

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

November 2016

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HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	269
Number of Vacancies	14
Number of Volunteers	5

Human Services Announcements:

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND SAFE TRAVELS!

Council Notes:



YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

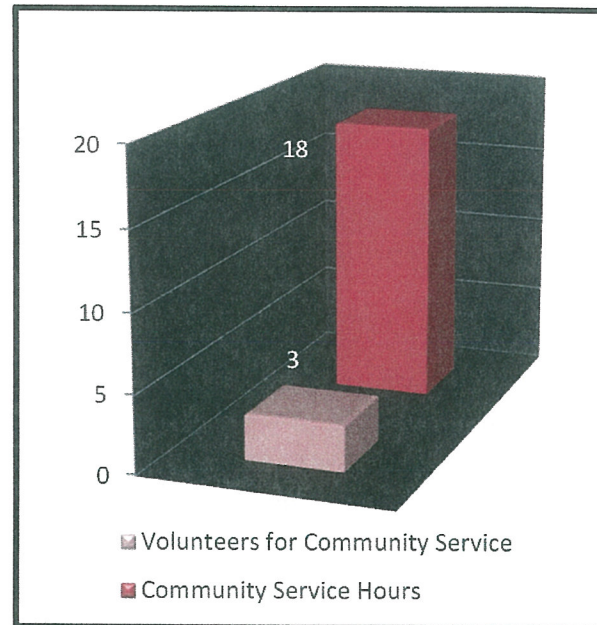
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	28
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center
Youth Services
Cherokee PARENTS
Veteran's Center

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

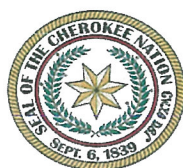
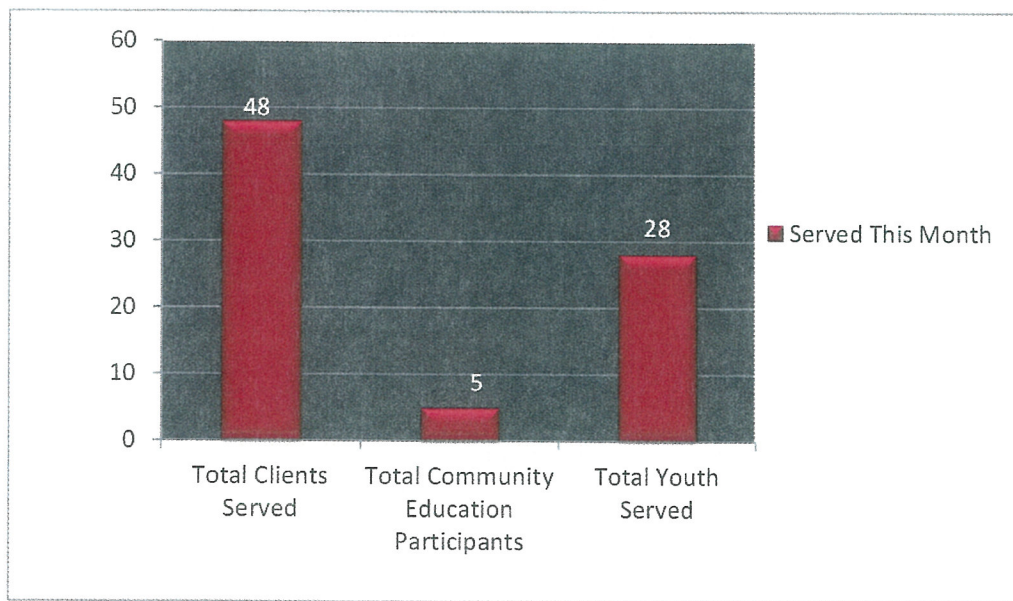
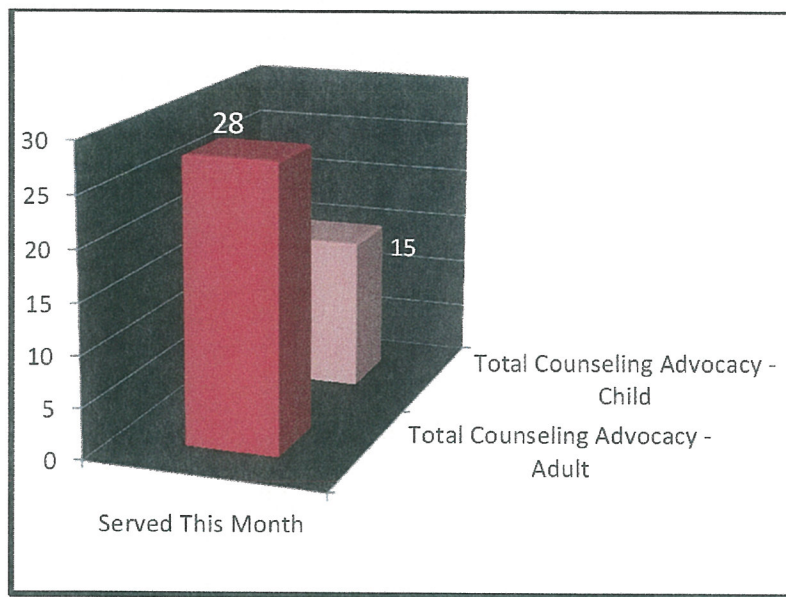
Young people served	10
Admissions	6



YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations **5**

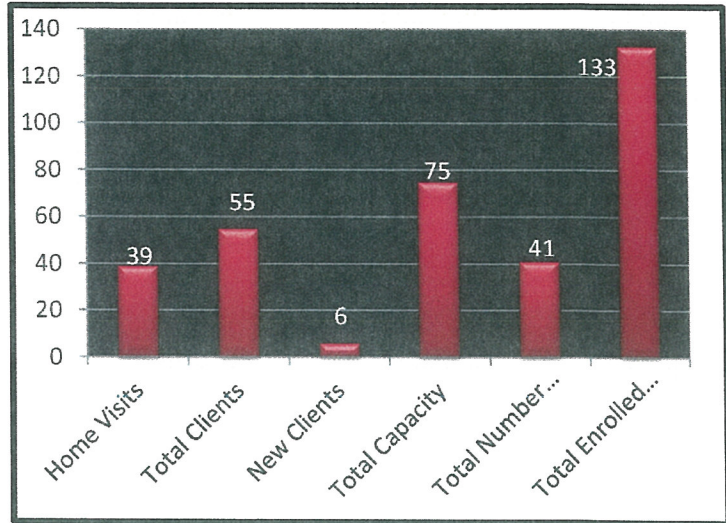


YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	55
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Youth Services numbers were lower because of school being out for the holiday and staff are currently displaced because of construction in the building.



Veteran's Center :

Calls for information	30
In Person Visits	174
Transportation	2
other services- home visits	0



CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	108
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

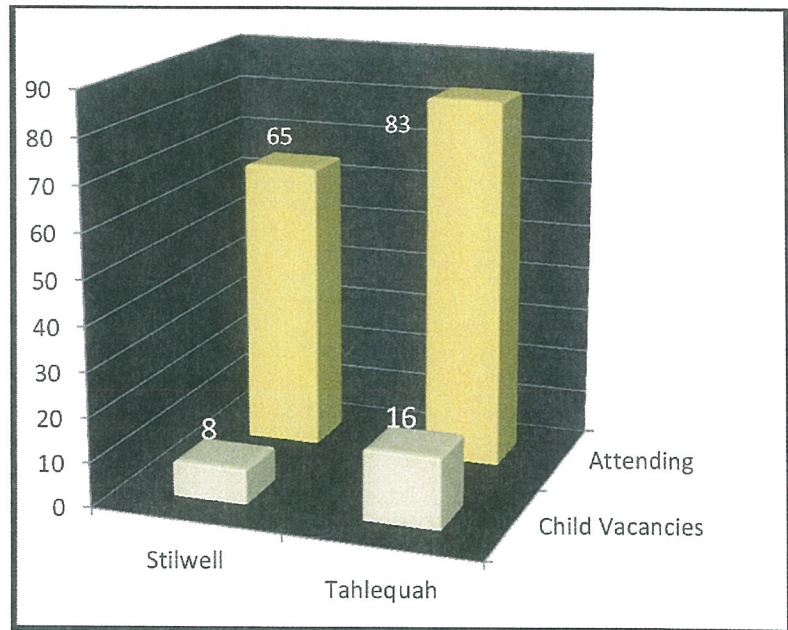
Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Has 8 children vacancies with current staff. We have 2 staff openings. Thanksgiving Dinner for our parents was held on November 16, 2016. We are planning our Christmas Parties for the children that will be held on December 13, 2016.

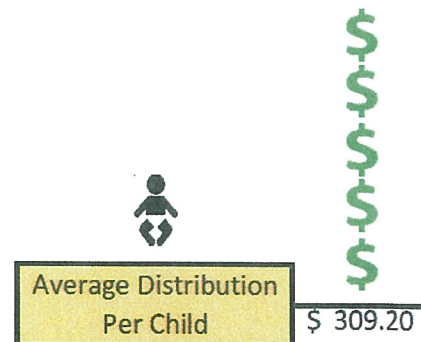
- Tahlequah - Has 16 children vacancies at this time with current staff. We have a position vacant.

- Subsidy - Updating all policies and the new software system has been fully implemented.

- Licensing - Staff attended Bell and Ketchum Community Meeting, TELI Meeting, Heads Start Partners Meeting, and Wellness in Workplace. Staff conducted a Child Care Center Requirements Training.



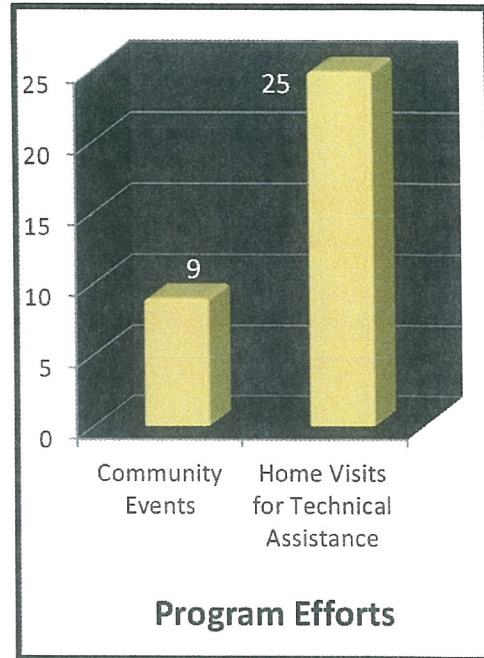
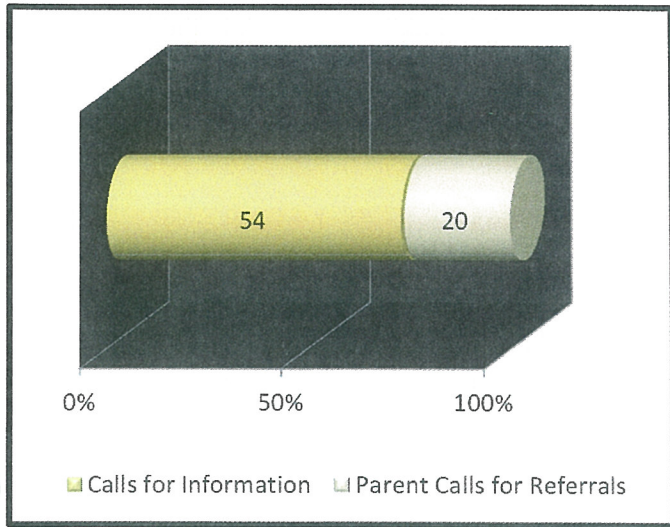
Children Receiving	1,444
Amount Distributed	\$ 446,478.65



