

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

August 2017

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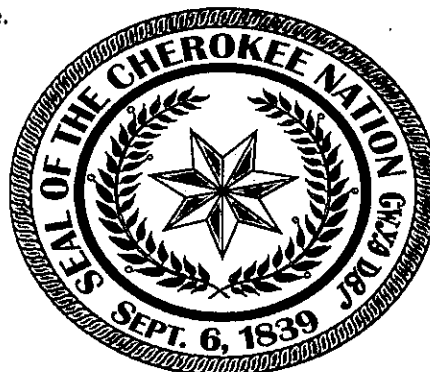
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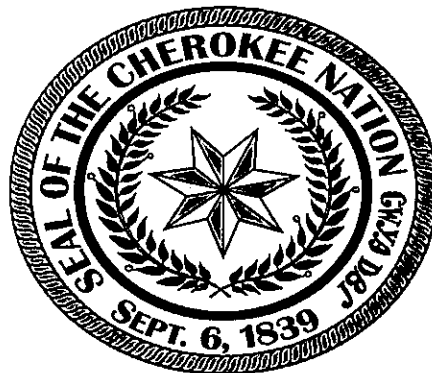


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**HUMAN SERVICES**

Number of Employees	268
Number of Vacancies	22
Number of Volunteers	39

**Human Services Announcements:**

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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Director - Jennifer Kirby

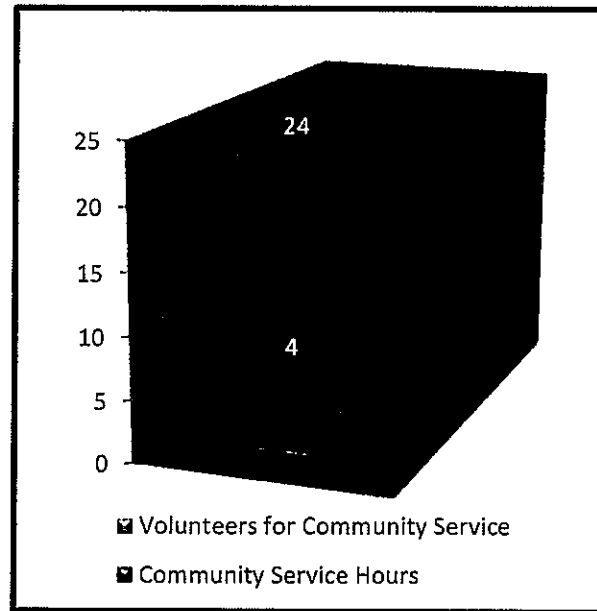
Number of Employees	30
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	0

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

**John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :**

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Young people served	16
Admissions	12

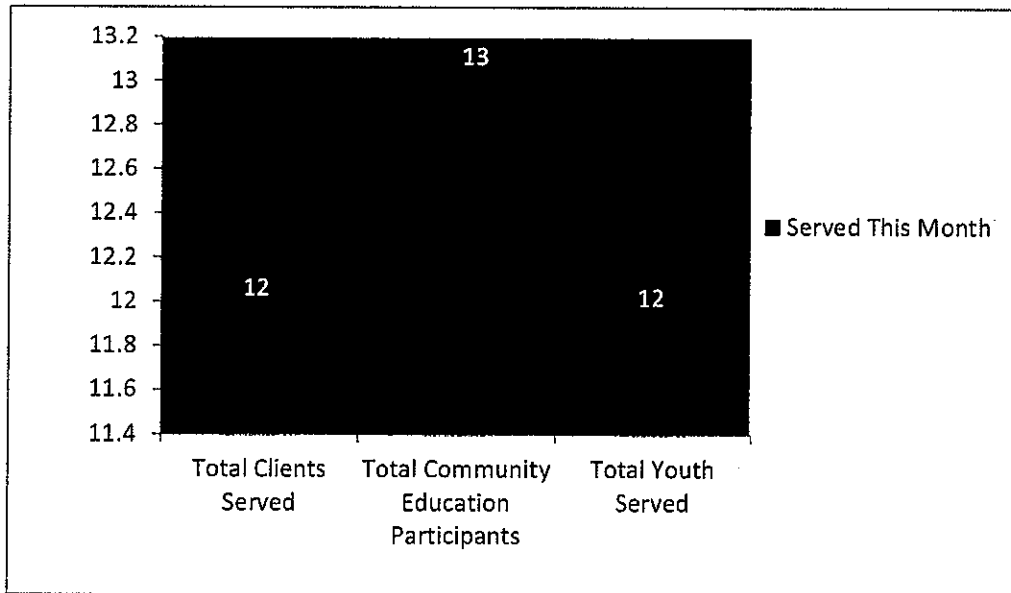
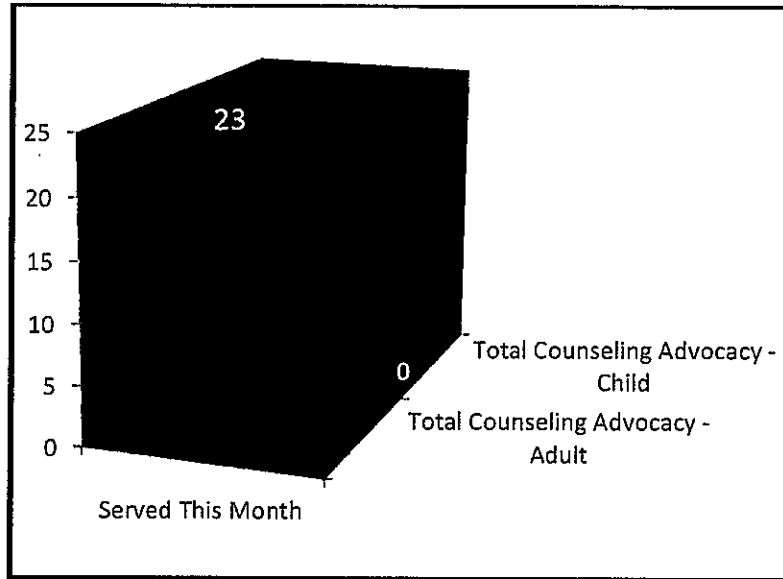


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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Youth Services :**

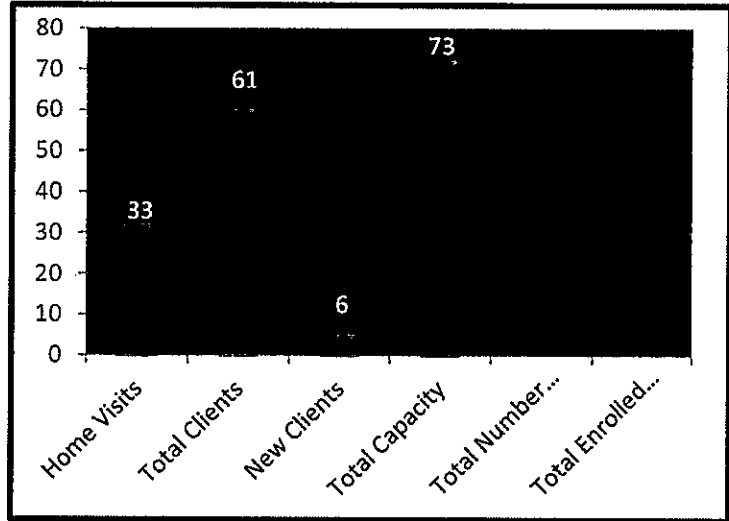
**Total Community Events & Presentations**      **13**



## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	61
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### *Child Care Development Centers :*

- Stilwell - Has 9 children vacancies with current staff. We have 4 staff openings. Summer Care ended 08-05-17 with all but one child returning to public school. We are beginning numerous transitions as our infants are turning one year old and one years olds are turning two. The leadership team has been brainstorming ideas to comply with the continuity of care.
- Tahlequah - Has 18 children vacancies at this time with current staff. We have 2 vacant positions. Brown Bears Graduation on August 4th. End of school age summer program on August 9th. Renovations started in Brown Bears.
- Resource & Referral - Staff members attended the following: Back to School Fun Day Ketchum, Early Childhood Coalition Rogers County, Home Visitation Consortium meeting, Cherokee Cabinet for Children and Families, NACTEP program review, NICCA conference planning, CCDF training, OCCRRRA Public Policy committee.
- Licensing - Attended NARA meeting and Rogers Co. ECC. Also made referrals to DF, OEH, Warmline, and Child Welfare.



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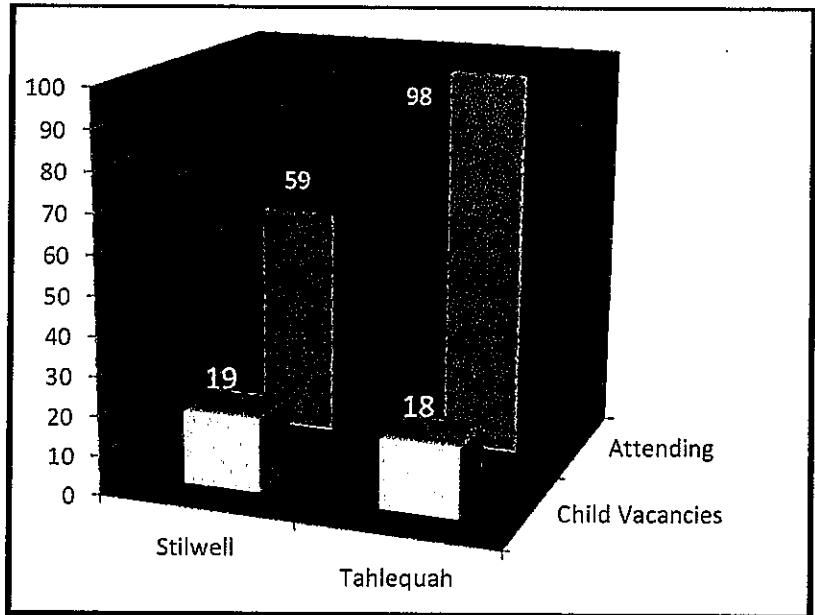
**CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	12
Number of Volunteers	0

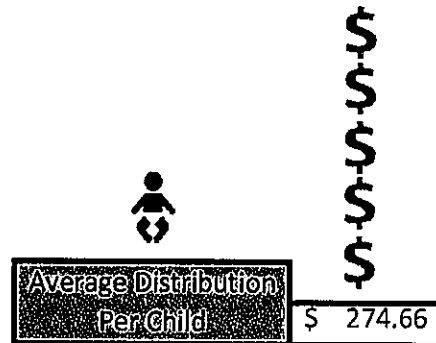
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Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

