with Congressman Markwayne Mullins’ office in Muskogee Oklahoma.
3. The first of four JD-NEG Fast track Apprenticeship trainings is scheduled for Tahlequah and will begin Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Attachments:**

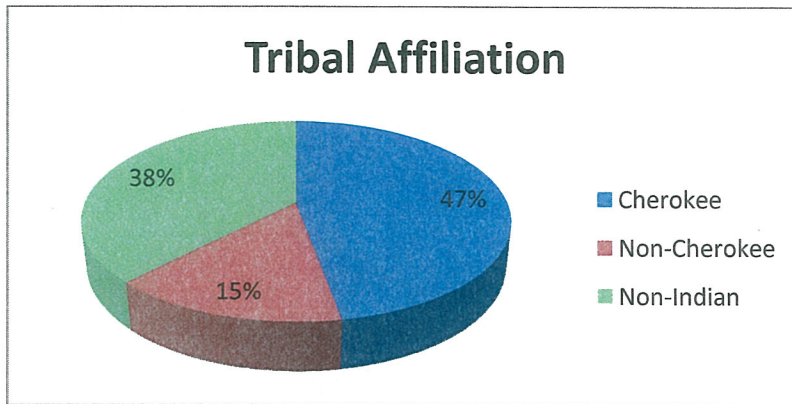
1. Cherokee Nation Health Job Fair- January 7, 2015 Exit Survey Results
2. 2015 Poverty Guidelines – these are the income guidelines we are required to use with all of our federally-funded programs to determine eligibility for services.

# Cherokee Nation Health Job Fair- January 7, 2015

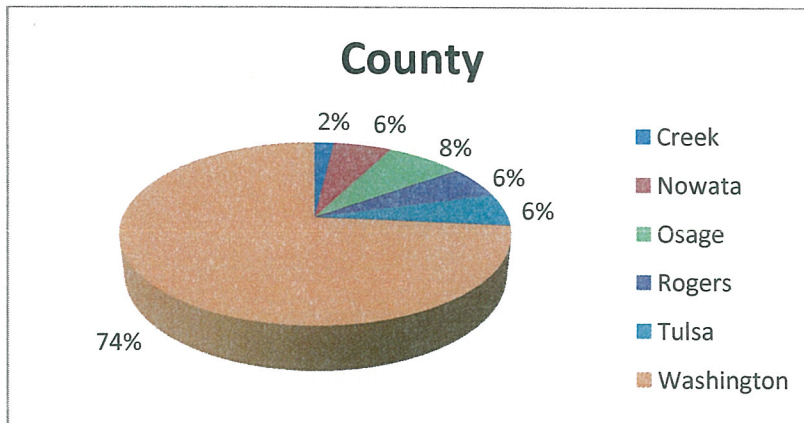
## Exit Survey Results

On January 7, 2015, Cherokee Nation Health Services, Career Services, and Human Resources collaborated efforts for the Job Fair promoting the positions to be filled at the Ochelata Clinic. The job fair was held at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Bartlesville, Ok from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. There were 92 total Health Job Fair attendees according to the sign in sheets. Among the attendees, 58% of them completed the exit survey. The following information was gathered from those that completed the exit survey.