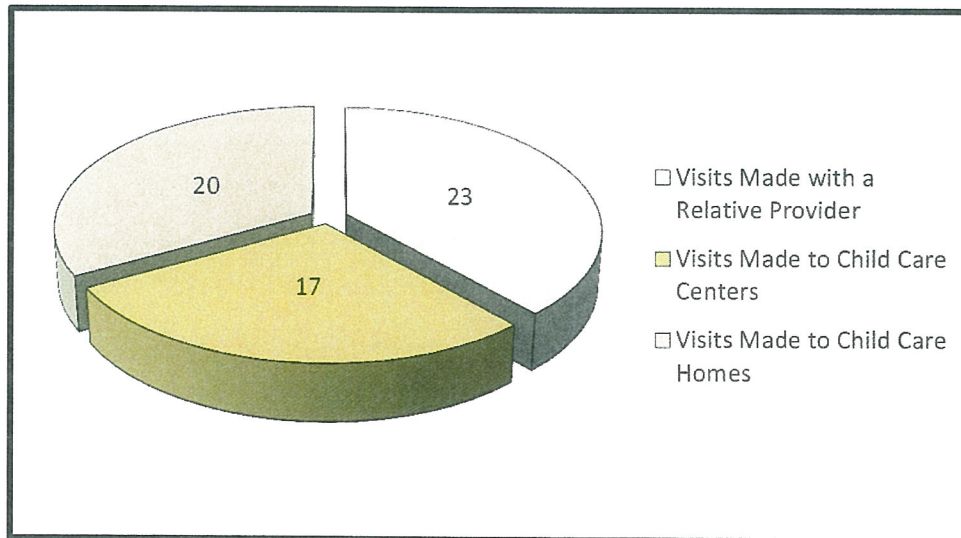
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	7
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Licensing & Monitoring :



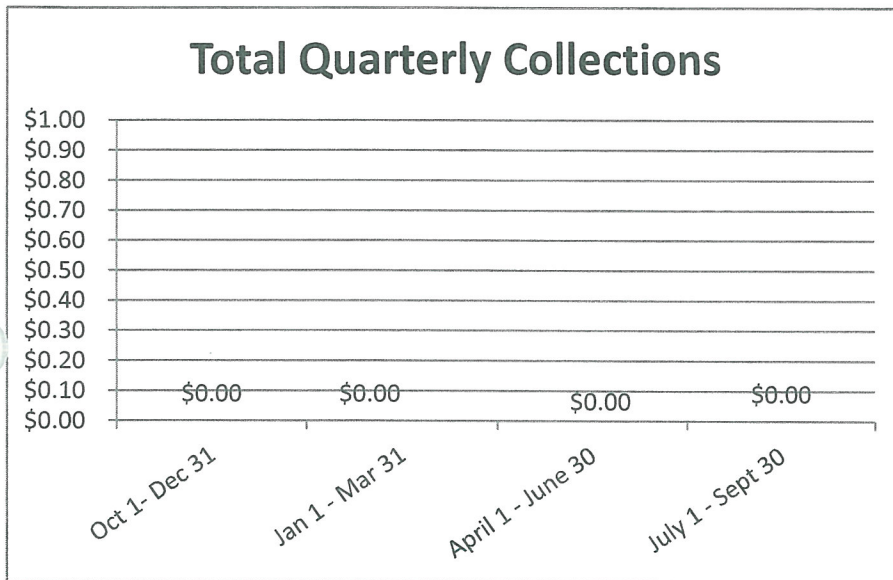
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

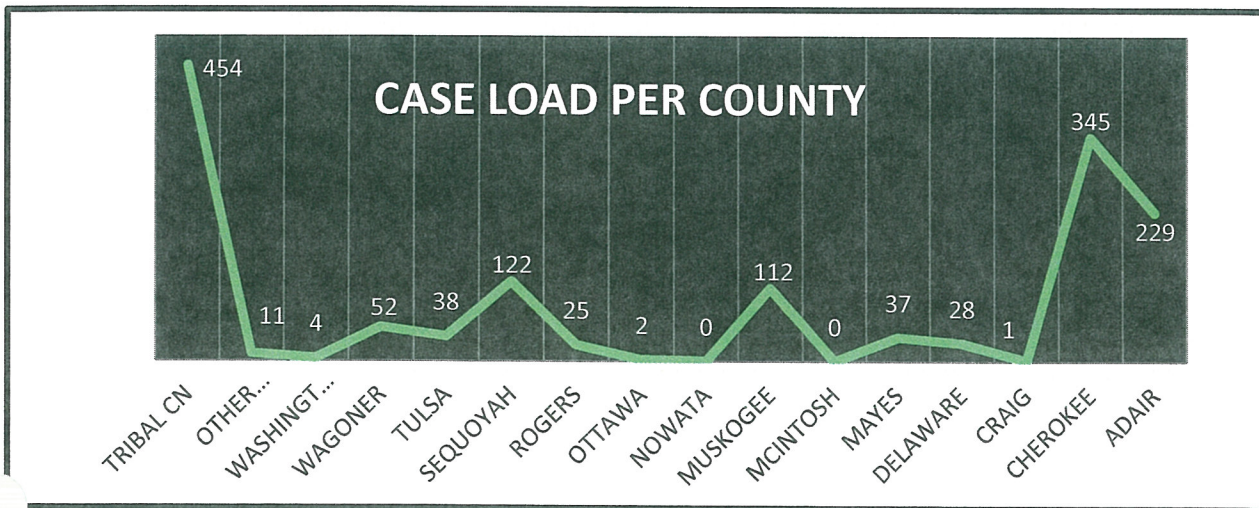
Number of Employees	33
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Nov. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 255,913.00
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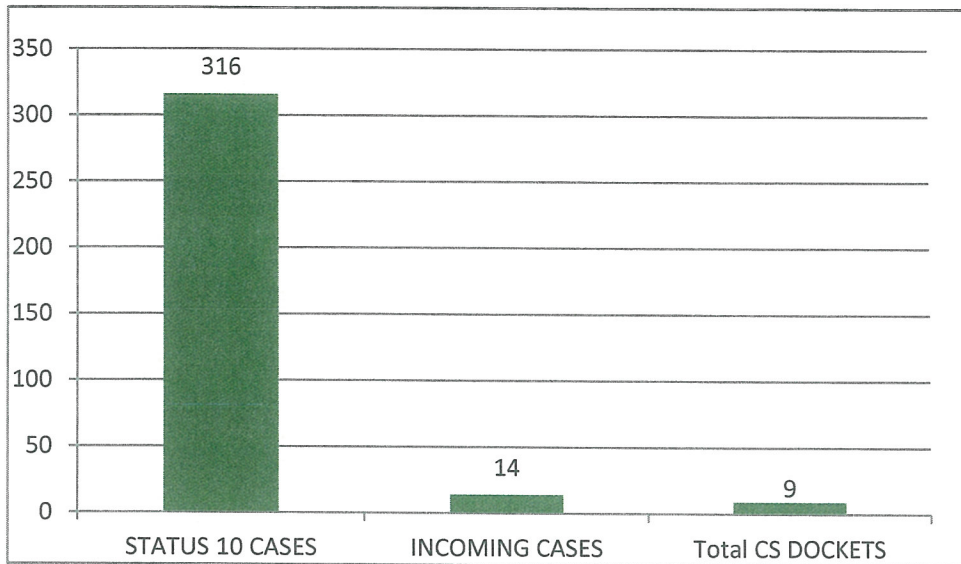
Total Client Contacts	2,279
Total Court Hearings	100
Total Active Efforts Case	890
Total Case Assessments for Service	11
Total Applications Distributed	46



*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The program recently hired a new employee, Melissa McCoy, as a child support specialist. She will be working in our payment center unit. The program in collaboration with CN IT staff has continued to work with the Federal MTS offic staff to ensure we are progressing on rolling our cases over to our new database. We are currently on target with our business plan. The schedule is to be ready to go live April 1, 2017. This past month, one of our dedicated Child support specialist, Marisa Walton, whose case load is mainly bench warrants, collected over \$17, 000 in outstanding arrears through bench warrant process to go directly to our clients or a state/tribe for distribution. A number of Child Support staff were out and about representing the program to various community meetings this past month.



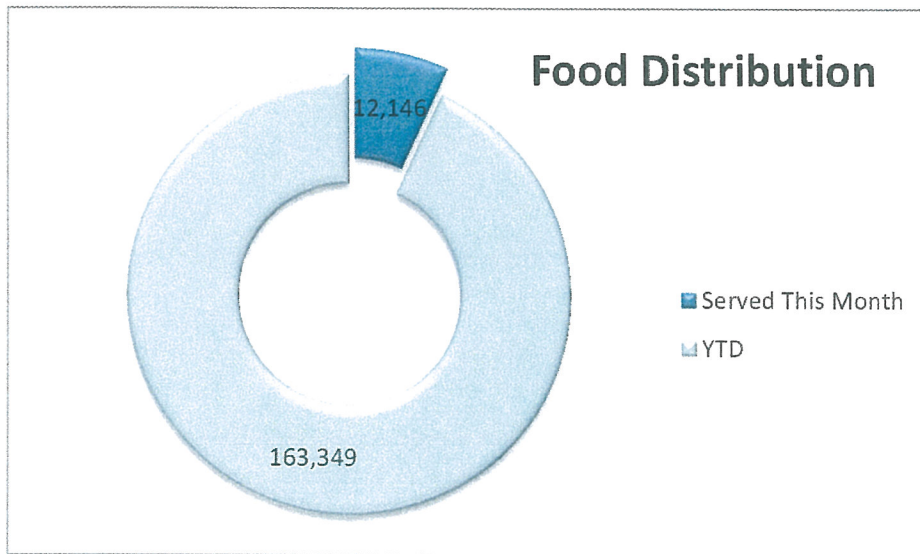
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

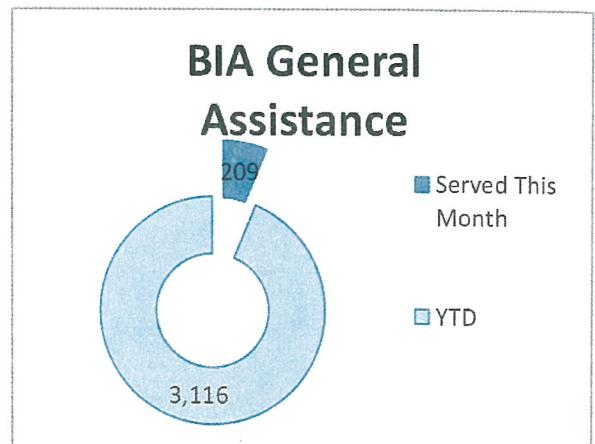
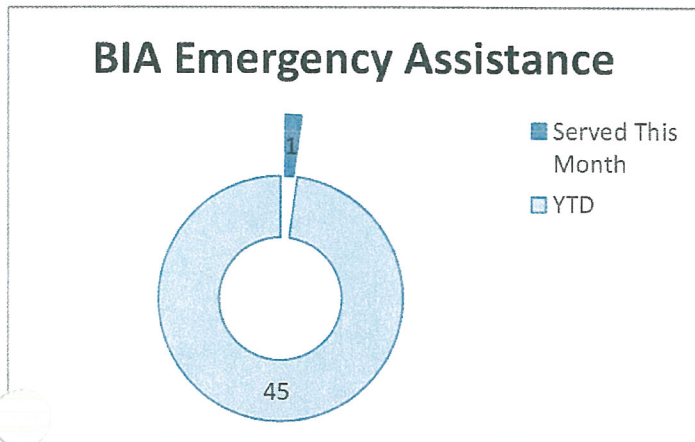
Number of Employees	100
Number of Vacancies	6
Number of Volunteers	5