**Child Care Development Centers :**



**Subsidy :**

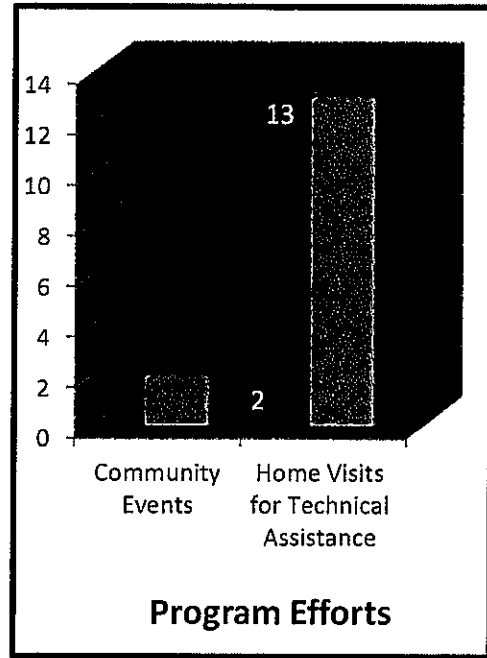
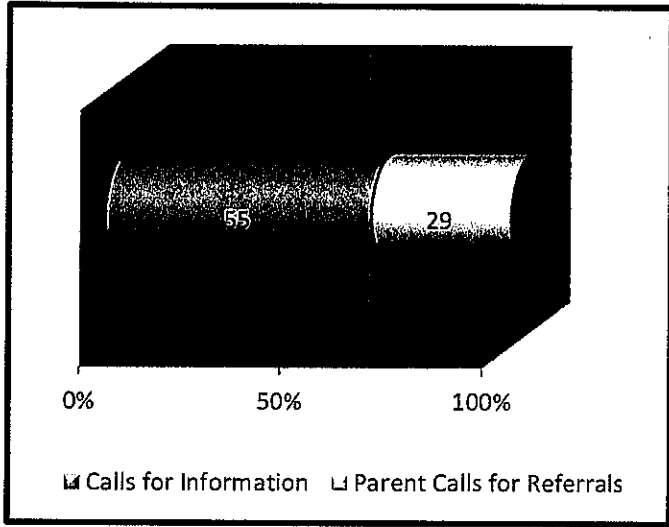
Children Receiving	1,599
Amount Distributed	\$ 439,182.90



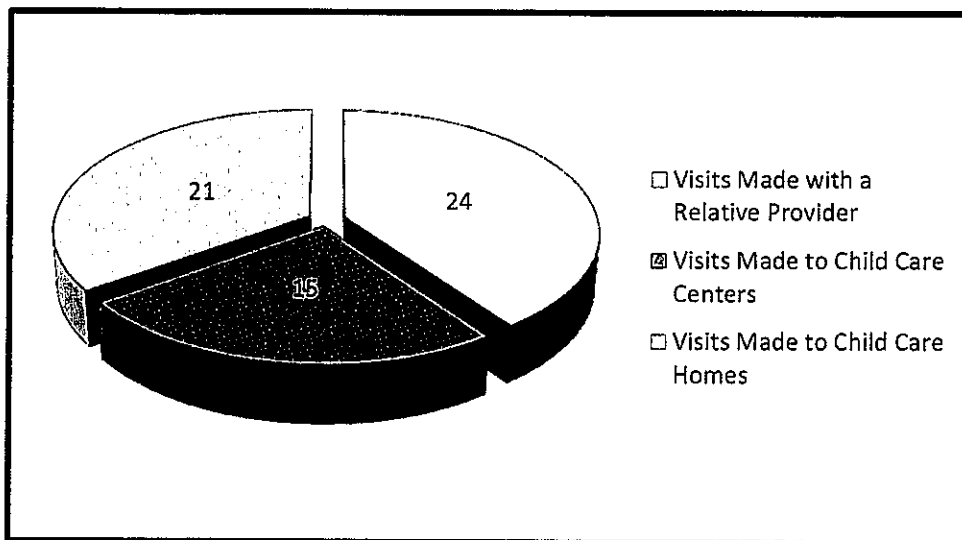
## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### Resource & Referral :

**Trainings for the Month**      9



### Licensing & Monitoring :





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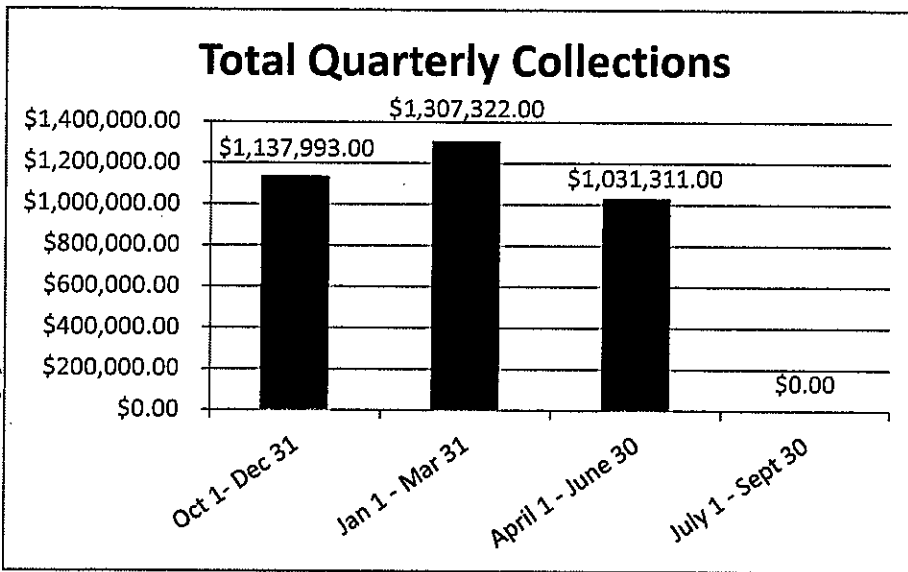
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT**

Director - Kara Whitworth

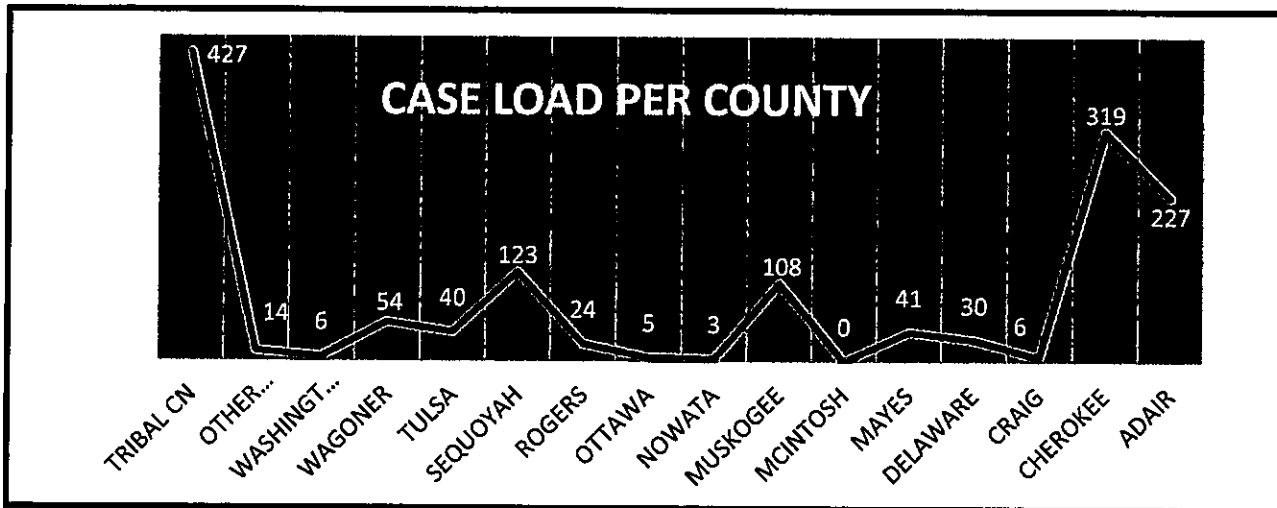
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

August Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 278,014.00
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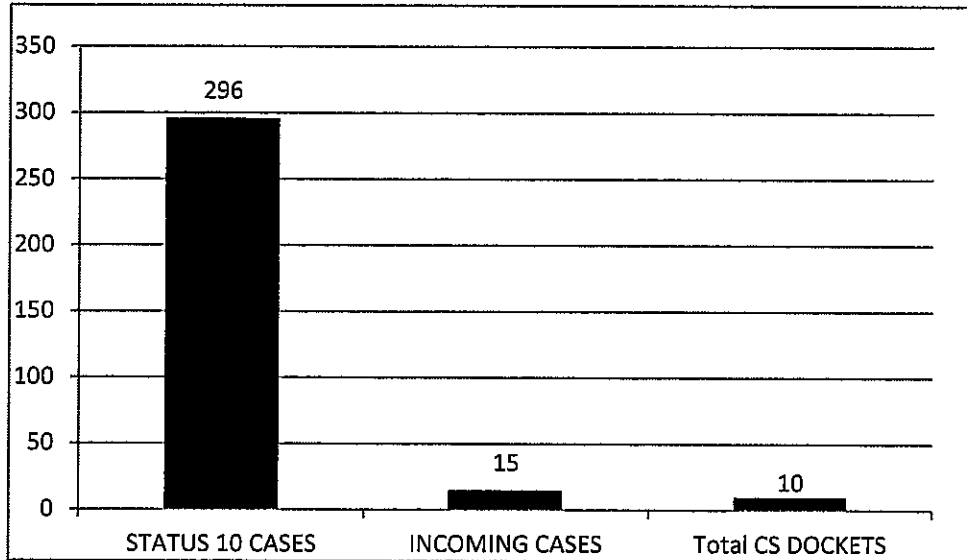
Total Client Contacts	2,650
Total Court Hearings	76
Total Active Efforts Case	1,176
Total Case Assessments for Service	8
Total Applications Distributed	17



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support services continues with day to day operations of the main child support functions of establishing paternity and child support orders, completing modification of orders and working towards ensuring cases are paying regular child support payments to the custodial parties and children involved. The program began working with Marshals service to ensure regular training intervals that involve safety in the work environment. The office is still in process of hiring two individuals one of filing clerk position and the other for a CS specialist in the Pryor Human Services office.