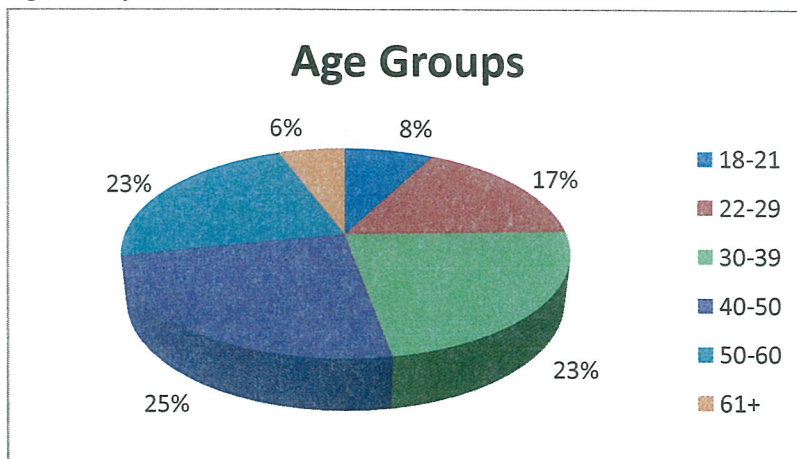
- **Tribal Affiliation**



- **County**



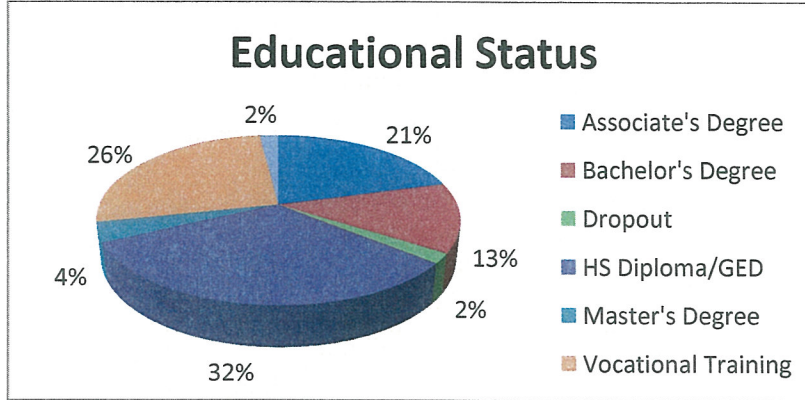
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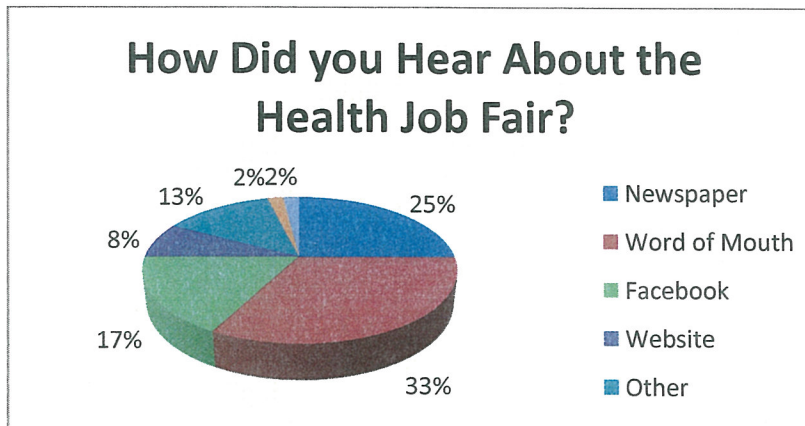
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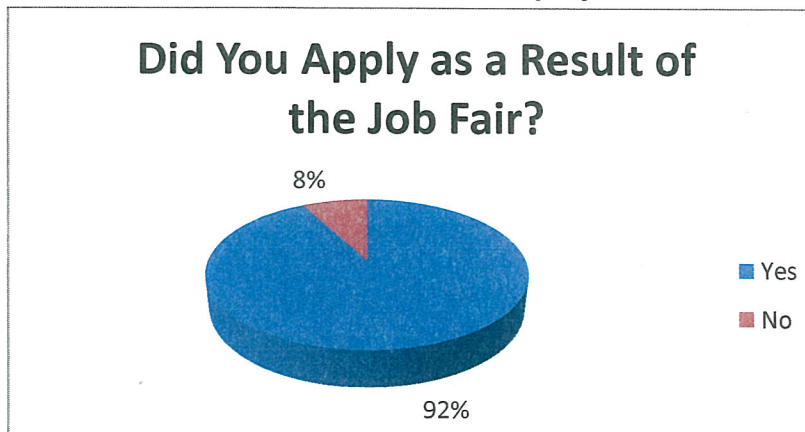
- **Education Completed**