Programs
Food Distribution
Social Services
Burial Assistance
Elder Care
Family Assistance
LIHEAP
NAHASDA
CITGO

Food Distribution :

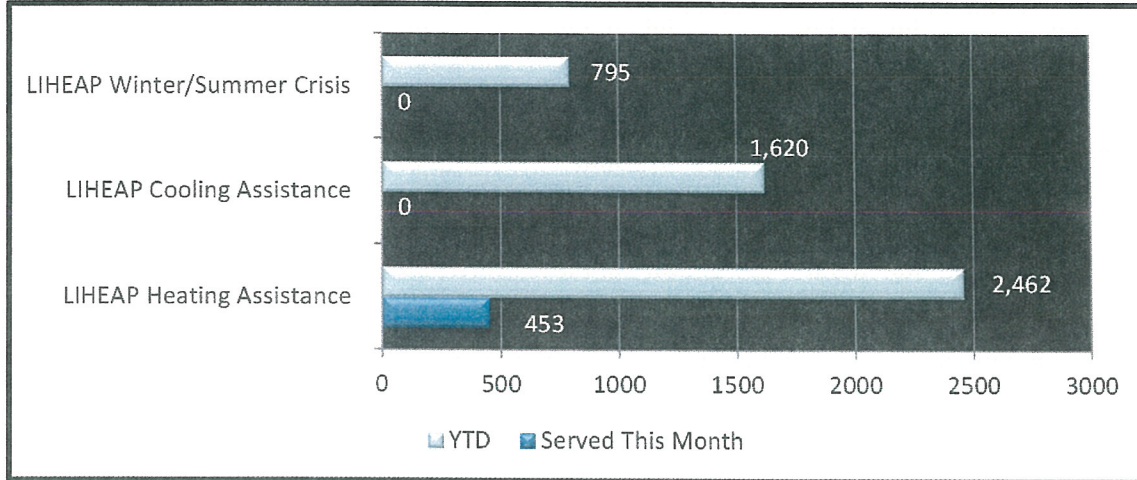


BIA Social Services :



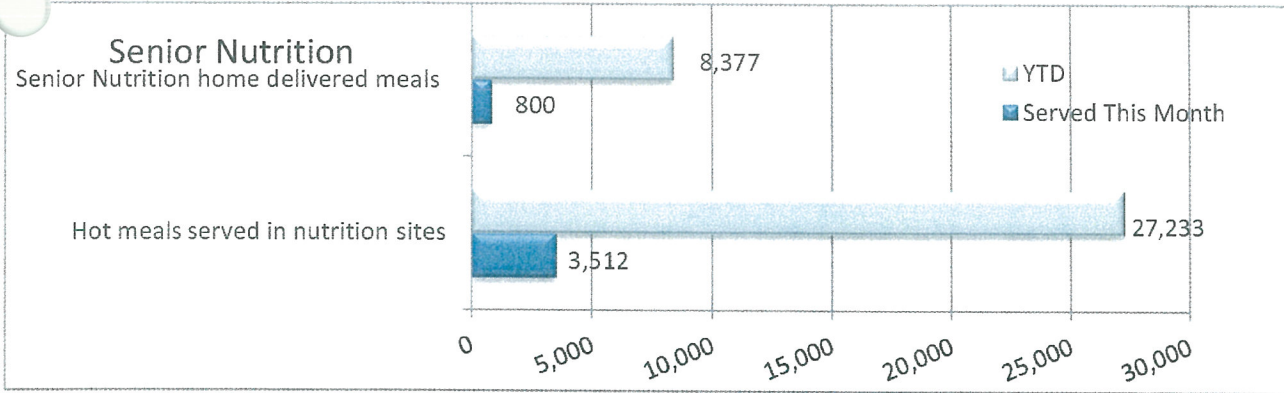
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

LIHEAP:

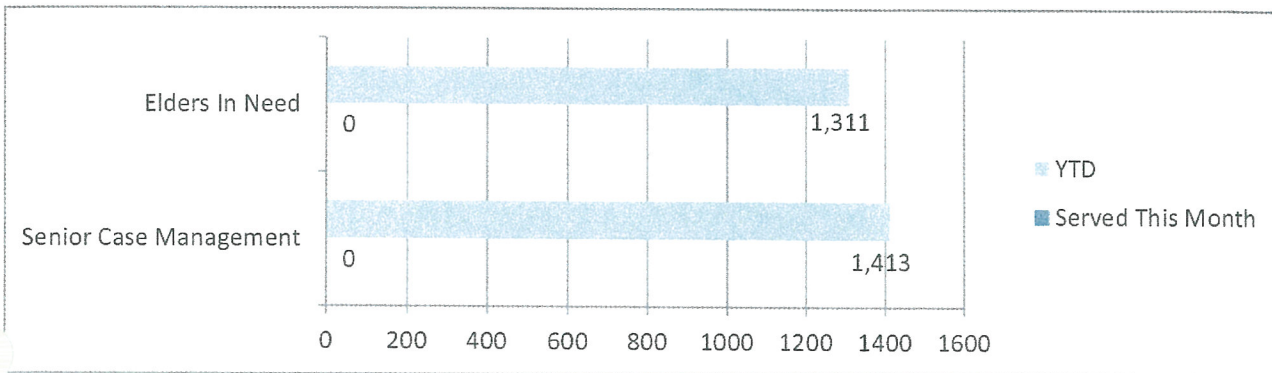


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April

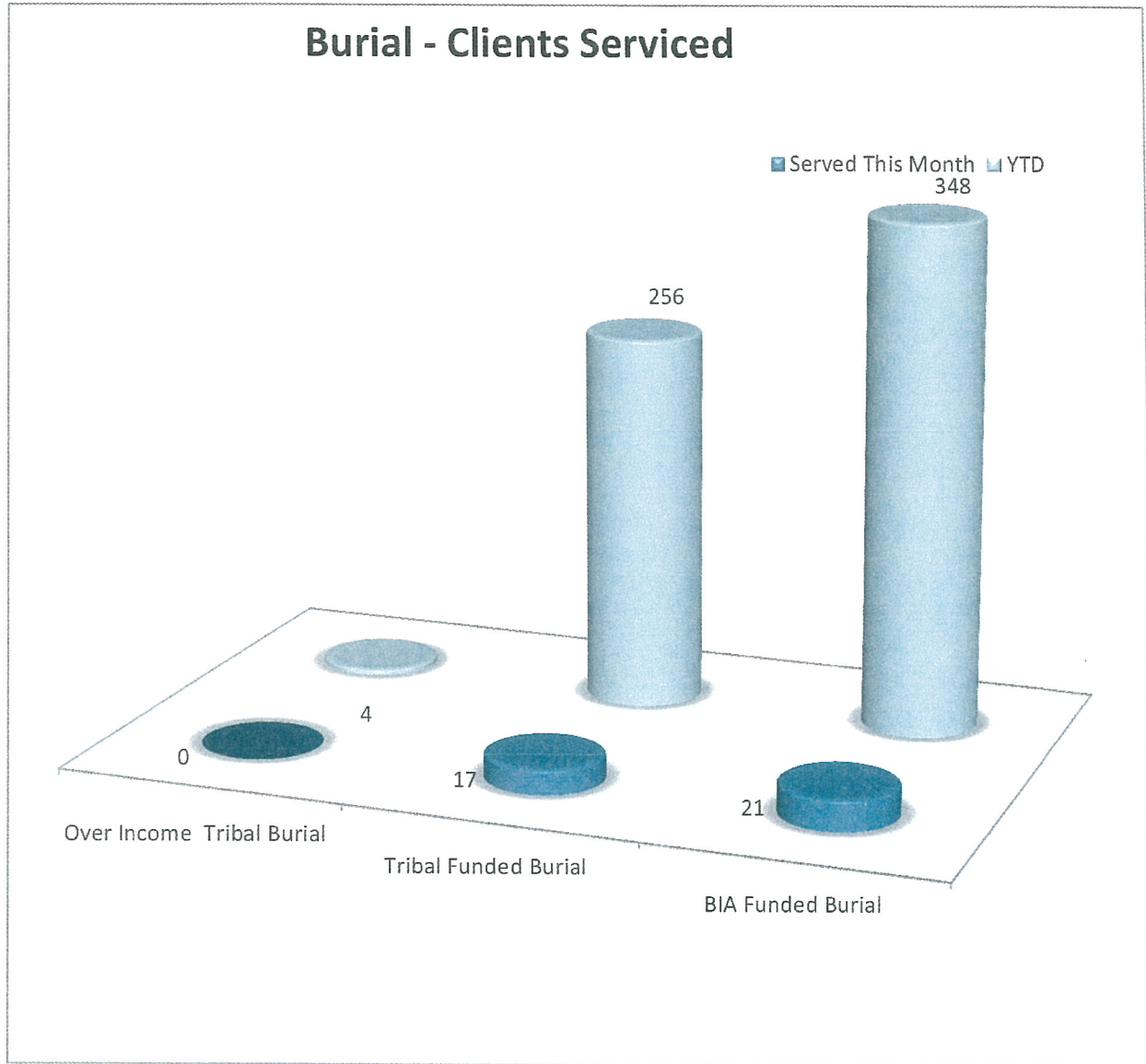


*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



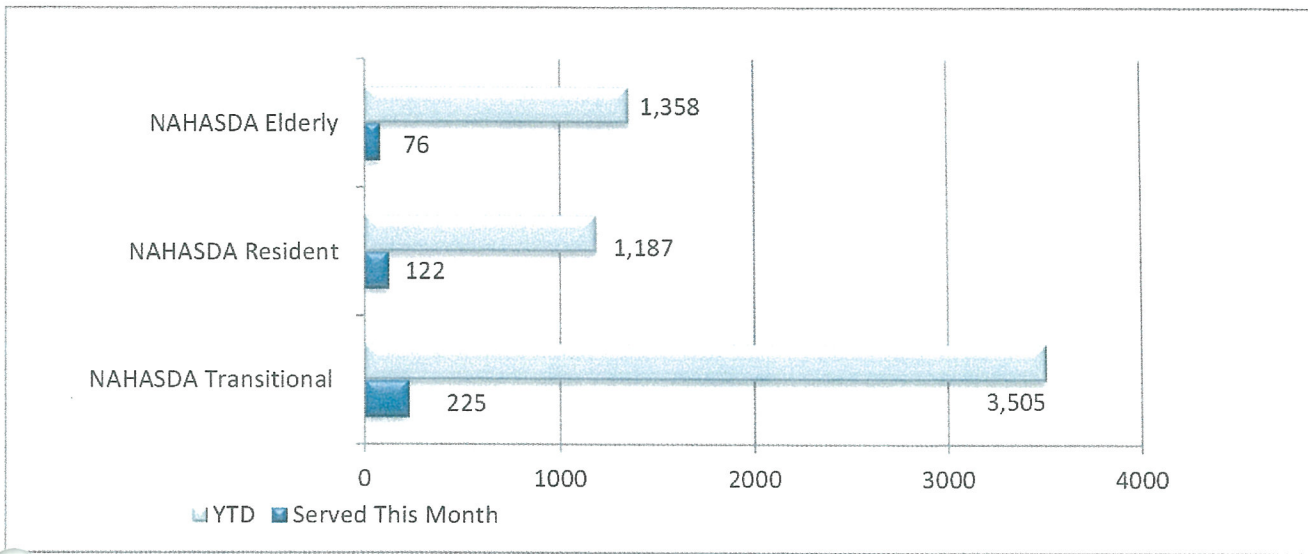
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Burial Assistance :

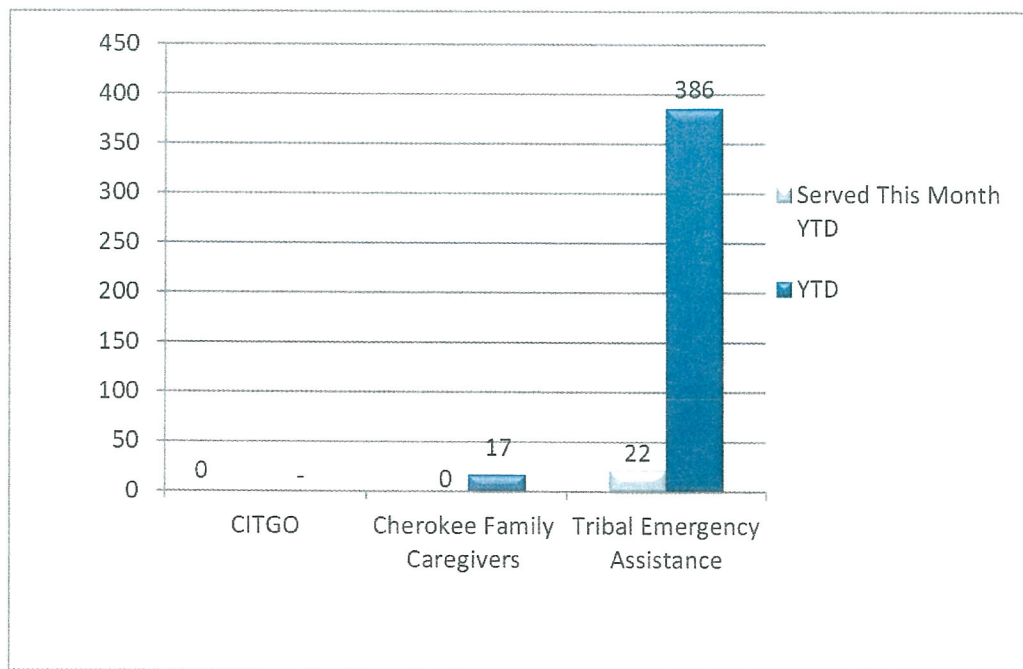


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NAHASDA :

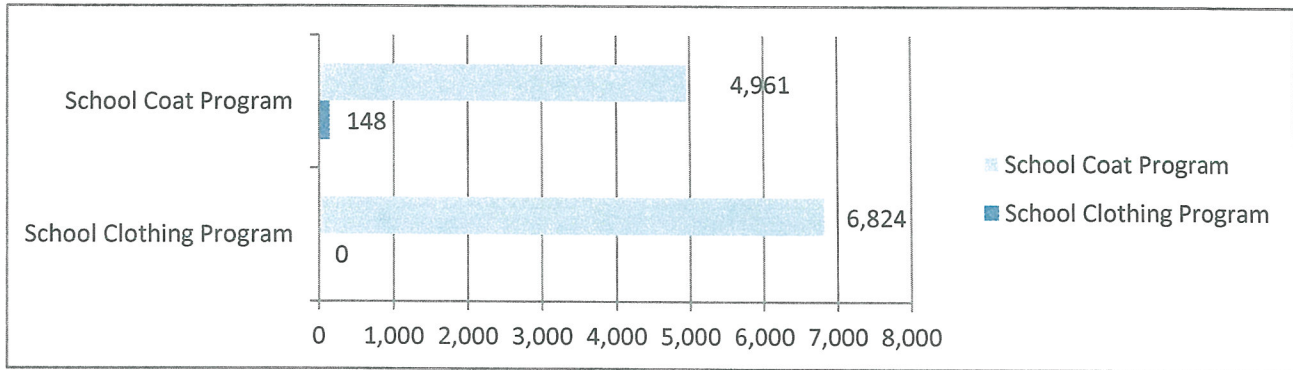


Family Assistance :



FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



*School Clothing Program starts in July, before the school year begins.

Family Assistance:



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Deputy Executive Director - Barbara Foreman

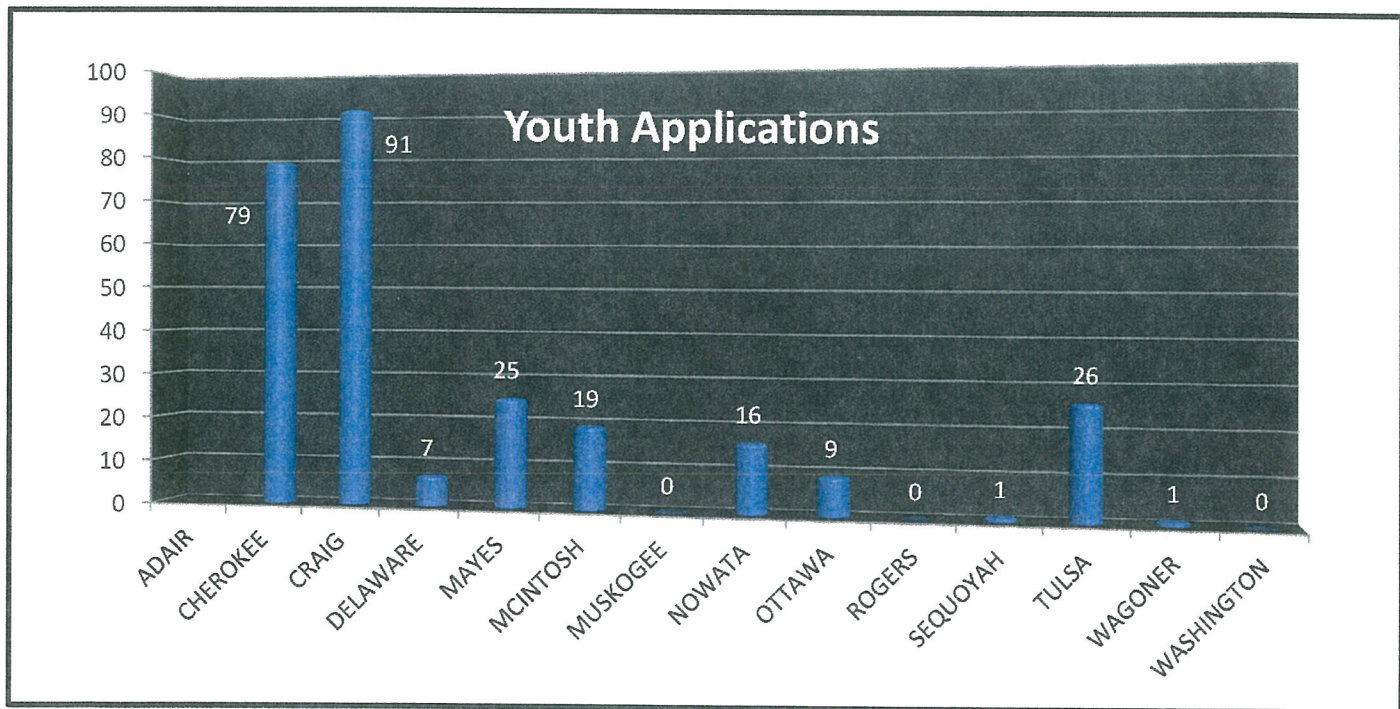
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Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

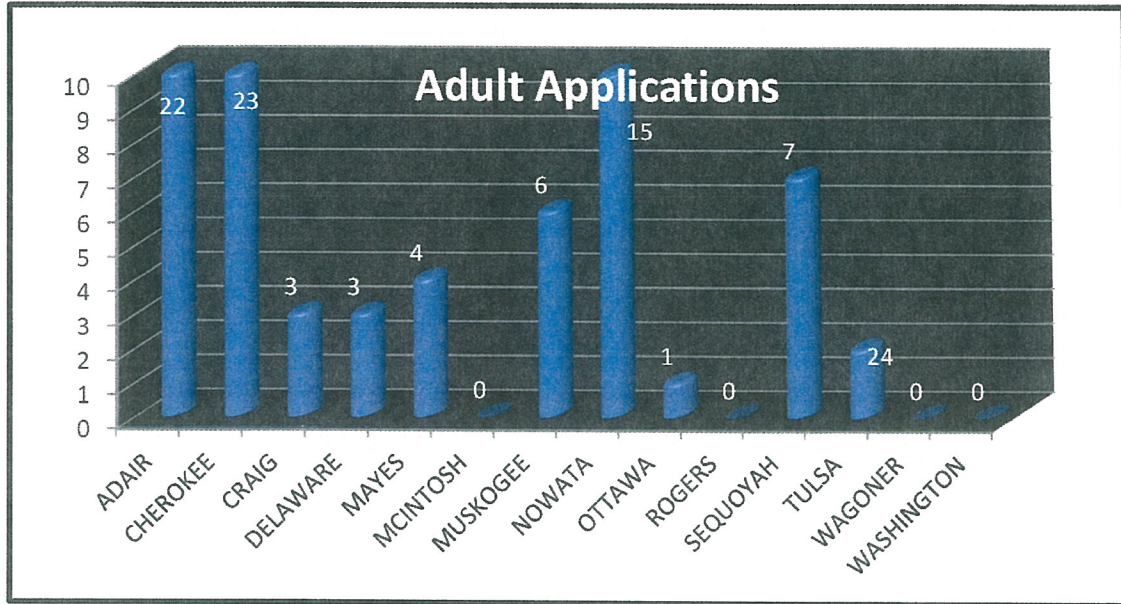
Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,679
Total Applications Taken	361

Community Youth :





Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	275
Total Adult	24

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

November	\$ 35,400.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** December 2016

Executive Director: Ron Qualls **Phone:** **E-mail:**

I. Budget Highlights

1. Preparing budget mod for administrative funds after IHS Allocation packet was completed by Accounting.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

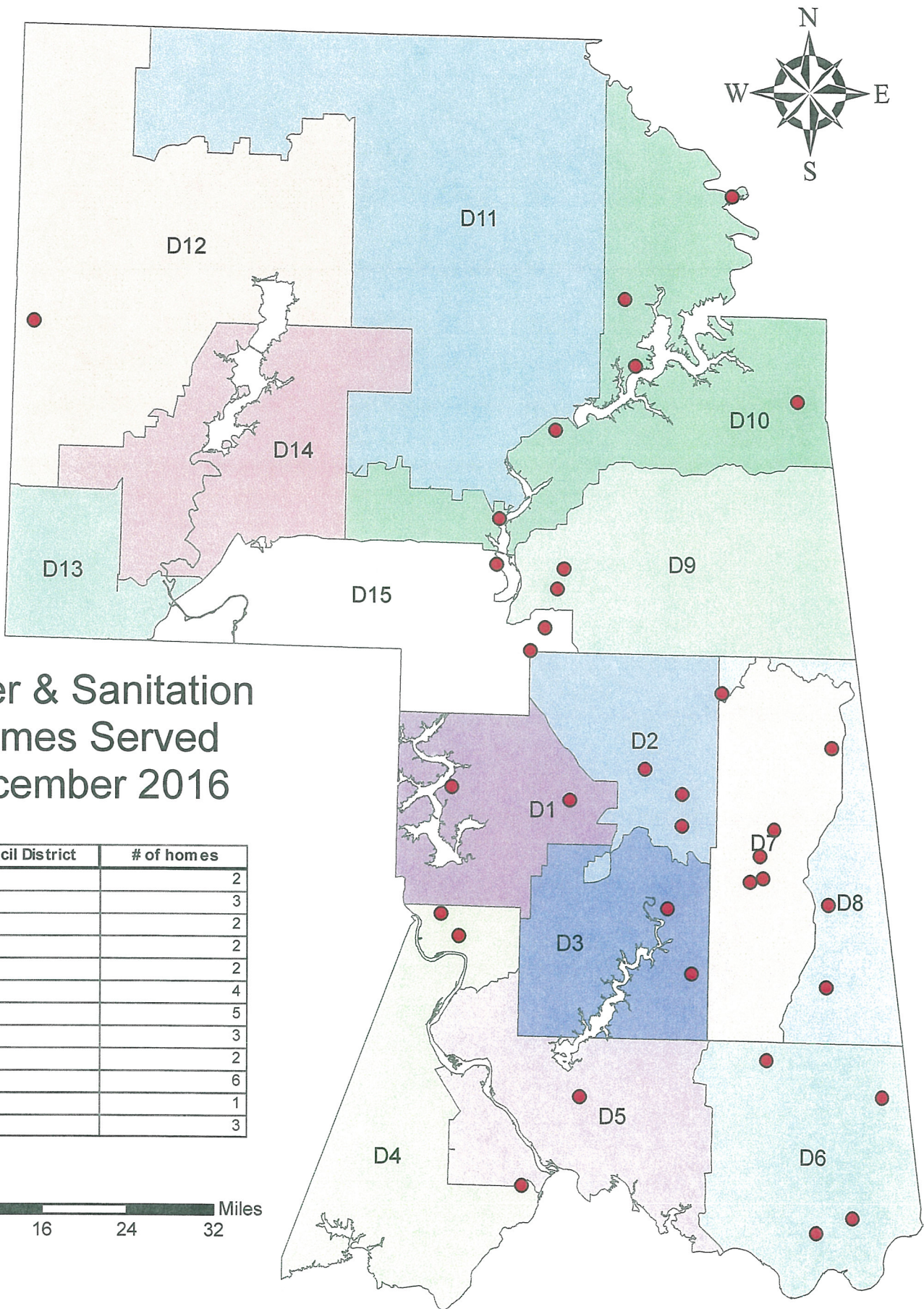
1. Trained 173 food handlers
2. Repaired 15 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 29 sewer and/or water facilities

b.) Accomplishments

1. Held pre-construction meeting for Jay Industrial Park sewer project
2. Attended pre-construction meeting for Cherokee Co. RWD # 3 Moody's Storage Tank project

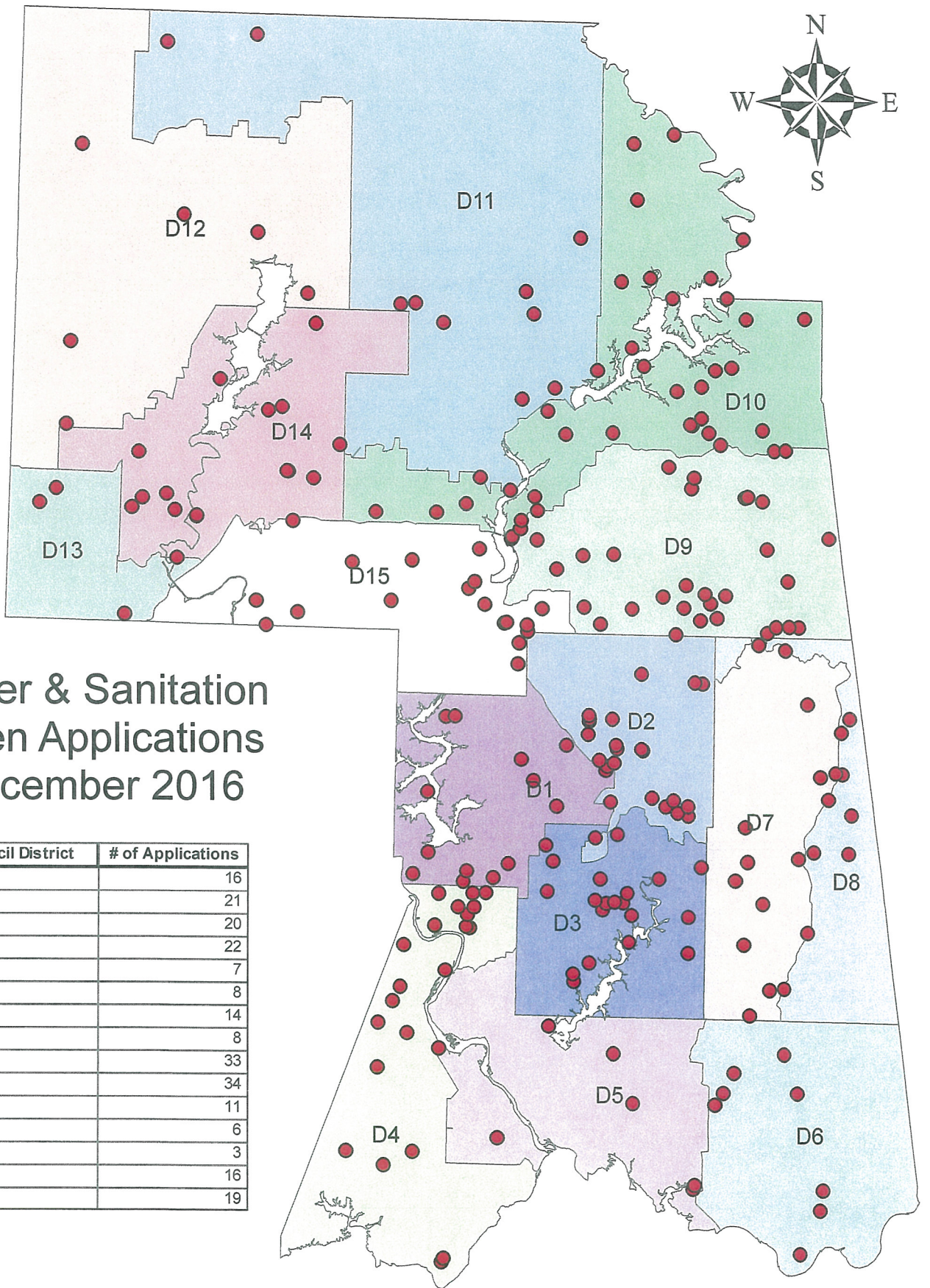
c.) Future Plans

1. Equipment replacement for CN Force Account crews.
2. Lowrey Phase II Waterline Construction.
3. Kenwood Water Loss Project.
4. FY17 Septic and Well contracts.



Water & Sanitation Homes Served December 2016

Council District	# of homes
D1	2
D2	3
D3	2
D4	2
D5	2
D6	4
D7	5
D8	3
D9	2
D10	6
D12	1
D15	3



Water & Sanitation Open Applications December 2016

Council District	# of Applications
D1	16
D2	21
D3	20
D4	22
D5	7
D6	8
D7	14
D8	8
D9	33
D10	34
D11	11
D12	6
D13	3
D14	16
D15	19

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>January, 2017</u>
Executive Director:	<u>Gary J. Cooper</u>	Phone:	<u>918-456-5482</u>
Deputy Director:	<u>Erna Reeves</u>		

Public Disclosures:

As required by 24 CFR Part 1000.30, services provided to Cherokee Nation Housing Services Employees and Employee relatives from funds received pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), shall be publicly disclosed.

The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.

LOW RENT APARTMENT:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Low Rent Apartment pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Rachel Cartwright, aunt is Anita Lockhart of HACN

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Homeownership program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

RENTAL ASSISTANCE/TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING:

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Rental Assistance program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

LeAnn McDonald, cousin is Laura Maddox of CN Commerce
Bessie Woodard, sister is Anita Lockhart of HACN

NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM: *(Non-NAHASDA Program)*

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for the New Construction Homeownership program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services from the Housing Rehabilitation program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Jan 24 January Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Office Closures:

Jan 2 Observance of New Year's Day

Feb 20 Observance of President's Day

Other Info:

All offices and staff of the HACN may be reached through the main office number, regardless of their office location. The local and toll free numbers are:

918-456-5482

800-837-2869

Employee Email is:

firstname.lastname@hacn.org

www.hacn.org

**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
Nov, 2016

County	Applications		Processing							Construction		Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete	
	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing	Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete				
				Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing						
Adair	106	0	0	13	0	0	0	2	2	24	54	0	17	24	54
Cherokee	312	0	0	11	1	1	0	4	14	61	126	0	31	61	126
Craig	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	11	0	3	7	11
Delaware	130	0	2	12	3	1	1	0	3	50	53	2	20	50	53
McIntosh	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	5	0	3
Maries	90	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	3	19	31	0	9	19	31
Muskogee	85	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	21	38	1	6	21	38
Nowata	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	20	0	2	10	20
Ottawa	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	7
Rogers	127	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	18	30	0	4	18	30
Sequoyah	143	0	7	3	0	1	1	2	4	74	83	7	11	74	83
Tulsa	115	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	5	0	3	5	5
Wagoner	22	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	3	3
Washington	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	5	8
Total:	1,235	0	11	51	6	6	2	12	36	298	472	11	113	298	472
			11					113			770				

STAGE I:
Copies of Deed(s), etc.
Check Floodmaps/Floodplain
Identify Utility Companies
Contact for Site Inspection

STAGE II:
Visit Site
Identify/Propose Site Plan
Identify/Propose Utilities
Identify/Propose Lateral Field
Identify/Propose Easement(s)
Deliver Utility Assurance Letters
Request Abstract from participant