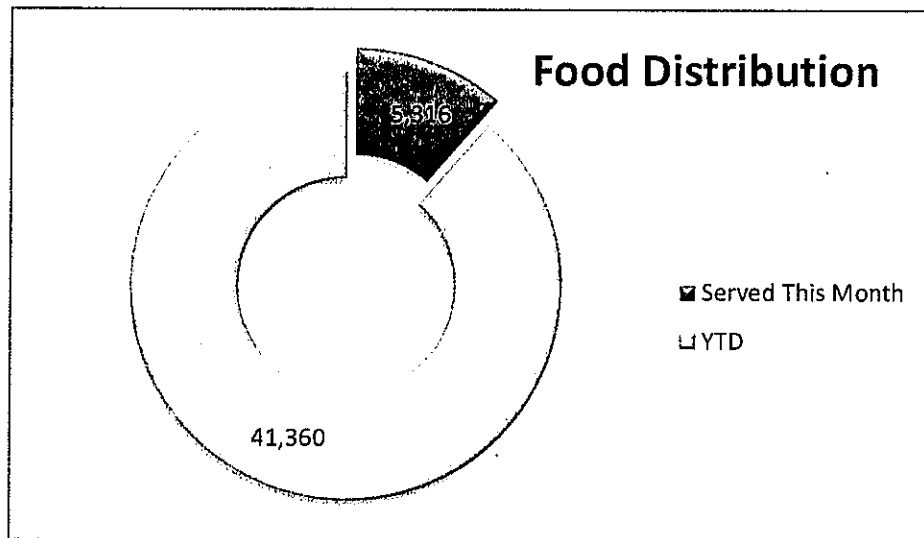
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

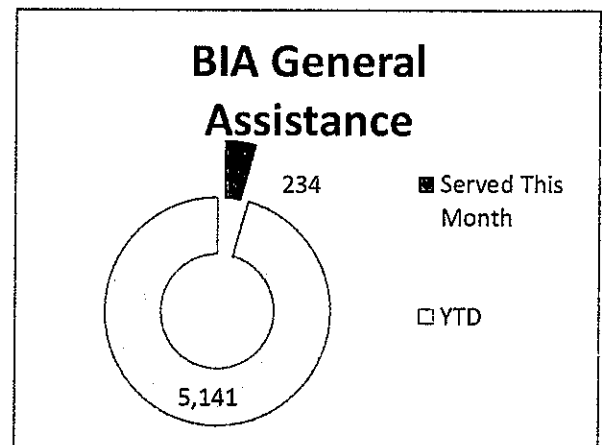
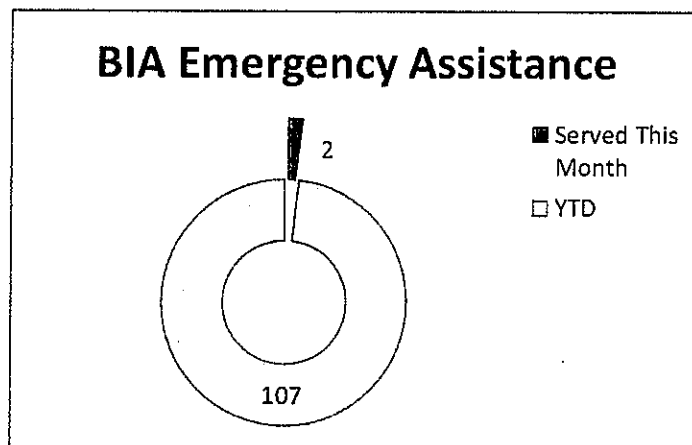
Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	39

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

### Food Distribution :



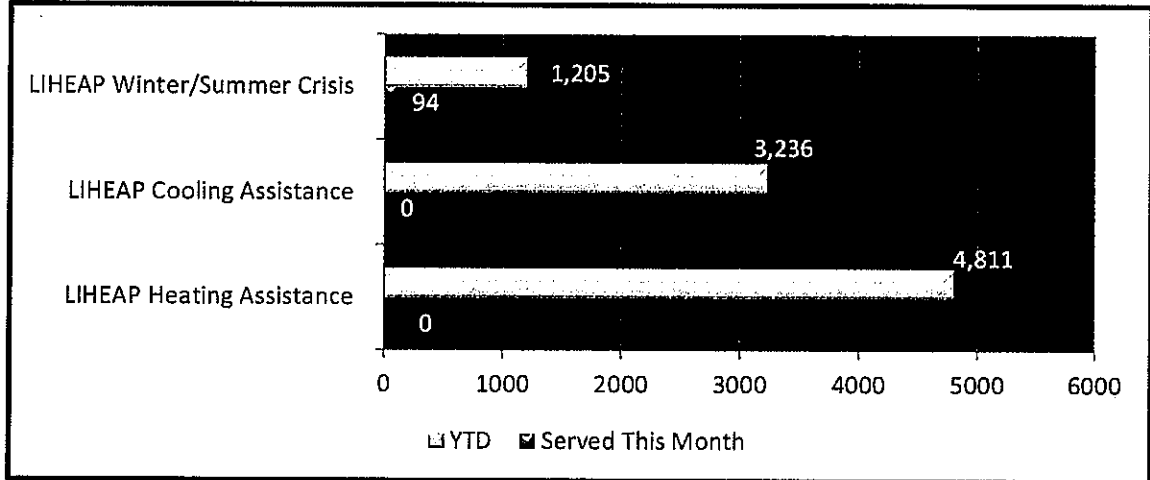
### BIA Social Services :



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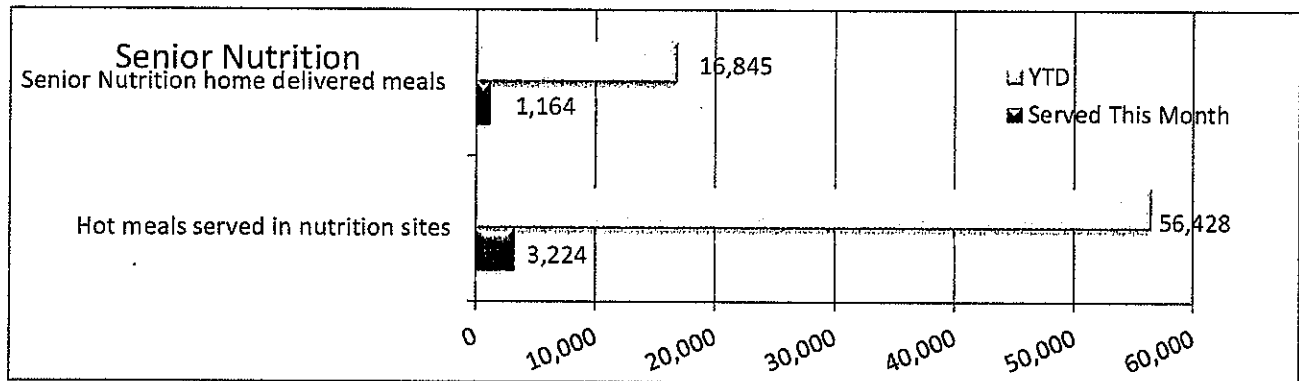
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