- **Advertising**



- **Attendees that applied for positions at the job fair**

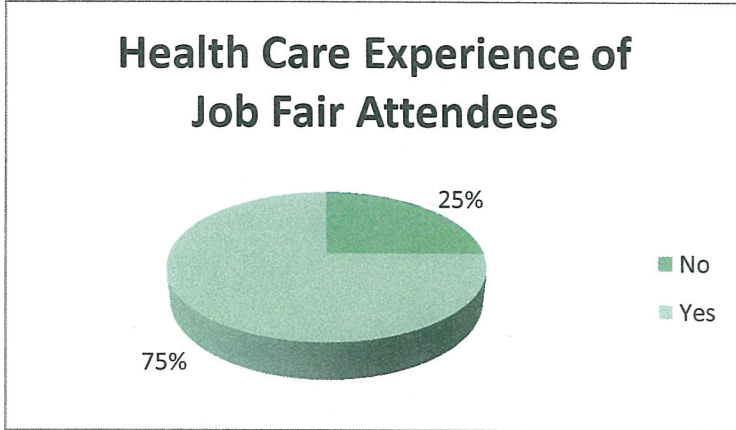




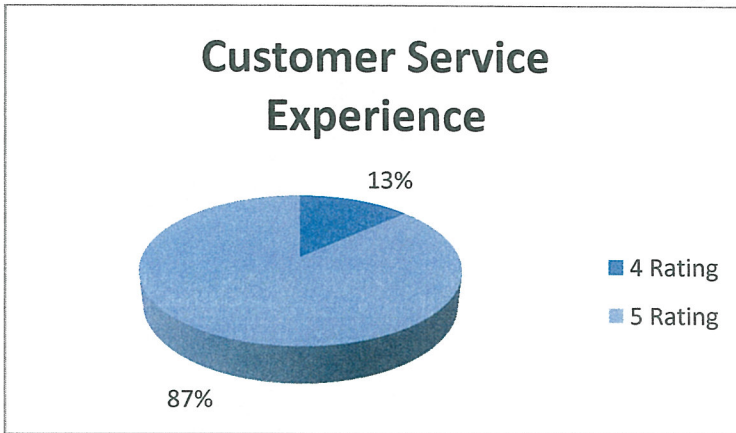
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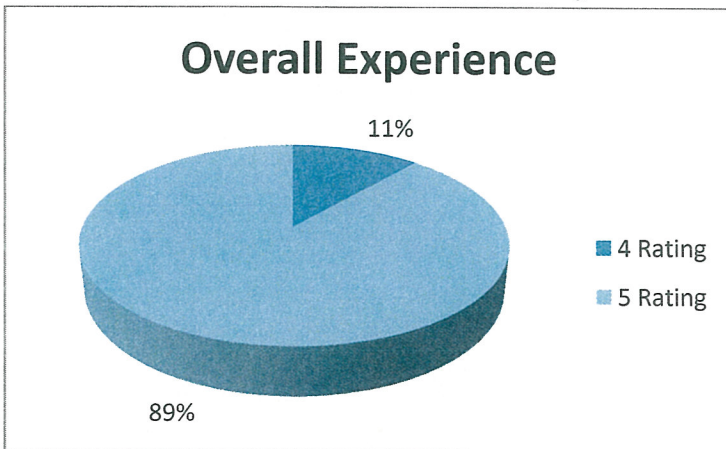
- **Health Care Experience**



- **Customer Service Experience- 1 being terrible and 5 being excellent**



- **Overall Experience- 1 being terrible and 5 being excellent**



By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: January 16, 2015.

Rachel E. Dickon,  
Assistant Secretary.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of December 16-17, 2014

In accordance with Section 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on December 16-17, 2014.<sup>1</sup>

Consistent with its statutory mandate, the Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster maximum employment and price stability. In particular, the Committee seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with federal funds trading in a range from 0 to 1/4 percent. The Committee directs the Desk to undertake open market operations as necessary to maintain such conditions. The Committee directs the Desk to maintain its policy of rolling over maturing Treasury securities into new issues and its policy of reinvesting principal payments on all agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities in agency mortgage-backed securities. The Committee also directs the Desk to engage in dollar roll and coupon swap transactions as necessary to facilitate settlement of the Federal Reserve's agency mortgage-backed securities transactions. The System Open Market Account manager and the secretary will keep the Committee informed of ongoing developments regarding the System's balance sheet that could affect the attainment over time of the Committee's objectives of maximum employment and price stability.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, January 9, 2015.

William B. English,  
Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on December 16-17, 2014, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's Annual Report.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From the Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Bloomfield, New Jersey, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NIOSH gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Bloomfield, New Jersey, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

*Facility:* Westinghouse Electric Corp.

*Location:* Bloomfield, New Jersey.

*Job Titles and/or Job Duties:* All employees who worked in any plant production area.