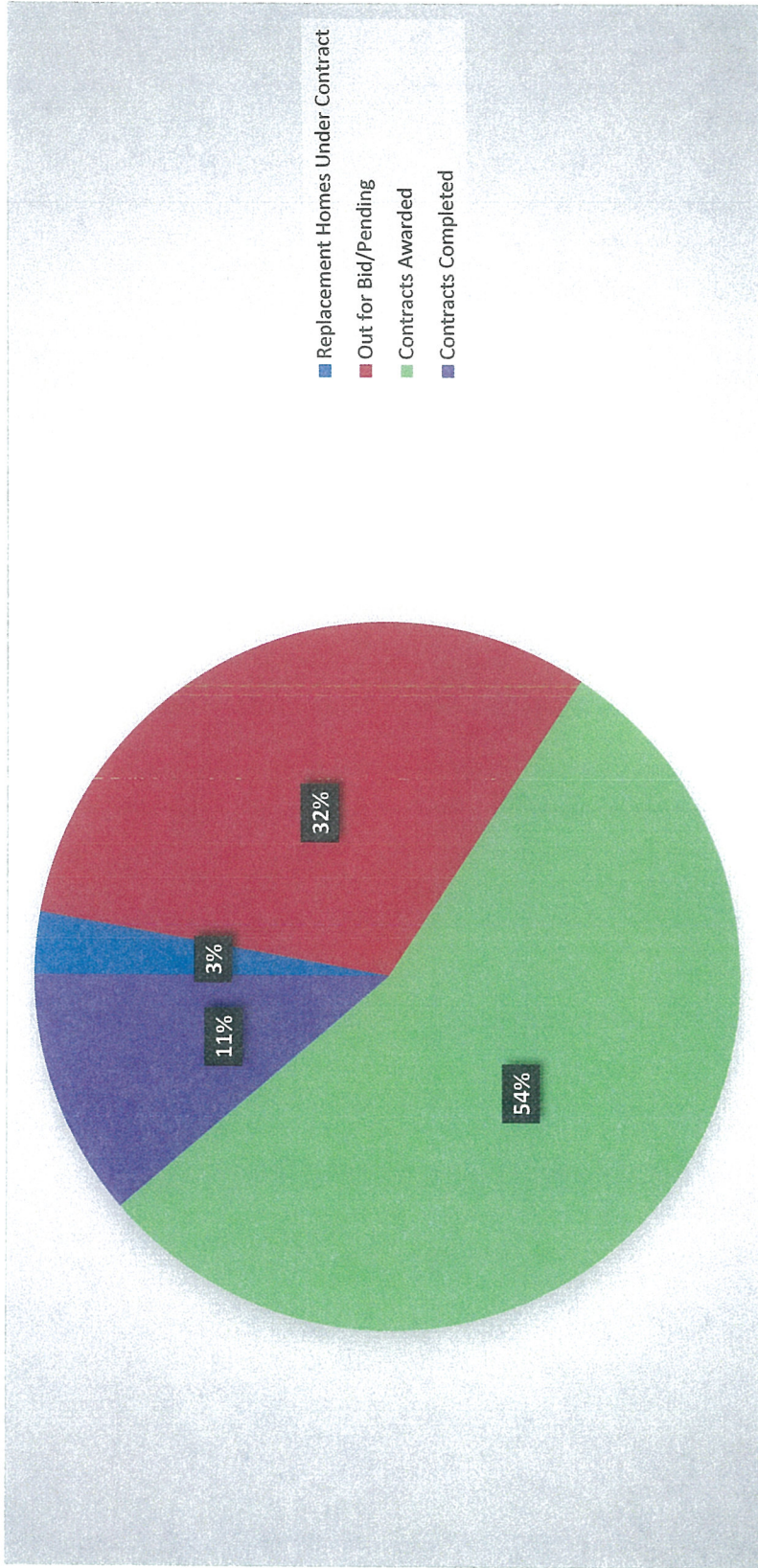
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

STAGE IV:
Survey Review / Identify Barriers / Process for Closing

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
November, 2016

Replacement Homes Under Contract	8
Out for Bid/Pending	89
Contracts Awarded	154
Contracts Completed	32

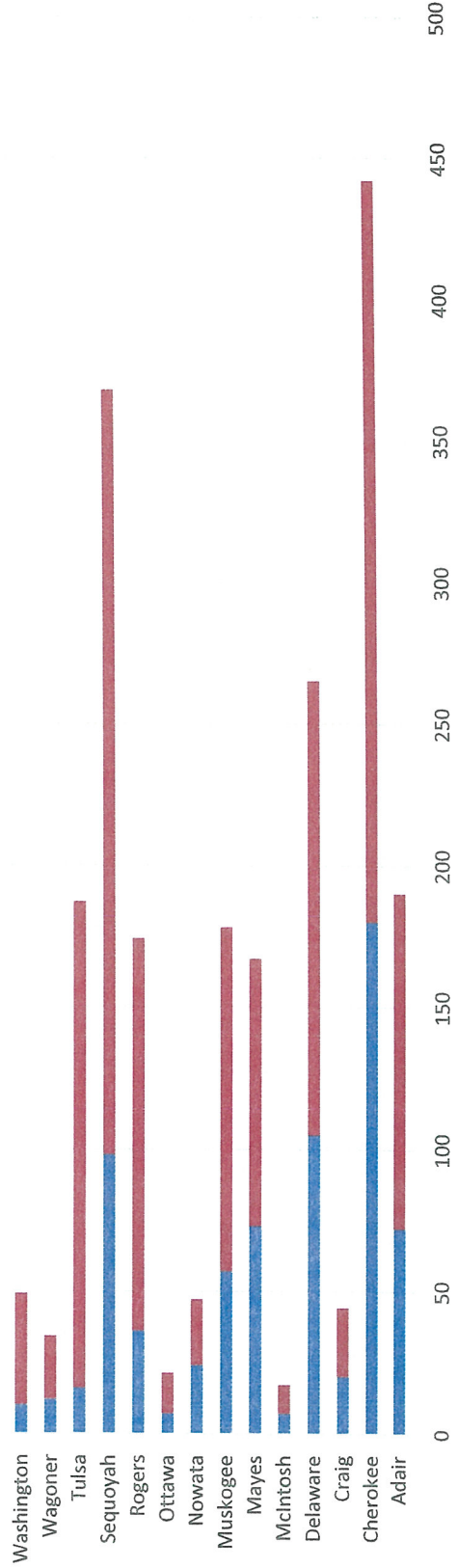
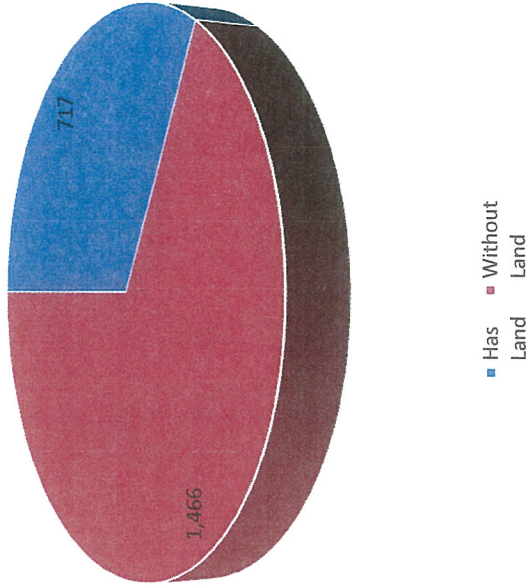


New Construction Homeownership Program

Application Data

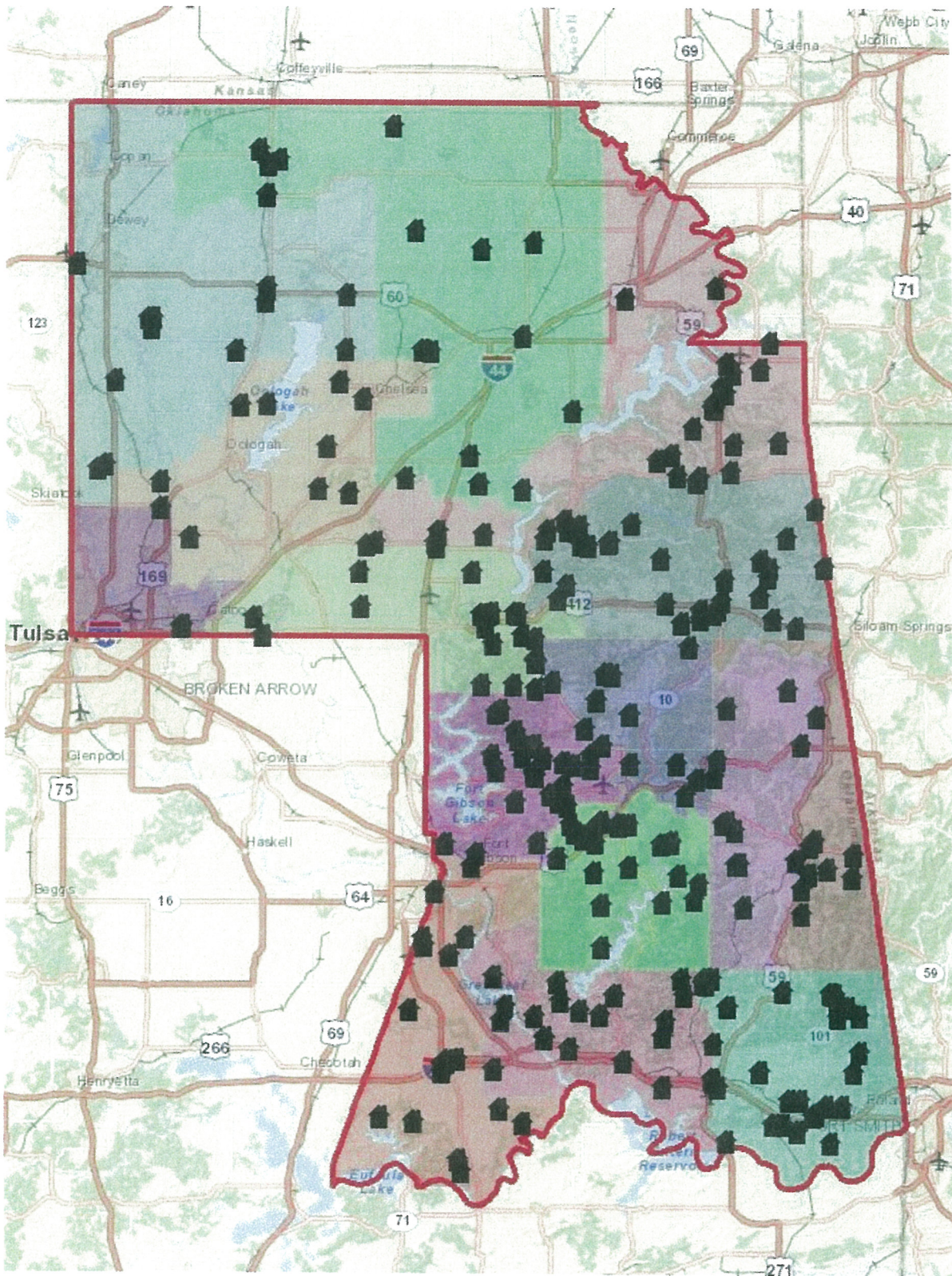
By Has Land/Does not have land:

County	Has Land	Without Land	% With Land	% W/O Land	Total Apps
Adair	72	118	38%	62%	190
Cherokee	180	262	41%	59%	442
Craig	20	24	45%	55%	44
Delaware	105	160	40%	60%	265
McIntosh	7	10	41%	59%	17
Mayer	73	94	44%	56%	167
Muskogee	57	121	32%	68%	178
Nowata	24	23	51%	49%	47
Ottawa	7	14	33%	67%	21
Rogers	36	138	21%	79%	174
Sequoyah	98	270	27%	73%	368
Tulsa	16	171	9%	91%	187
Wagoner	12	22	35%	65%	34
Washington	10	39	20%	80%	49
Total:	717	1,466	33%	67%	2,183



Statistics as of: July 31, 2016

HACN New Construction Program



The above map is a representation of locations that the HACN has inspected sites for and/or built new homes on the New Home Construction Program.

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Group: Community Services/ Dept. of Transportation **Month/Year of Report:** Jan 2016

Group Leader: Ron Qualls **Phone:** 918-453-5248 **E-mail:** ron-qualls@cherokee.org

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chewey Road – NEPA has not been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts will start there acquisition process when they receive a confirmation that the NEPA is complete.
2. Dahlonegah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process November 1, 2016.
3. Bell North – Right of Way is currently reviewing the exhibits and easements.
4. Dahlonegah West- A 30% design meeting for the community was held on 11/1/16 for 6:00 PM at the Dahlonegah school cafeteria.
5. Malloy Hollow– Design is working with environmental services to supply information needed for the 404 application. Received preliminary relocation plans from Ozark Electric and attended Cherry Tree RWD board meeting to discuss the need to relocate the existing waterline.
6. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Red Plains is revising the exhibits and easements.
7. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.
8. Bell School South – NEPA is complete except for 404 and flood permit. Right of Way can begin. Terrecon is scheduling drilling for soil testing.
9. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Received approval for guardrail height on the bridge from FHWA.
10. Bunch Road – Received 30% plans on Bunch Road on 9/2/16 for check.
11. Sally Bull Hollow – Preliminary utility relocation meeting held by GUY Engineering on site August 24th.
12. Lyon South Road - Received aerials to begin design. Received traffic counts. Began preliminary vertical and horizontal alignments.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is working on offer letters and folders for acquisition. NEPA clearance was approved on 9/14/16. Finalizing utility easements with LREC, AT&T, HPWA, and Cherokee County RWD #11
2. Northeast Fort Gibson- Working on purchasing mitigation credits from conservation bank for ABB's.
3. Tenkiller School – Construction is 38% complete. Project contract currently in liquidated damages.

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4. Ross Street- Met with ODOT to discuss the intersection design of Ross Street and 51 Bypass. Identified utility companies along the project as LREC, AT&T, TPWA, and NOPFA.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road – Right of Way has completed the tribal packages for the utilities and have sent the appropriate documents for signature by the utility companies. The utility companies are AT&T, NEO, and PSO. AT&T has completed their package and returned it to our office. We are still waiting on NEO and PSO.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Kenwood Jay Road Rehab –Construction is 98% complete
2. Leach/Kenwood Road –Clearing is completed. Construction os 05% complete.
3. Whitewater Bridge (Br. 27) – Tribal Transportation Program Bridge funding request was approved for \$761,257.44. Delaware County/ODOT will be letting this project contract. Construction began on 11/16/2016.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Working on purchasing mitigation credits from conservation bank for ABB's.
2. Texanna Road – Received traffic counts. Began preliminary design.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Moonshine Road – Utility locations along the project are being located to identify the need for possible relocations. Working on guardrail alternatives for the project.
2. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – Received preliminary alignment for approval. Met with Guy Engineering on 9/14/16 to confirm roadways to be overlaid inside park. Cherokee Nation contributed \$412,110.00 to Sequoyah County as per the agreement between Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah County. Cherokee Nation will contribute up to a total of \$672,839.20 by project completion.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Matoka Bridge (Br. #84) – Construction is anticipated to be complete by October, 2017. Cherokee Nation contributed \$700,370.24 to Washington county as per the agreement between Cherokee Nation and Washington county.

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III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Two transit vans have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in October 2016.

Ridership on all five current routes for the month of November 2016 are:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 143 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 801 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 87 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 17 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 137 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 88 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 362 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 213 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 23 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,268

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

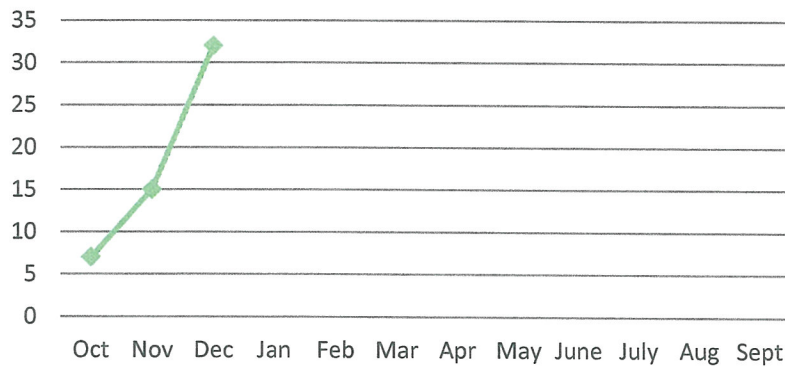
Commerce Group

Securing and enhancing the financial well-being of the Cherokee people, businesses and communities

Anna Knight, Executive Director
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Mortgage Assistance Program

Mortgage Assistance Disbursements 2017

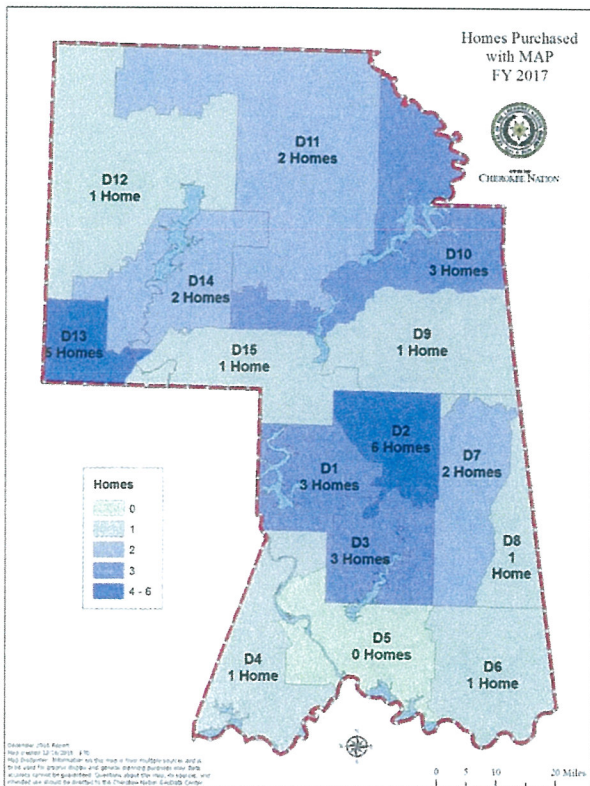


32 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

20 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$39,267.99
Home Price	\$110,057.94

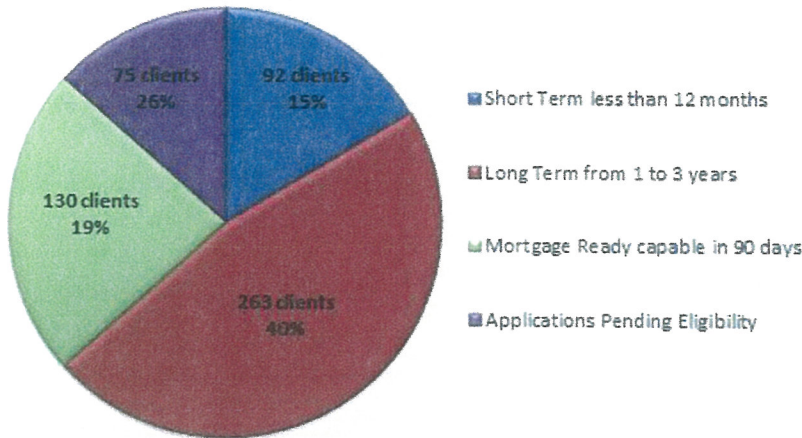


The Cherokee Nation will once again partner with the Internal Revenue Service to offer free tax preparation and filing services at no cost for families earning less than \$54,000 in 2016 through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Services will be offered throughout Cherokee Nation beginning February 2, 2017 lasting until April 13, 2017. To schedule an appointment, tax filers may contact Commerce Services at 918-453-5536.

Home Buying and Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling

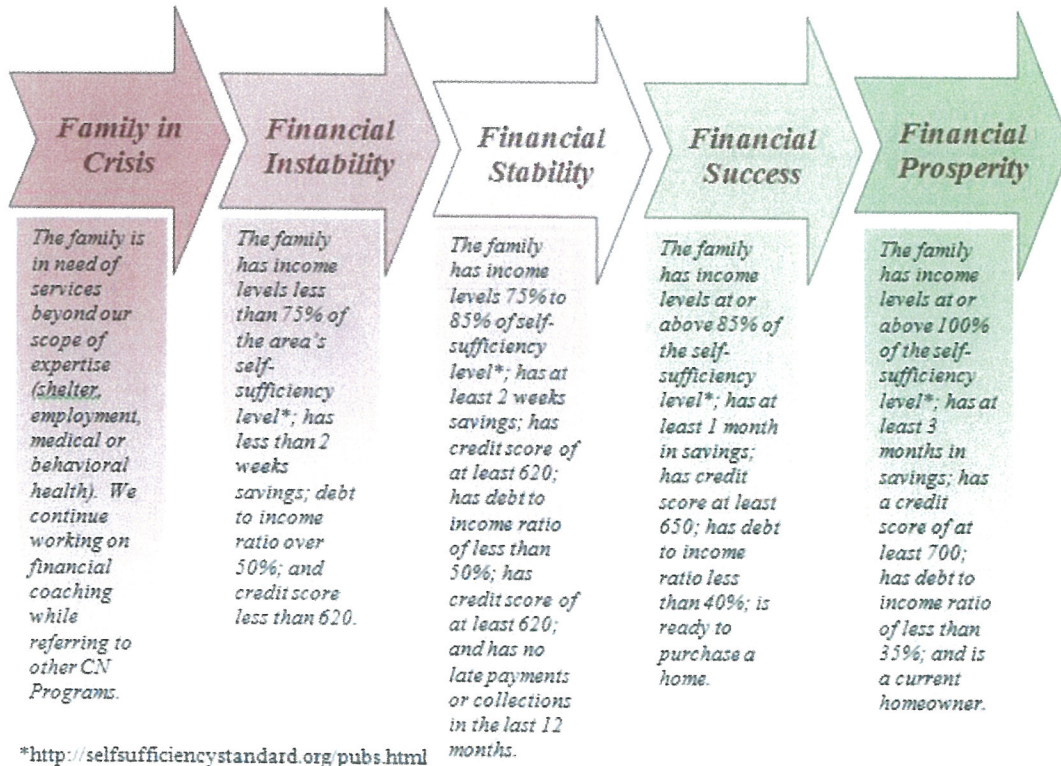


560 families are in the home buyers' pipeline, either having completed or active in financial counseling.

Since FY07, 736 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

15 families this year have finished counseling to obtain a non-predatory mortgage.

We use a **Financial Prosperity Spectrum** to measure financial coaching and asset building for MAP families.



The iSave Program made it possible for us to improve the appearance of our home and reduce our utility costs.

A. Lockhart, Sequoyah County iSave recipient

503 families have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

488 families still actively pursuing goals

- 2% financial prosperity
- 24% financial success
- 19% financially stable
- 54% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	10 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	31.8%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	1.9%

447 consumer loans totaling \$550,699.04 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of December 15th. Two of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$69,213.95**.

446 families are actively saving in iSave for home rehabilitation or home purchase. iSave is a *matched savings program* wherein income eligible families save a certain amount of money over a period of time and the iSave program matches the families' savings to build financial assets.

Families purchasing a home must attend a **homeownership training** class. Year to date **84 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Citizens, Cherokee Nation employees and CNB employees have the opportunity to attend financial education classes on topics ranging from spending plans, balancing checkbooks and couponing. Year to date **491 people have attended community and work based financial education classes**.

Training Schedule

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
January 5-6	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
January 7	Claremore	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Identity Theft Protection
January 9, 11-12	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
January 16-18	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
January 17-18	Jay	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
January 18	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education
February 3	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 4	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 6	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education
February 10	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 11	Sallisaw	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 17	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 18	Claremore	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 21	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education
March 3	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
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*Commerce Group
Home Buyers and Asset Building Report*



**CHEROKEE NATION
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE
MONTHLY REPORT
November 2016**

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

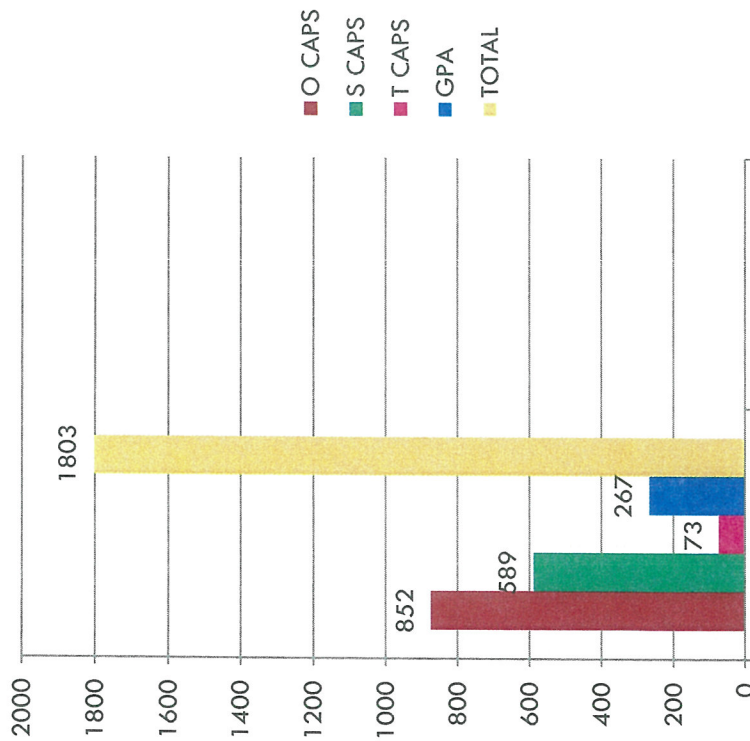
Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of November:
1,803 Children

with Assigned ICW Workers

Programs with court interaction

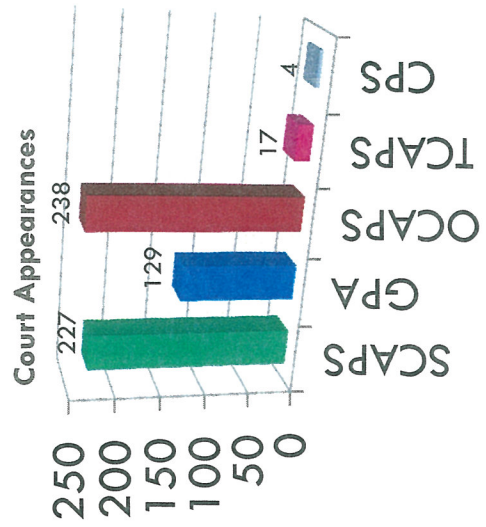
- **OCAPS: Out-Of-District Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
 - Involved in child welfare cases in non-jurisdiction counties in Oklahoma and all 50 states.
 - Most work is done telephonically or electronically.
 - Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring States comply with it.
- **SCAPS: State Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
 - Involved in child welfare cases inside the 14 counties of which all or part are within the jurisdiction of the Nation.
 - Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring OKDHS compliance, and sometimes provide Tribal Foster Homes.
 - Provides services to the families when OKDHS fails to do so or as an alternative to OK DHS services.
- **TCAPS: Tribal Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
 - Involved in child welfare cases which are wholly under the jurisdiction of the Nation and OKDHS is not involved.
 - These cases originate on Indian Country or are transferred in from State district courts. Hearings are held at our Tribal Court House. Tribal Foster Homes are fully utilized.
- **GPA: Guardianships and Private Adoptions**
 - Involved in voluntary adoptions when the birth parents wish to place their child for adoption.
 - Monitors Guardianships and Private Adoptions for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and the best interests of children.
 - Serves Cherokee children and their families in Tribal Court and parts of Oklahoma.
- **CPS: Child Protective Services**
 - Receives referrals involving allegations of maltreatment of Cherokee children.
 - Investigates allegations of child maltreatment in Indian Country and co-investigates with DHS in some counties when Cherokee children are involved.



Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

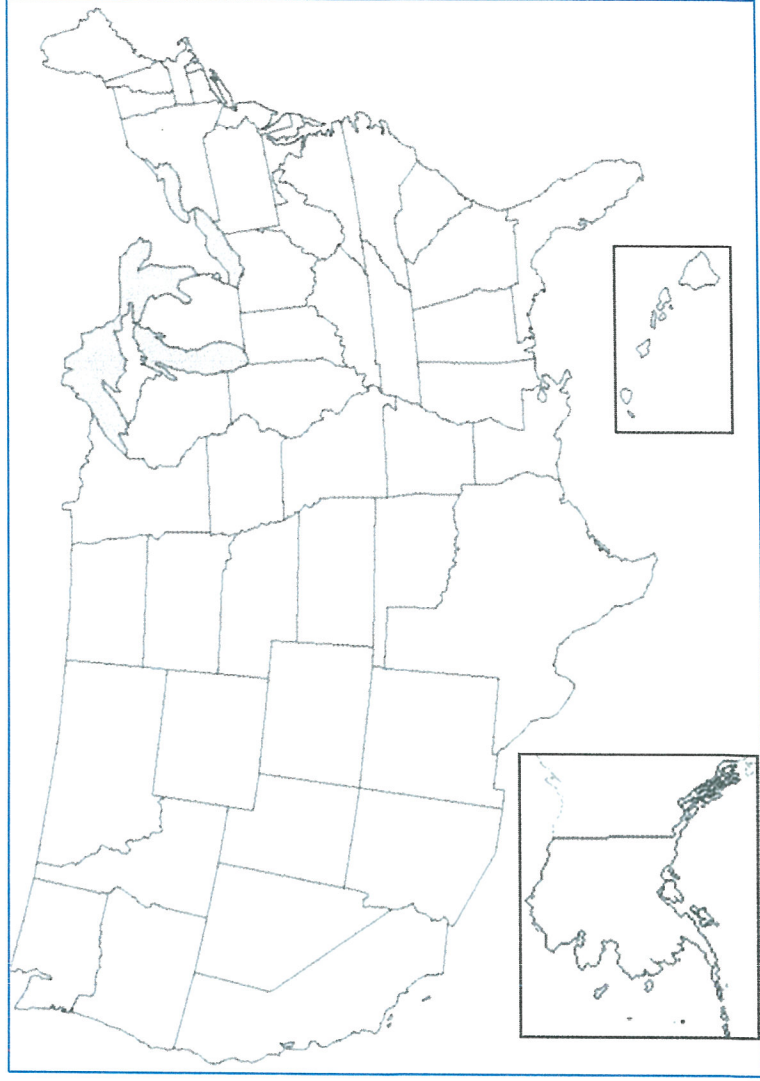
In November:

Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 615 times on behalf of Cherokee children and families.



■ SCAPS ■ GPA ■ OCAPS ■ TCAPS ■ CPS

ICW staff worked on cases in 34 states.



Efficient & Effective Work

Eligibility Notices

When a County or State's child welfare agency gets involved in the life of a family that they suspect to be Cherokee, they're required by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to send Notice to the tribe. The tribe must then reply to confirm or deny whether the children are members of (or eligible to become members of) the tribe. The tribe has 30 days to respond.

Month of November

Cherokee Nation received:

- ❑ CN Jurisdictional area - 84 notices involving 157 children
- ❑ Outside of CN Jurisdictional area - 680 notices for 1,218 children.
- ❑ Totalling - 1,375 children.
- ❑ The longest Response-to-Notice time this month was 26 days.

Prevention and Intervention

Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition, budgeting, and housekeeping. We primarily assist all our tribal CAPS cases but can assist in State cases when a request is made. This helps insure that families have the tools they need to be reunited.

Month of November

FPS served 37 children and 31 families.

Child Protective Services

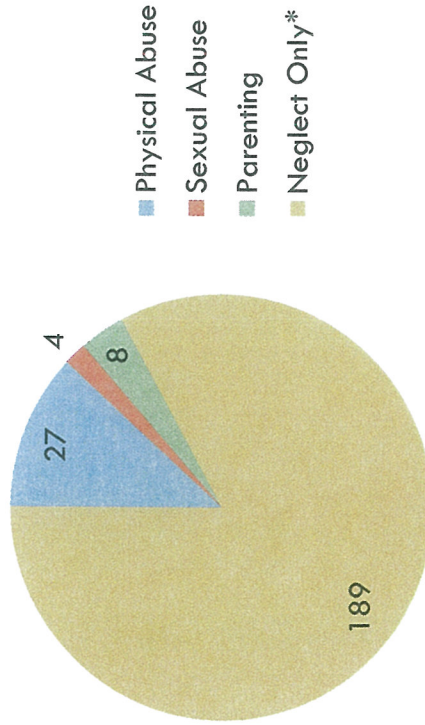
Month of November

Child Protective Services (CPS) received 237 referrals of child abuse/neglect from 24 Oklahoma counties as well as 3 from other states.

- 237 referrals involved 189 alleged neglect, 27 alleged abuse and 4 alleged sexual abuse, 17 requested services due to abuse. 92 alleged substance abuse, and 35 alleged domestic abuse.
- 5 of the 237 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS.
- 8 of the 237 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country.
- 0 of the 237 cases were investigations from a casino related referral.

7 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect

CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

Non-Relative Adoptive: Families who hope to adopt children when the children's parents' rights are terminated. These homes do not take foster placements.

Non-Relative Foster/Adopt: Families who take foster placement of children knowing their parental rights are not terminated and they could return home, but if they don't the placement family will have the first chance to adopt them.

Non-Relative Foster: Families who are willing to take in children they do not know on a temporary basis, but may last years. These families usually do not adopt children.

Relative Adoptive/Foster: Families who are related to the children and are fostering them or planning to adopt them. They do not take in children they are not related to.

Emergency/Respite: Families that take very short-term placement of children while more permanent placements are sought or when only a short-term placement is needed.

CERTIFICATION SERVICES