**LIHEAP:**

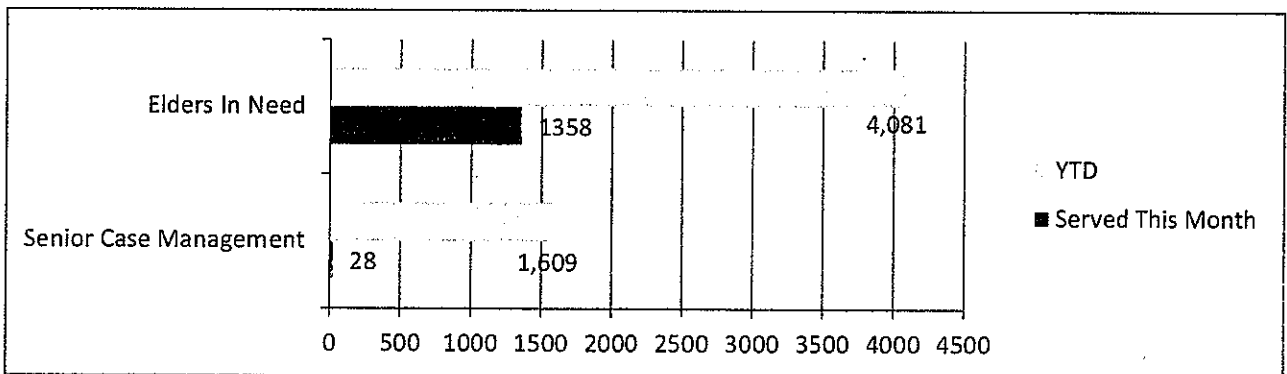


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

**Elder Services :**



\*Program starts in April

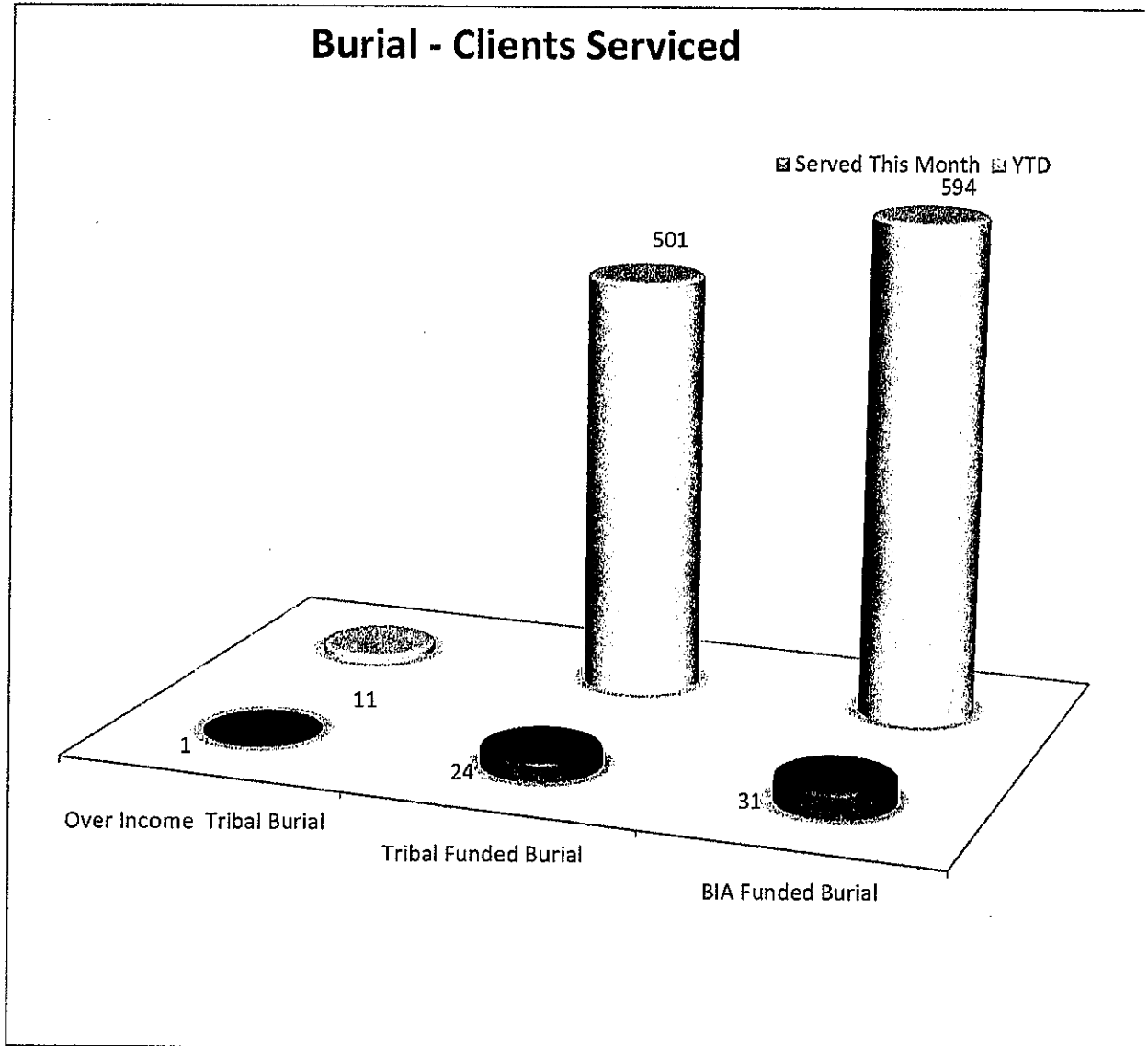


\*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

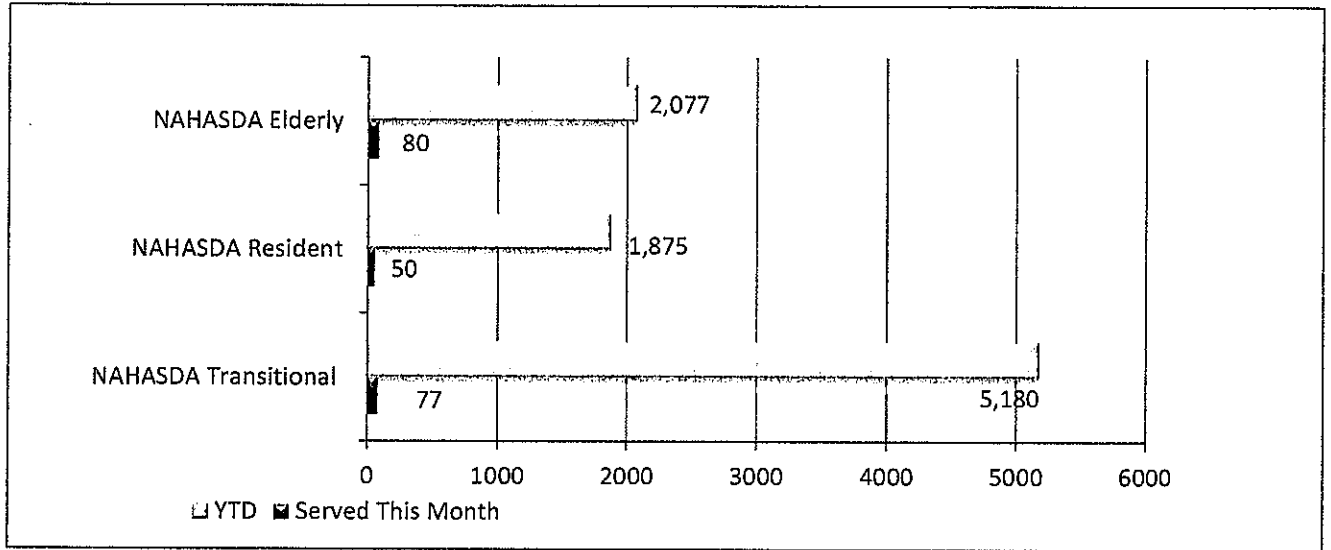
**Burial Assistance :**



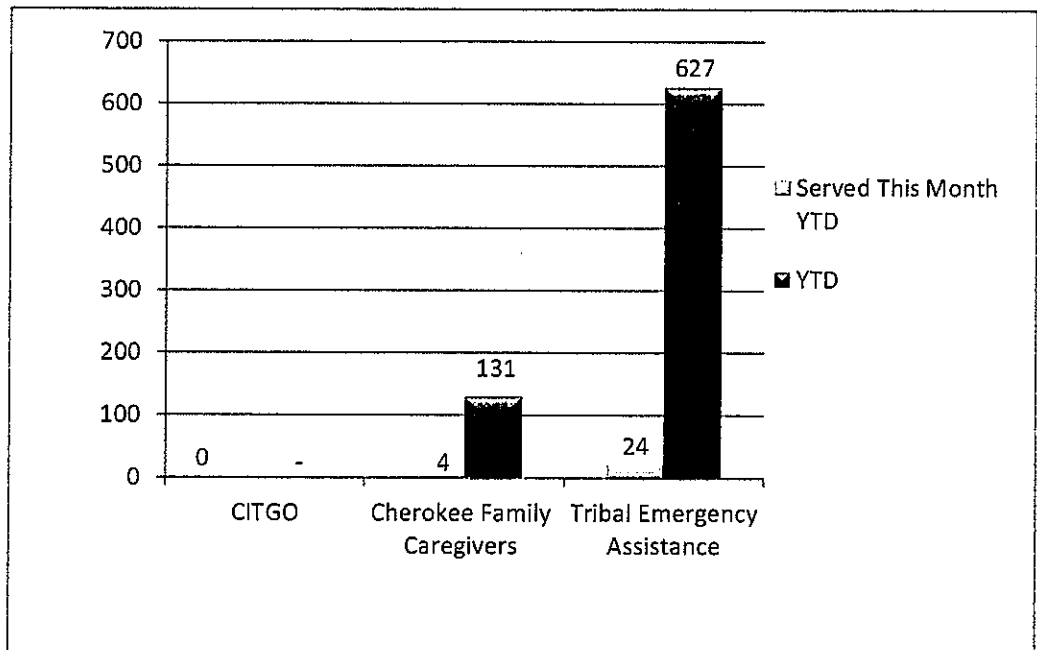
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**NAHASDA :**

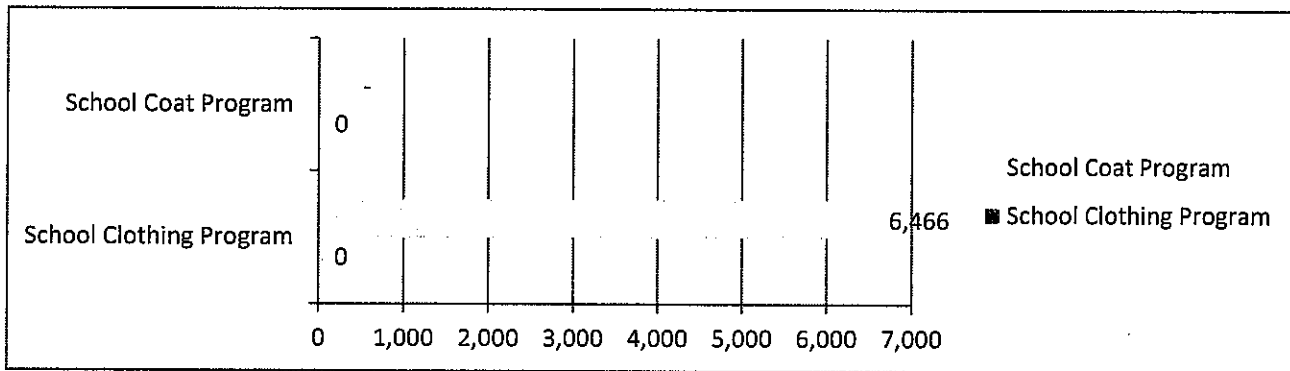


**Family Assistance :**



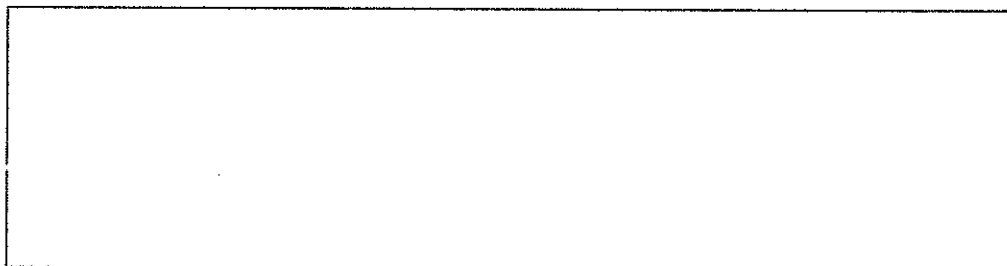
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



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Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

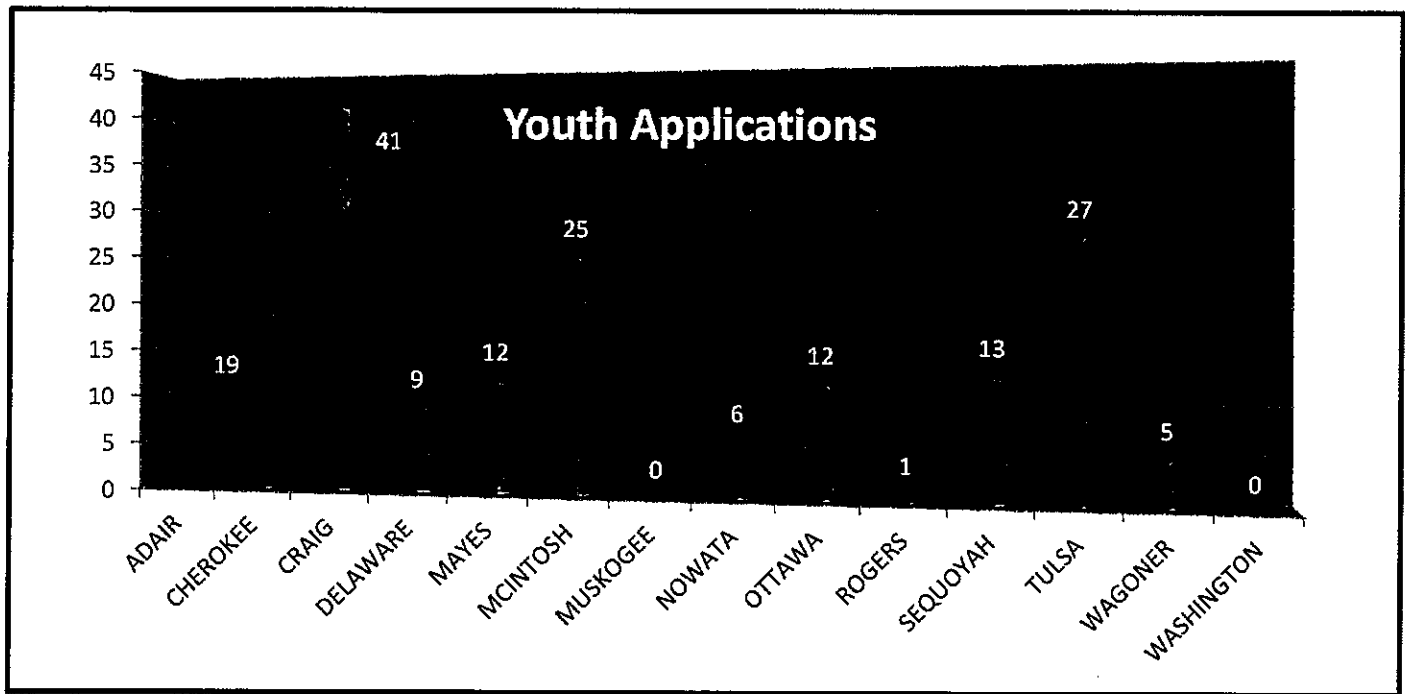
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

**Reception :**

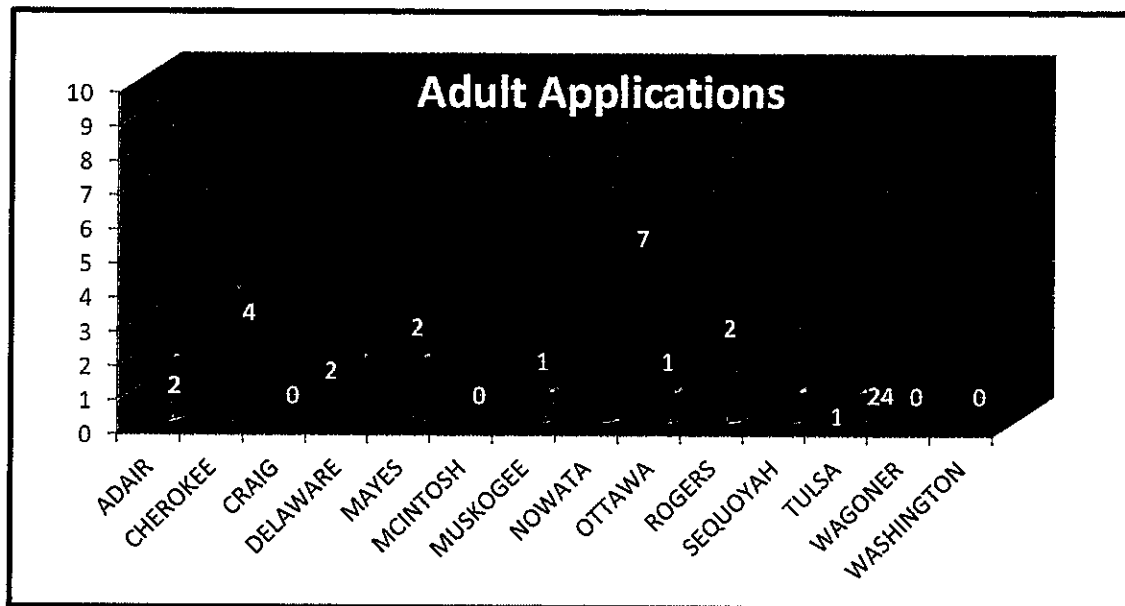
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,568
Total Applications Taken	195

**Community Youth :**





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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	172
Total Adult	23

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

August	\$ 39,000.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services Month/Year of Report: September 2017

Executive Director: Ron Qualls Phone: E-mail:

### I. Budget Highlights

1. Wrapping up several tribally funded project before 9/30 and trying to get contracts in place for FY18.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 208 food handlers
2. Repaired 14 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 34 sewer and/or water facilities

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 70% complete.
2. Construction on Lowrey Phase II in Cherokee Co 100% complete. Awaiting final flushing, disinfection and testing.
3. Moodys Water Storage Tank in Cherokee Co approx. 70% complete.
4. Signed MOA's for Inola PWA
5. Opened bids for Delaware RWD 11 and Muskogee RWD 7 projects. KSL Dirtworks (TERO) was the low bidder for Delaware RWD 11 and Mahan Construction (TERO) was the low bidder for Muskogee RWD 7

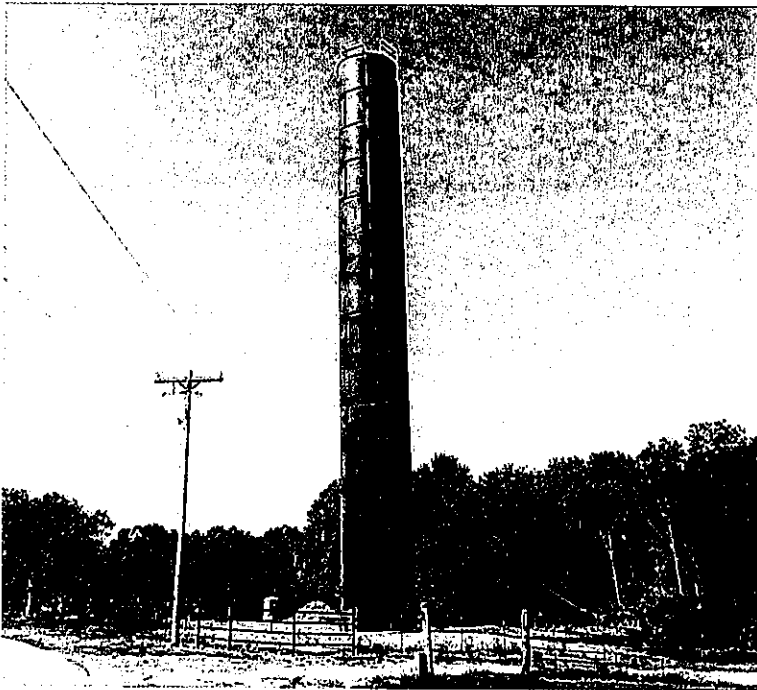
#### c.) Future Plans

1. Working with CDC, Public Health Foundation and National Tribal Water Center on sampling for Snake Creek/Iron Post Area.
2. Hosting a water well assessment training for Tribal and IHS staff in November.

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Lowrey Phase II WL Ext.



Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Project

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Moody's Water Storage Tank

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>October, 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.

None to report.

**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.

Andrea Crittenden, sister is Stacey Bighorse of HACN

**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.

Wyatt Cain, mother is Kimberly Jones of CN Commerce

**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



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## **Announcements**

### **Board of Commissioners Meeting:**

- Oct 10    October Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM
- Nov 21    November Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

### **Office Closures:**

- Nov 10    Veteran's Day
- Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

### **Other Info:**

- Nov 14 - Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA)
- 15        Fall Quarterly Meeting
- Dec 3-6 National American Indian Housing Council Legal Symposium

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](mailto:firstname.lastname@hacn.org)**

**[www.hacn.org](http://www.hacn.org)**

**Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation  
Month Ending: August, 2017**

**Current Program Participants:**

County	Rental Assistance				Homeownership			Loans			Totals	
	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs	New Construction Homes	Title VI Mortgage Program	Assumable/Other Mtg. Program	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants	
Adair	482	149	108	7	3	108	63	21	3	944	15%	
Cherokee	598	183	270	11	4	253	135	61	2	1,517	23%	
Craig	38	56	35	0	6	10	13	2	0	160	2%	
Delaware	321	115	85	1	7	72	100	25	5	731	11%	
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	23	0%	
Mayes	225	123	57	1	5	59	42	11	1	524	8%	
Muskogee	118	49	57	1	1	49	43	13	0	331	5%	
Nowata	33	42	27	0	0	10	26	2	0	140	2%	
Ottawa	26	N/A	1	1	2	7	7	4	1	49	1%	
Rogers	144	68	170	1	7	80	31	49	3	553	9%	
Sequoyah	525	N/A	172	31	11	162	120	57	4	1,082	17%	
Tulsa	58	N/A	91	3	3	28	7	4	1	195	3%	
Wagoner	15	N/A	4	0	1	59	2	1	1	83	1%	
Washington	27	43	39	0	1	29	11	3	0	153	2%	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>100%</b>	
				<b>1,224</b>			<b>1,534</b>		<b>274</b>			

**Current Applications:**

County	Rehab Programs	Rehab Replacement Homes	Rehab Replacement Mobile	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	153	4	3	5	8	138	303	181	9%	795	11%
Cherokee	177	3	1	48	18	208	549	496	25%	1,500	22%
Craig	49	1	1	3	1	37	61	54	3%	207	3%
Delaware	182	1	0	21	3	49	133	217	11%	606	9%
McIntosh	15	0	0	0	1	N/A	4	14	1%	34	0%
Mayes	138	2	1	11	13	74	144	143	7%	526	8%
Muskogee	75	1	0	11	0	53	143	143	7%	426	6%
Nowata	36	0	0	7	1	33	35	49	2%	161	2%
Ottawa	14	0	0	2	0	N/A	11	22	1%	49	1%
Rogers	69	1	1	24	0	23	429	193	10%	740	11%
Sequoyah	210	2	3	22	11	N/A	392	243	12%	883	13%
Tulsa	76	1	0	24	4	N/A	365	153	8%	623	9%
Wagoner	27	0	0	1	1	N/A	27	34	2%	90	1%
Washington	43	1	0	20	1	87	92	42	2%	286	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>100%</b>





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# Tribal HUD - VASH

## VA Supportive Housing Program

County	Applications			Assistance		Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List	Housed Veteran	Total	% of Participants	Total
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Cherokee	0	1	0	2	3	20%	3
Craig	1	1	0	0	2	13%	2
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	7%	1
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Mayes	0	1	0	0	1	7%	1
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Rogers	1	2	0	3	6	40%	6
Sequoyah	1	0	0	1	2	13%	2
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15</b>



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## **TRIBAL HUD-VASH HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE  
NATION AND THE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN  
AFFAIRS ARE OFFERING A HOUSING VOUCHER  
PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS WHO  
ARE HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF BECOMING  
HOMELESS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR AN  
APPOINTMENT TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THIS  
PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT LISA LOOK AT THE  
JACK C. MONTGOMERY VAMC.**

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS  
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**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Development Files Processing**

Month of:  
August, 2017

County	Applications		Processing						Construction		In Processing	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	123	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	2	21	8	63	0	31	8	63
Cherokee	407	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	48	22	135	0	51	22	135
Craig	33	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	13	0	7	2	13
Delaware	161	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	15	24	100	1	19	24	100
McIntosh	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3
Mayes	107	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	42	0	19	4	42
Muskogee	124	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	43	1	16	1	43
Nowata	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	0	1	1	26
Ottawa	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Rogers	183	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	31	0	5	3	31
Sequoyah	206	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	22	2	2	120	1	28	2	120
Tulsa	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	7	0	1	1	7
Wagoner	26	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Washington	42	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	0	11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>603</b>
			<b>4</b>						<b>184</b>			<b>672</b>				

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

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

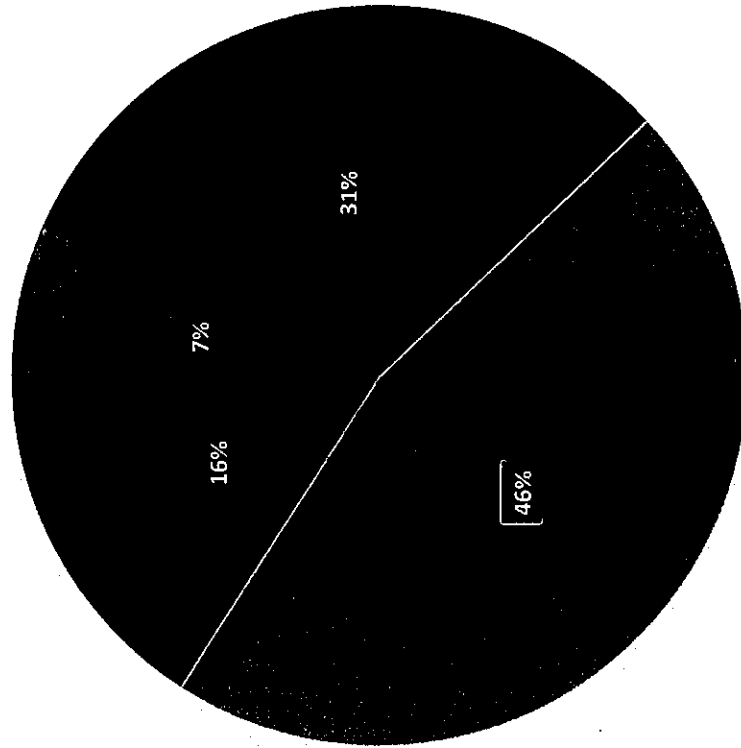
**STAGE II:**  
Visit Site  
Identify/Propose Site Plan  
Identify/Propose Utilities  
Identify/Propose Lateral Field  
Identify/Propose Easement(s)  
Deliver Utility Assurance Letters  
Request Abstract from participant

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

# Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:  
August, 2017

Replacement Homes Under Contract	10
Out for Bid/Pending	49
Contracts Awarded	72
Contracts Completed	25

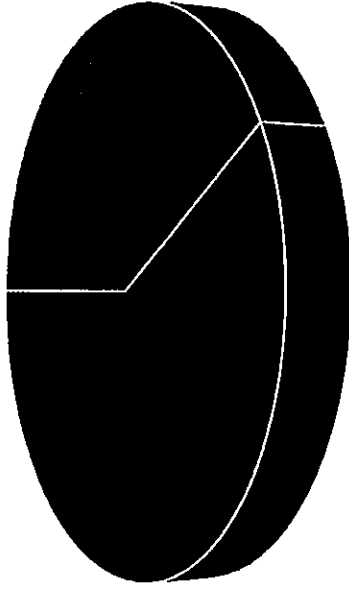


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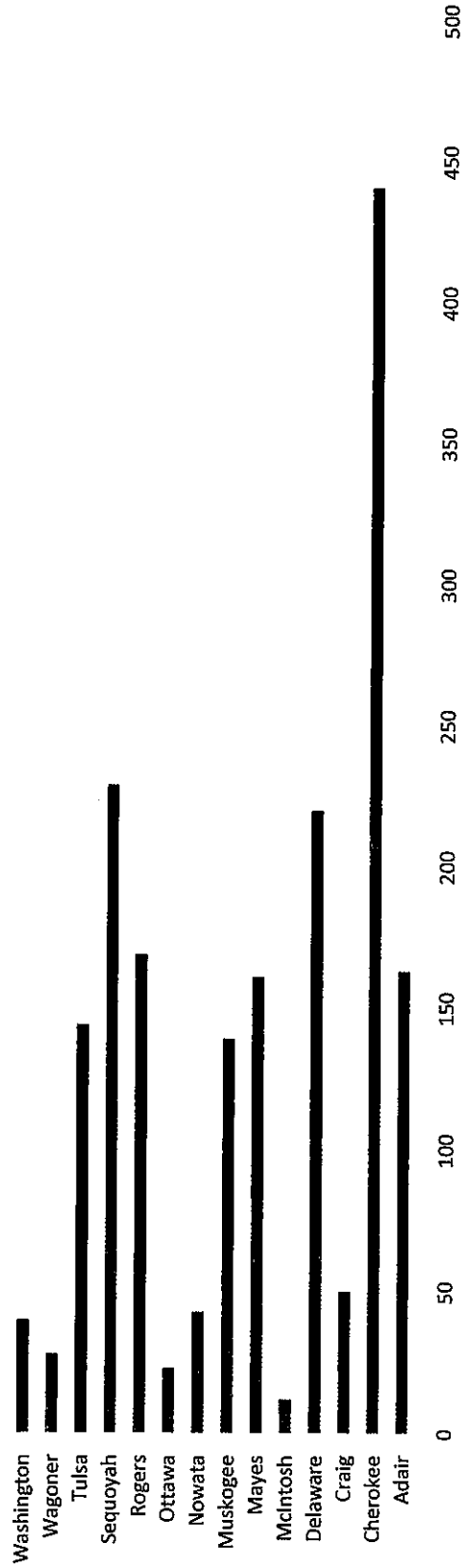
**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Application Data**

By Has Land/Does not have land:

County	Has Land	Without Land	% With Land	% W/O Land	Total Apps
Adair	78	85	48%	52%	163
Cherokee	212	229	48%	52%	441
Craig	22	28	44%	56%	50
Delaware	104	116	47%	53%	220
McIntosh	7	5	58%	42%	12
Mayes	83	78	52%	48%	161
Muskogee	51	88	37%	63%	139
Nowata	27	16	63%	37%	43
Ottawa	6	17	26%	74%	23
Rogers	32	137	19%	81%	169
Sequoyah	118	111	52%	48%	229
Tulsa	12	132	8%	92%	144
Wagoner	12	16	43%	57%	28
Washington	7	33	18%	83%	40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>1,862</b>



■ Has Land  
■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017



**CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Group:** Community Services/ Dept. of Transportation **Month/Year of Report:** Oct 2017

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

**Comments:**

**ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Bell North – Red Plains sent final exhibits on June 21, 2017.
2. Bell School South – In process of Right of Way acquisition.
3. Bidding Springs Road - Survey is currently in progress. Design to begin when survey completed.
4. Bunch Road – Currently in bridge design.
5. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts Has started acquisition
6. Dahlongegah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process November 1, 2016. Four parcels out of 22 parcels have been acquired.
7. Dahlongegah West- Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers working on 60% plans.
8. Honey Hill Phase I – The bid opening was on September 7, 2017. Four bids were submitted with T. McDonald Construction being the lowest bidder. No award has been at this time. All bidders are non TERO.
9. Lyon South Road - Design is at 90% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers has finalized H&H and submitted to CNDOT design.
10. Lyon Switch Road - Design is working on 90% plans.
11. 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. Final plans completed. Utility easements and R/W acquisition to begin when R/W department available.
12. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Red Plains is revising the exhibits and easements.
13. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Design complete. Waiting on 404 permit for NEPA to be approved.
14. Sally Bull Hollow – Awaiting the level III archeological report so we will know how to proceed in design.
15. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

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1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 81% ( 34 parcels out of 42 acquired). Five of the remaining parcels are Restricted Indian Land and r/w packets were submitted to RES on 5/22/2017.
2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design.
3. Northeast Fort Gibson- The NEPA process is complete. Utilities are in the process of being relocated.
4. Ross Street- Construction plans are at 90% stage and have been reviewed by the second level engineer (CGA Engineers). CGA has also submitted the Traffic Signal Control Plans to ODOT for their review. Guy Engineering will be acquiring the right of way on this project. They are currently preparing the r/w documents and securing appraisals. Guy submitted an updated timeline, and stated that all appraisals will be completed by 11/24/2017. Acquisition will begin thereafter.
5. Tenkiller School – Construction is -100% complete. Project contract currently in liquidated damages. Final estimate signed awaiting processing -.

**CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. NS-4340 Road – Right of Way sent AT&T's packet to Real Estate Services October 22, 2016. All Utility Easement Applications on Trust Lands have been approved. Acquisition is 100% complete.

**DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Leach/Kenwood Road –Clearing is completed. Construction is -44.5% complete. Contrac liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.
2. Kansas/Dry Creek – Holloway Updike & Bellen completed all ownership changes and submitted updated easements and exhibits on 7/18/2017. Appraiser is finishing appraisals. Right of Way is preparing parcel folders to begin r/w acquisition in the next few months

**MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utility relocation is moving forward.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed. Pavement borings being performed. Preliminary design underway. Right of Way completed title research for all property owners.

**SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> with awarded contractor JOB Construction. This project has a fixed completion date of July 31, 2017. September 15 currently under construction 97%



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2. Moonshine Road – Four bids were received with Glover coming in the lowest at \$2,460,090.71 with a completion date of December 15, 2017 project construction NTP 9-05-2017 project is 2% complete

**WASHINGTON COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Matoka Bridge (Br. #84) – Awarded to H&H Bridge Company, construction begins April 3, 2017 and is scheduled to be completed by July 21, 2017 Cherokee Nation contributed \$700,370.24 to Washington county as per the agreement between Cherokee Nation and Washington county.

**III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

There are currently two van orders: order #1 – two bi-fuel conversion vans will be delivered before September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bids for 6 additional gasoline vans were received with John Vance Auto being the lowest bidder. Estimated time of delivery is December 12, 2017.

Ridership on all routes for the month of August 2017 were:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 150 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 827 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 75 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 93 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 226rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 18 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 448 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 348 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 48 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 7,604

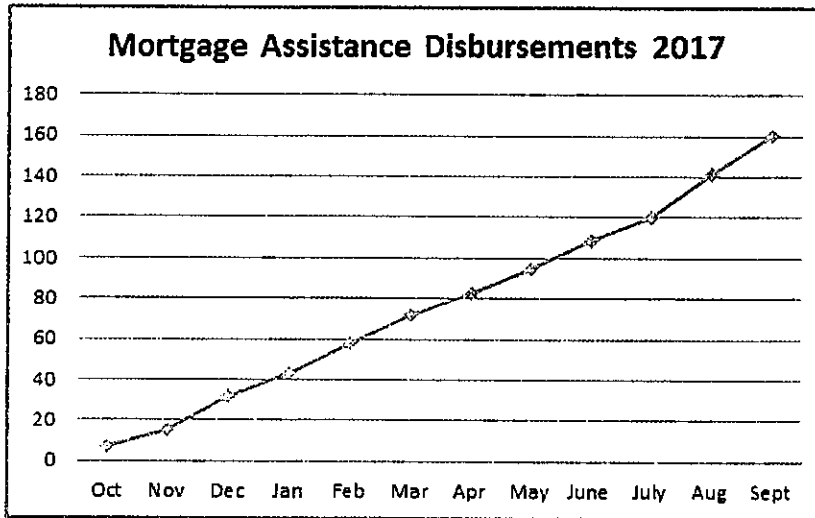
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

# Commerce Group

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

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## Mortgage Assistance Program

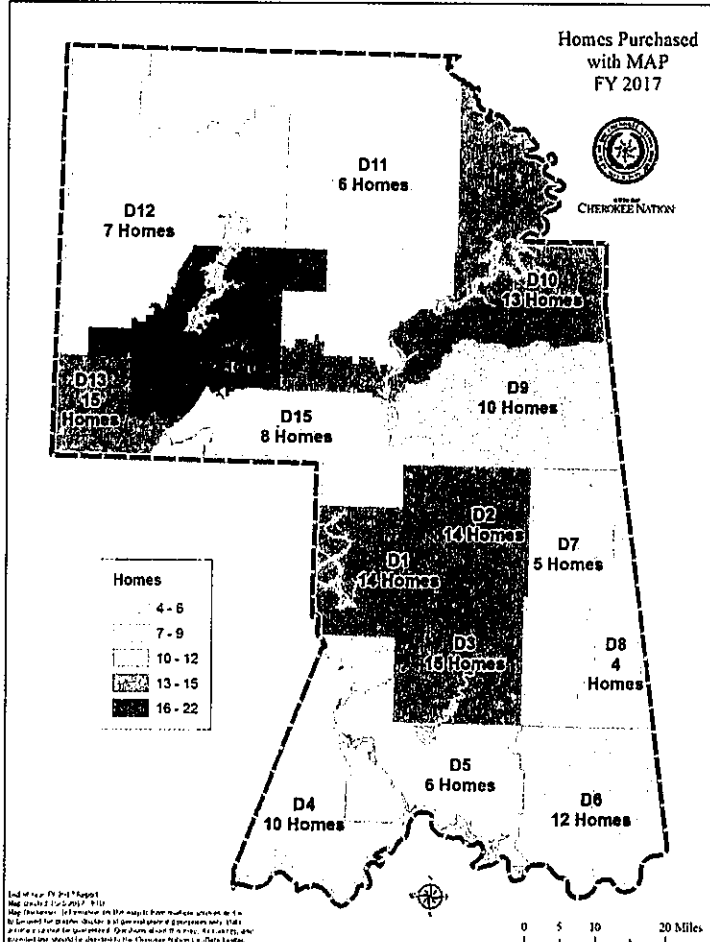


161 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

103 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

### MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$37,569.59
Home Price	\$105,061.99



The **Mortgage Assistance Program policy change** was effective September 13, 2017. Significant changes include a revised first time homebuyer definition, maximum home purchase price of \$150,000 and tiered rates of down payment assistance ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. During FY18, the prioritization policy is in place meaning in order to receive financial assistance, a household must actively participate in credit coaching for at least 8 months.

The **iSave policy change** was also effective September 13, 2017. Significant changes include a match rate of 3:1, elimination of the MAP IDA program, and conversion of existing MAP IDAs to rehab individual development accounts allowing more flexibility for use of matching funds.

*Thanks to the iSave Program, I was able to replace the siding on my home and obtain property insurance! My home was previously uninsurable because of the condition of the siding.*

**J. Goad, Cherokee County  
iSave Program recipient**

## Home Buying and Financial Counseling

### MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



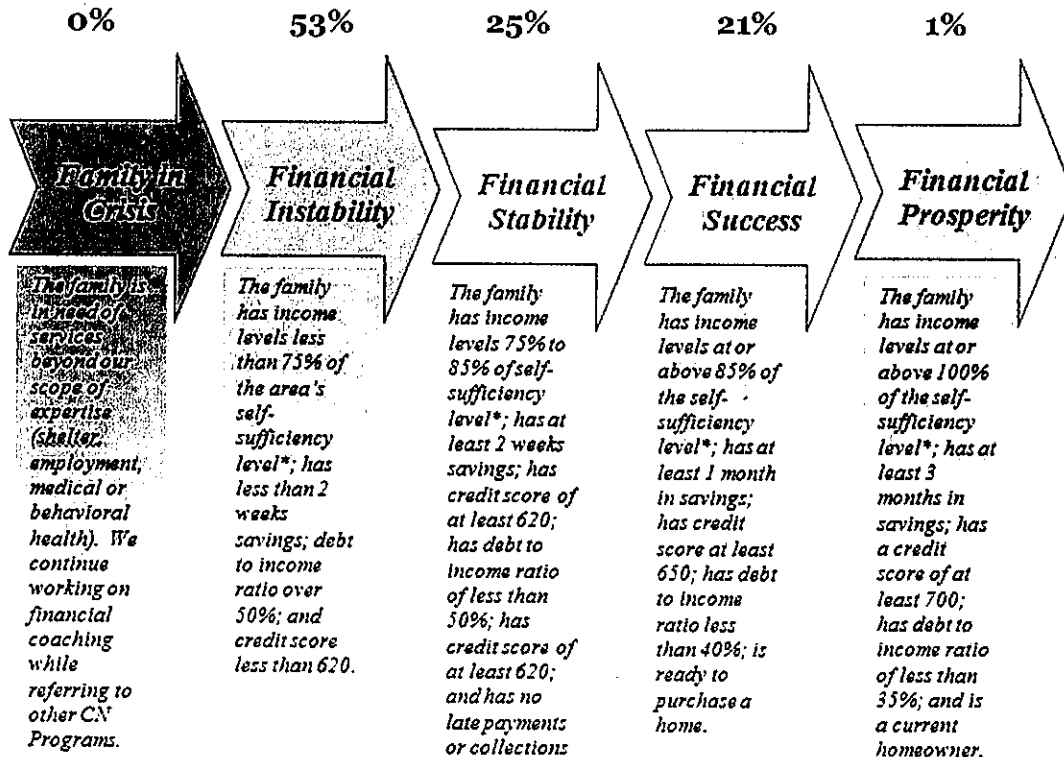
- Short Term less than 12 months
- Long Term from 1 to 3 years
- Mortgage Ready capable in 90 days
- Applications Pending Eligibility

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

Since FY07, 803 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

70 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.



\*<http://selfsufficiencystandard.org/pubs.html>

*The coaching and Homebuyers Education class were very helpful. There were a lot of things I didn't understand, but the MAP coach and trainer taught me so much.*

**H. Littlejohn, Cherokee County Mortgage Assistance recipient**

**5,252 families** have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

530 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 21% financial success
- 25% financially stable
- 53% financially instable

**Financial Counseling Impact**

Increase to Credit Score	33 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	30.10%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5.2%

**1,705 consumer loans totaling \$1,975,216.55** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Five of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$84,891.18.**

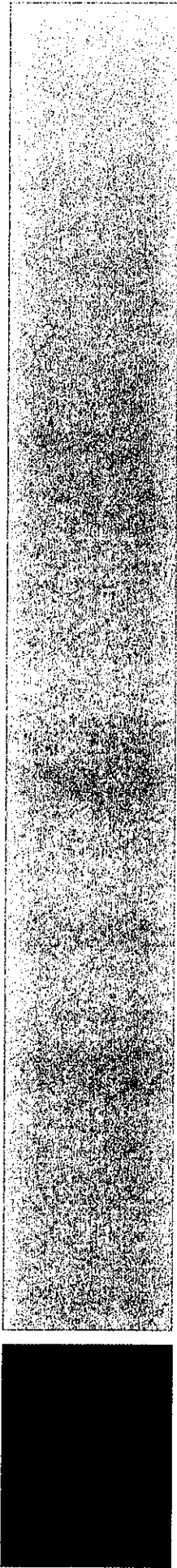
**415 families are actively saving in iSave** for home rehabilitation or home purchase. iSave is a *matched savings program* wherein income eligible families save a certain amount of money over a period of time and the iSave program matches the families' savings to build financial assets.

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **481 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 **4,771 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

**Training Schedule**

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
October 14	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
October 16-18	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 18	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Credit to Avoid
October 23-25	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 25	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Credit to Avoid
November 6-8	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 7-9	Jay	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 13-15	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 15	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Prep for Life Events
November 20-21	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 21	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Financial Prep for Life Events
December 4-6	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 11-13	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 13	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Fraud
December 18-20	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 20	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Fraud



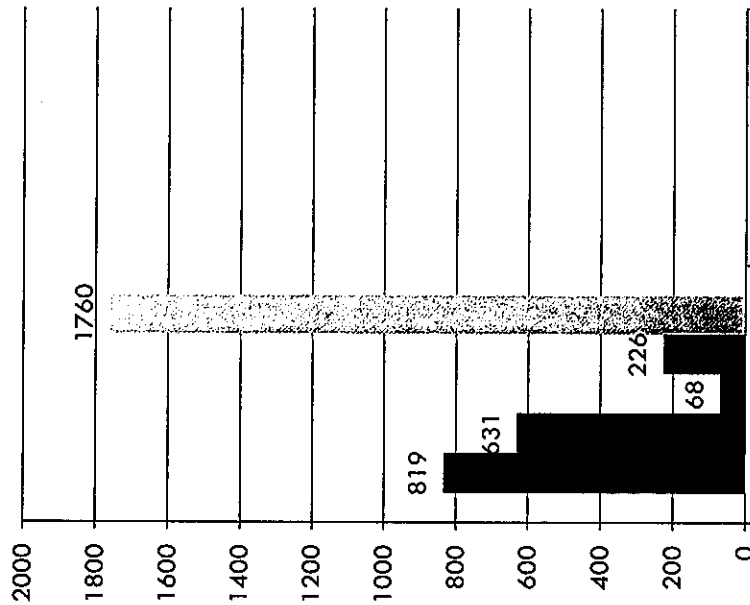
**CHEROKEE NATION  
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**August 2017**

**Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director**

# Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

**Month of August:**  
**1,760 Children**  
with Assigned ICW Workers

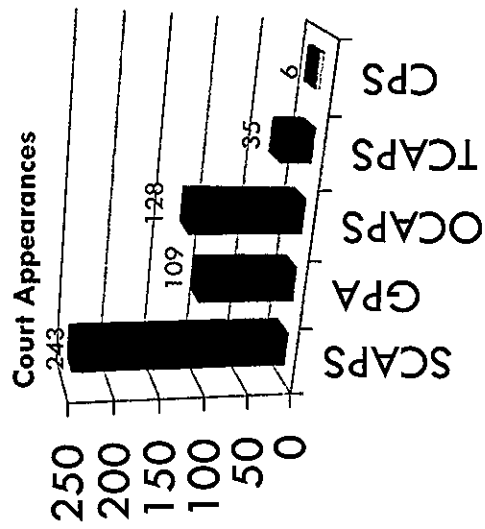


## Programs with court intervention

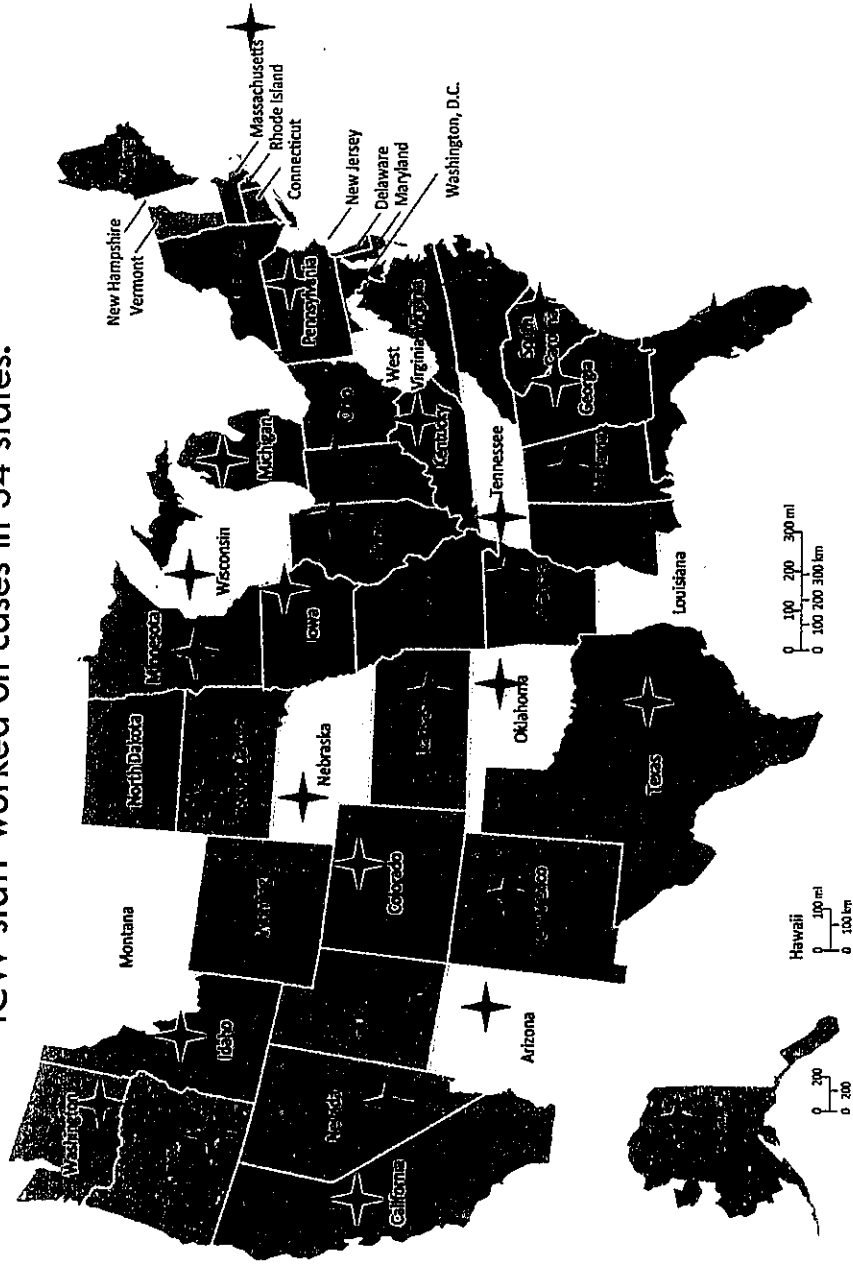
- OCAPS: Out-Of-District Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
  - Involved in child welfare cases in non-jurisdiction counties in Oklahoma and all 50 states.
  - Most work is done telephonically or electronically.
  - Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring States comply 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 August:**  
 Indian Child Welfare workers  
 went to court 521 times on  
 behalf of Cherokee children  
 and families.



ICW staff worked on cases in 34 states.



■ SCAPS ■ GPA ■ OCAPS ■ TCAPS □ CPS

# 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 a goal of responding between 45-60 days.

### Month of August

Cherokee Nation received:

- ❑ State of Oklahoma – 664 notices involving 1,099 children
- ❑ Outside of Oklahoma – 840 notices for 1,232 children.
- ❑ Totaling – 2,331 children and 1,504 notices.
- ❑ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 77 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. We have also added Triple P Parenting curriculum to our program this year.

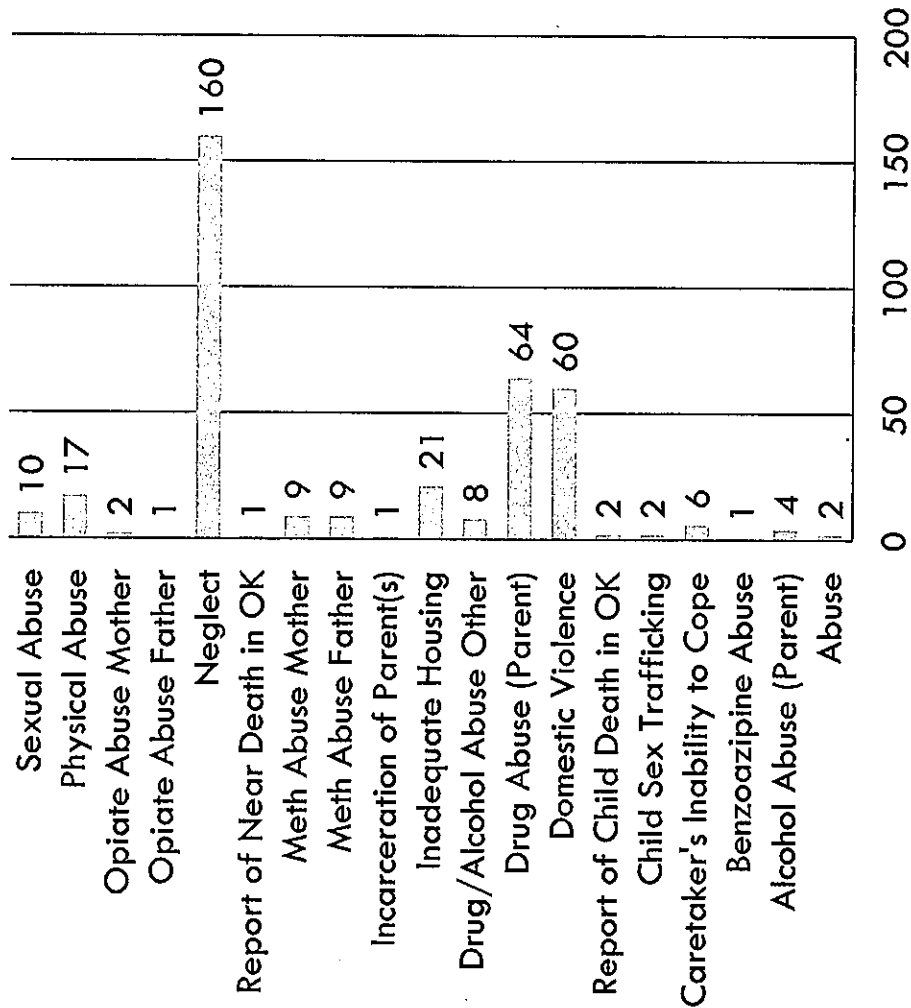
### Month of August

FPS served 50 children and 27 families.



# Child Protective Services

**Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported**



## Month of August

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 373 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 373 referrals involved 639 children
  - ▣ 1 of the 373 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
  - ▣ 9 of the 373 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 7 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

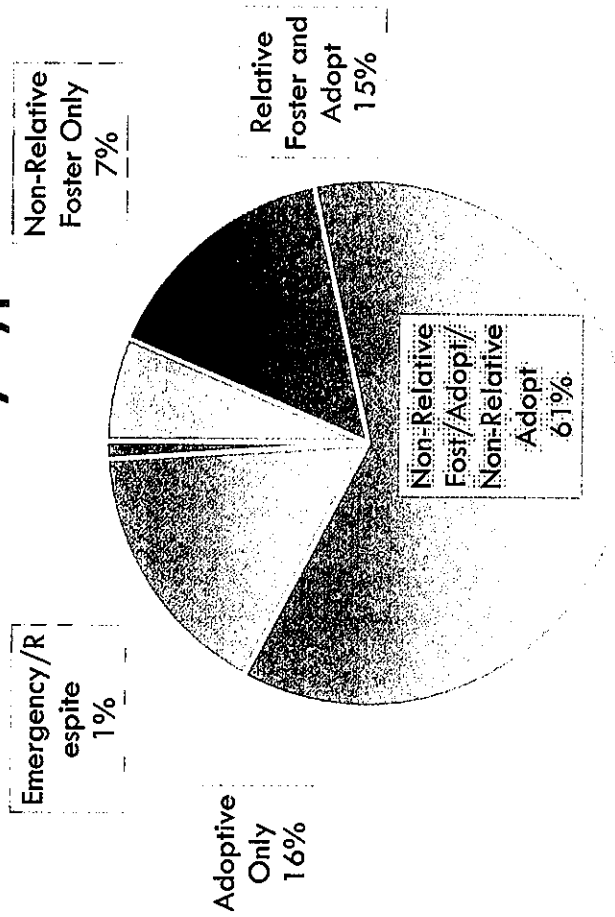
\*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect

# CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

## (Foster & Adoptive Homes)

### CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF August

#### Homes by Type



#### 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 Homes by Type

- 192 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories
- 12 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
  - 28 Relative Foster and Adoptive
  - 114 Non-Relative Foster/Adopt, Non-Relative Adoptive
  - 30 Adoptive Only Home
  - 2 Emergency/Respite