*Period of Employment:* January 1, 1950 through March 1, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938, Telephone 877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

John Howard,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides an update of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 22, 2015, unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about how the guidelines are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the Federal, state, or local office that is responsible for that program. For information about poverty figures for immigration forms, the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, and the number of people in poverty, use the specific telephone numbers and addresses given below.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, contact Kendall Swenson, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201, telephone: (202) 690-7507, or visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as USCIS Form I-864, Affidavit of Support, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1-800-375-5283.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (free or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other facilities for persons meeting eligibility criteria involving the poverty guidelines), contact the Health Resources and Services Administration Information Center at 1-800-275-4772. To receive a Hill-Burton information package, call 1-800-638-0742 (for callers outside Maryland) or 1-800-492-0359 (for callers in Maryland). You also may visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/getthehealthcare/affordable/hillburton/>.

For information about the number of people in poverty, visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau's Web site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html> or contact the Census Bureau's Customer Service Center at 1-800-923-8282 (toll-free) or visit <https://ask.census.gov> for further information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of

the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a number of other Federal programs. The *poverty guidelines* issued here are a simplified version of the *poverty thresholds* that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The guidelines in this 2015 notice reflect the 1.6 percent price increase between calendar years 2013 and 2014. After this inflation adjustment, the guidelines are rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes. The same calculation procedure was used this year as in previous years. (Note that these 2015 guidelines are roughly equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2014 which the Census Bureau expects to publish in final form in September 2015.)

The poverty guidelines continue to be derived from the Census Bureau's current official poverty thresholds; they are not derived from the Census Bureau's new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

The following guideline figures represent annual income.

**2015 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1 .....	\$11,770
2 .....	15,930
3 .....	20,090
4 .....	24,250
5 .....	28,410
6 .....	32,570
7 .....	36,730
8 .....	40,890

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

**2015 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1 .....	\$14,720
2 .....	19,920
3 .....	25,120

**2015 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA—Continued**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
4 .....	30,320
5 .....	35,520
6 .....	40,720
7 .....	45,920
8 .....	51,120

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,200 for each additional person.

**2015 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1 .....	\$13,550
2 .....	18,330
3 .....	23,110
4 .....	27,890
5 .....	32,670
6 .....	37,450
7 .....	42,230
8 .....	47,010

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,780 for each additional person.

Separate poverty guideline figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. (Note that the Census Bureau poverty thresholds—the version of the poverty measure used for statistical purposes—have never had separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii.) The poverty guidelines are not defined for Puerto Rico or other outlying jurisdictions. In cases in which a Federal program using the poverty guidelines serves any of those jurisdictions, the Federal office that administers the program is generally responsible for deciding whether to use the contiguous-states-and-DC guidelines for those jurisdictions or to follow some other procedure.

Due to confusing legislative language dating back to 1972, the poverty guidelines sometimes have been mistakenly referred to as the “OMB” (Office of Management and Budget) poverty guidelines or poverty line. In fact, OMB has never issued the guidelines; the guidelines are issued each year by the Department of Health and Human Services. The poverty guidelines may be formally referenced as “the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the *Federal Register* by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).”

Some federal programs use a percentage multiple of the guidelines

(for example, 125 percent or 185 percent of the guidelines), as noted in relevant authorizing legislation or program regulations. Non-Federal organizations that use the poverty guidelines under their own authority in non-Federally-funded activities also may choose to use a percentage multiple of the guidelines.

The poverty guidelines do not make a distinction between farm and non-farm families, or between aged and non-aged units. (Only the Census Bureau poverty thresholds have separate figures for aged and non-aged one-person and two-person units.)

Note that this notice does not provide definitions of such terms as “income” or “family,” because there is considerable variation in defining these terms among the different programs that use the guidelines. These variations are traceable to the different laws and regulations that govern the various programs. This means that questions such as “Is income counted before or after taxes?”, “Should a particular type of income be counted?”, and “Should a particular person be counted as a member of the family/household?” are actually questions about how a specific program applies the poverty guidelines. All such questions about how a specific program applies the guidelines should be directed to the entity that administers or funds the program, since that entity has the responsibility for defining such terms as “income” or “family,” to the extent that these terms are not already defined for the program in legislation or regulations.

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Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction