



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Agenda - Final

### COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

**POSTED**  
2/8/19  
[Signature]

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
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Monday, February 18, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*January 14, 2019 - Regular session*

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT



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## Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 1 - Mike Dobbins

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the December 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired about the nutrition services, if there were home delivery options, if guests were allowed and if the employees also get to eat. Councilor Crittenden requested an additional advocate in the Stilwell office. Councilor Hatfield questioned the number of vacancies listed in the report.*

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher offered to answer question from the report provided. She announced the passing of long time employee Robert Mouse.*

## Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported the college housing applications are still open until this Friday. He gave clarification on the emergency access funds set aside for the council. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the age for someone to be considered an elder.*

## Roads &amp; Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about the transit program and how often they consider new or alternate routes. Councilor Buzzard inquired when they priority rating system changes and requested a copy of the current rating system. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the Piney bridge.*

## Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

## Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight announced tomorrow they will start taking applications for the VITA program. They received a Ross Grant which will allow them to have three employees at the Housing Authority to provide financial education and connect them with fee sources. She reported on the federal government shutdown impacts on home loans. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on which banks do the Section 184 loans.*

## Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

*Ms. Limore offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reported the tribe currently has 112 kids in tribal custody. The increase in numbers are due to meth and other drug related issues. They are undergoing a reorganization to be able to take care of the additional children. Councilor Hatfield inquired how close they work with DHS and/or Human Services. She also inquired if we have a women's shelter. Councilor Smith inquired about grandparents' rights.*

## Community &amp; Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Daugherty offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested confirmation on the open house tomorrow. She also inquired if there are any grants available for the At Large community groups. Councilor Hatfield commented on the newsletter.*

## Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

*Ms. Foreman offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about and suggested the Honor Guard/Color Guard be placed under the Veteran's Program. Councilor Shaw inquired about the number of veterans being honored tonight at the Council meeting. She inquired if the recipients are able to use the stairs in the Council Chambers. She inquired why the Council Chambers aren't handicapped accessible. Councilor Byrd stated there is a feasibility study to make the chambers ADA compliant. Ms. Foreman gave some background on the reasoning for honoring 14 Veterans tonight at the Council Chambers. Chair Lay commented at one time the Council had \$4ml to build their own standalone Council House. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the Color Guard had transportation provided for them. He also commented on the need for a standalone Council House. He commented on the*

number of veterans being seen at the clinics versus the number of veterans with tax exempt cards. Councilor Austin inquired about the medals of patriotism awarded by mail referred to in the report. He requested each Councilor be notified when a veteran will be honored by mail within their district. Councilor Byrd gave a background on the reasoning for the Veterans to be honored during the Council meeting. Now with having a Veteran's Center it needs to be determined if it stays in the Chambers or moves to the Veterans Center. He also provided some background on the funds the Council had for the new Council House and how they were spent. Councilor Smith requested an update on the Veteran memorial bricks. Councilor Hatfield inquired about replacing the broken or faded bricks. Ms. Foreman requested help in finding WWII and Korean Veterans to go on the September honor flight. She announced this Thursday they will have bingo at 5:00 p.m., their Valentines event will be held on the 13th and the Valentine's for Vets are due by February the 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

none pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Jordan announced he has worked with Matt Meredith and Lake Region has agreed to defer their member's payments if they have been affected by the shutdown.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:16 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taylor Edwards</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Rob Daugherty</i>
<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Martha Ketcher</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

December 2018

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## HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	267
Number of Vacancies	34
Number of Volunteers	38

### Human Services Announcements:

We would like to thank the volunteers, tribal council members, and staff who helped make our Winter Coat Program a huge success. Wado! We were able to provide 8,590 coats to Cherokee children. We are thankful for this program, it continues to bless these families year after year. We would also like to thank all of those who donated presents and their time to deliver the Elder Angel Tree gifts this year. Family Assistance was able to give 390 Elder Angels a great Christmas. All of Human Services would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God Bless you and yours!



## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Director - Jennifer Kirby

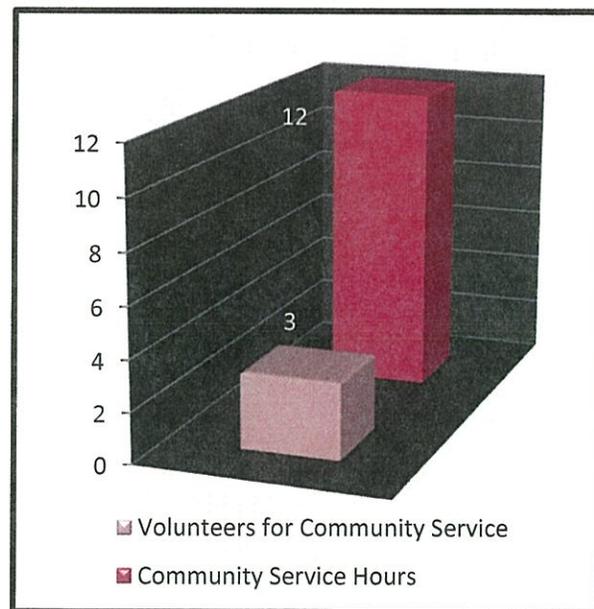
Number of Employees	16
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

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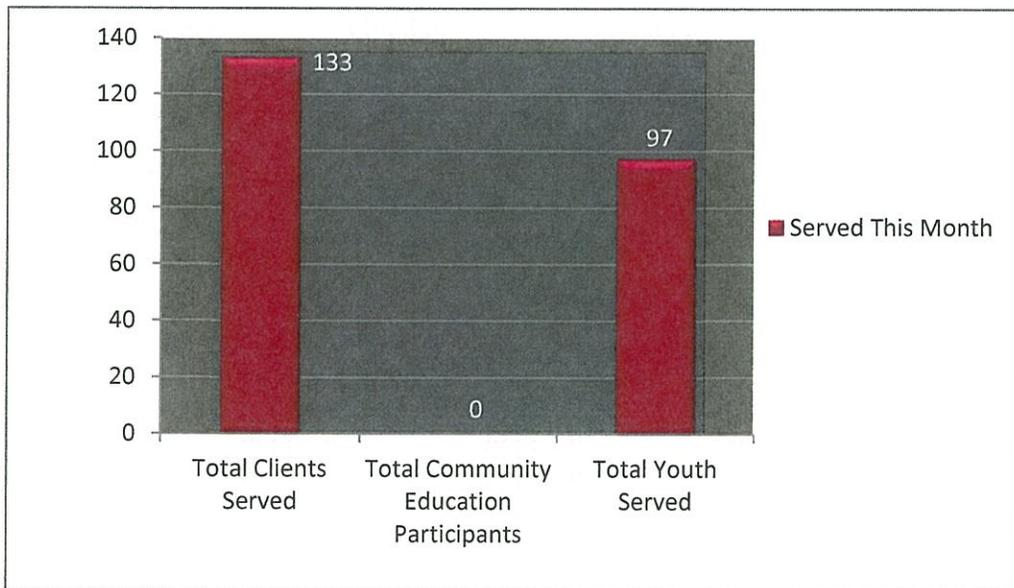
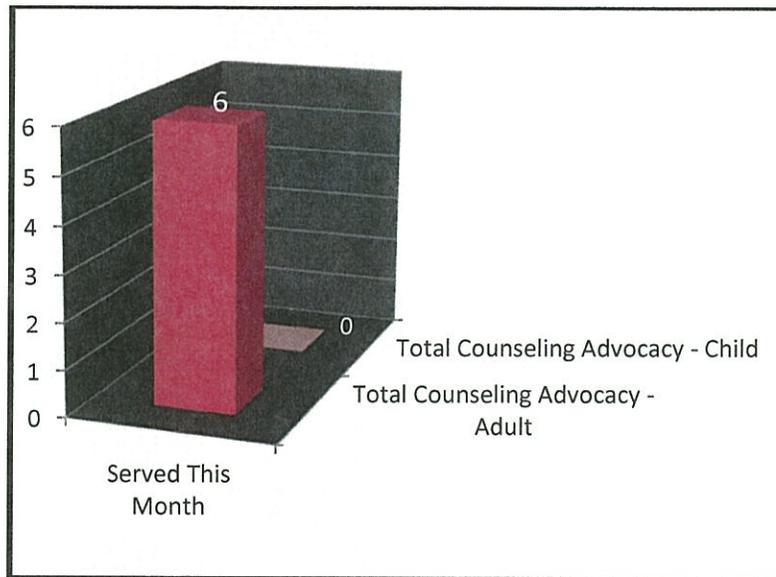
Young people served	11
Admissions	8



## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Youth Services :

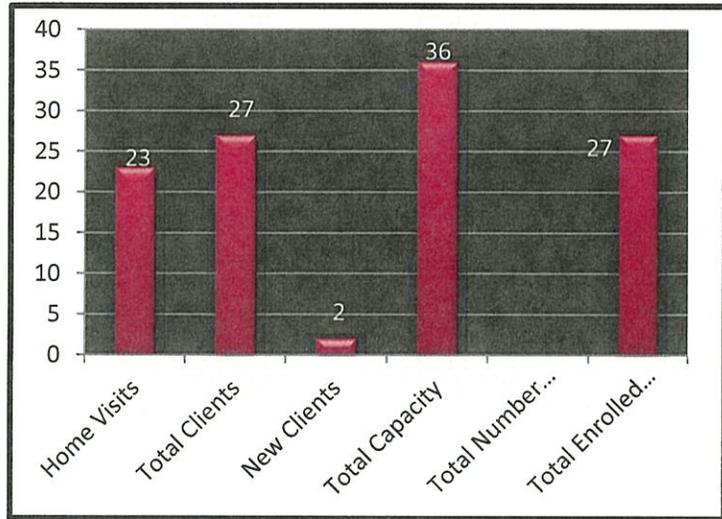
**Total Community Events & Presentations**      0



## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	27
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### *Child Care Development Centers :*



## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

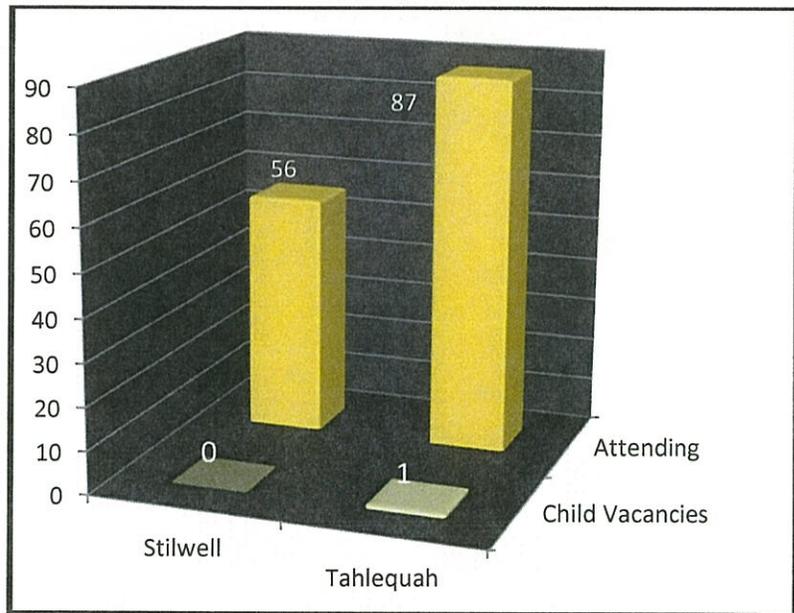
Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	108
Number of Vacancies	22
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - The Christmas Party was a huge success. Santa made his appearance 12-18-2018 and the children were delighted. We dismissed the children on 12-21-18 for the holidays. During our training week, staff received an additional 18 hours of training. The center was cleaned, organized and disinfected during the shut down.



#### Tahlequah - Christmas Parties

- Subsidy - 6 Providers attended provider orientation, 10 Referrals
- Resource & Referral - Scrubby Bear (5 sites, 133 children), Infant/Toddler ELG Training, We Grow Together modules, Native American Assoc meeting, OKDHS child care recruitment meeting, Tulsa CCR&R transition meeting, OTCCA meeting, OCCRRA Board meeting
- Licensing - HOPE Training Project, CCAC Meeting, OK/Tribal Supervisors Meeting, OSBI now being conducted by CC Program. TO date: 23- Referrals: 15 - Grants Program

### Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,727
Amount Distributed	\$ 827,751.00

Average Distribution Per Child	\$ 479.30
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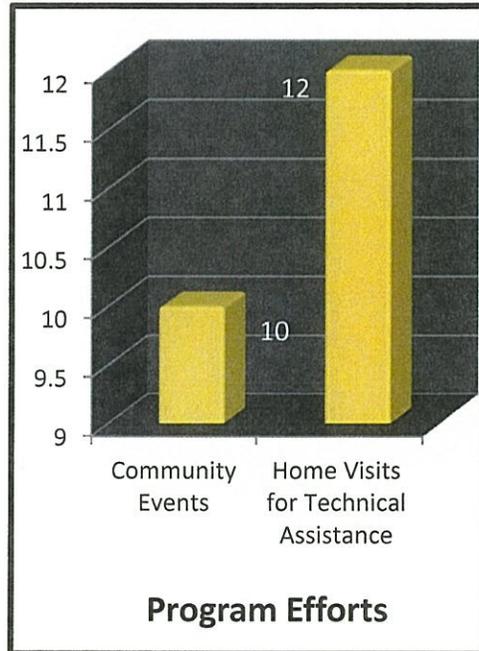
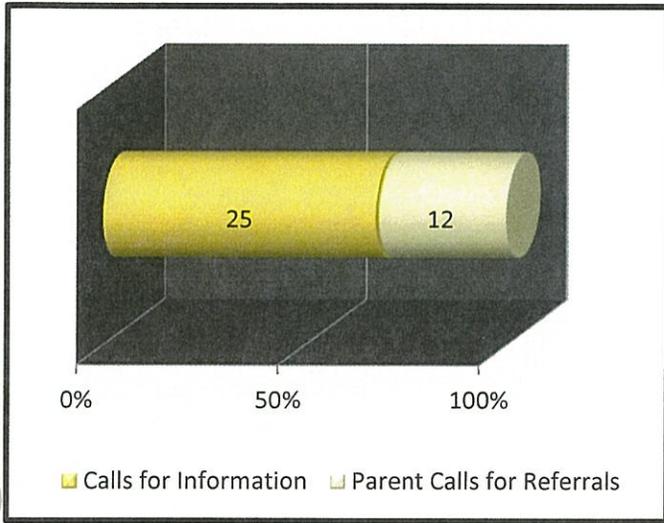




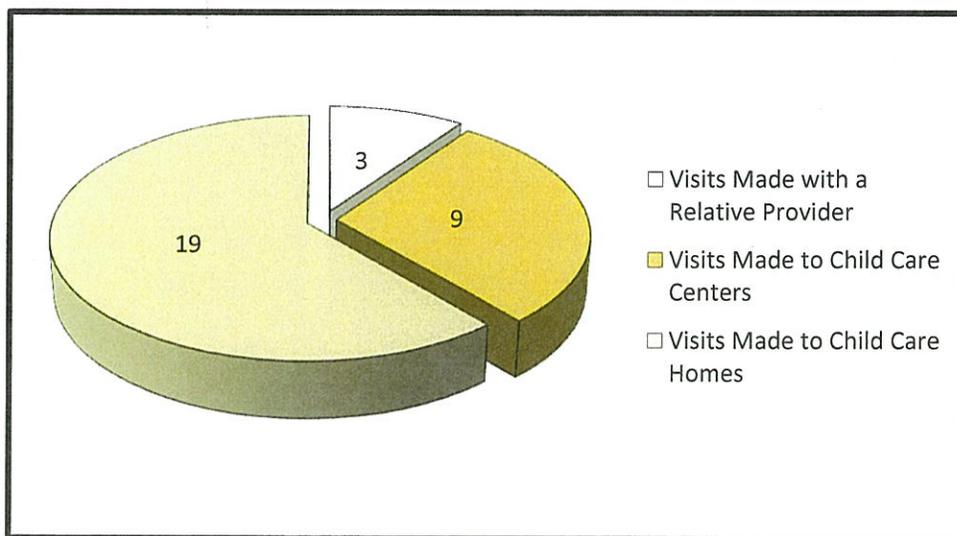
## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	4
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### Licensing & Monitoring :



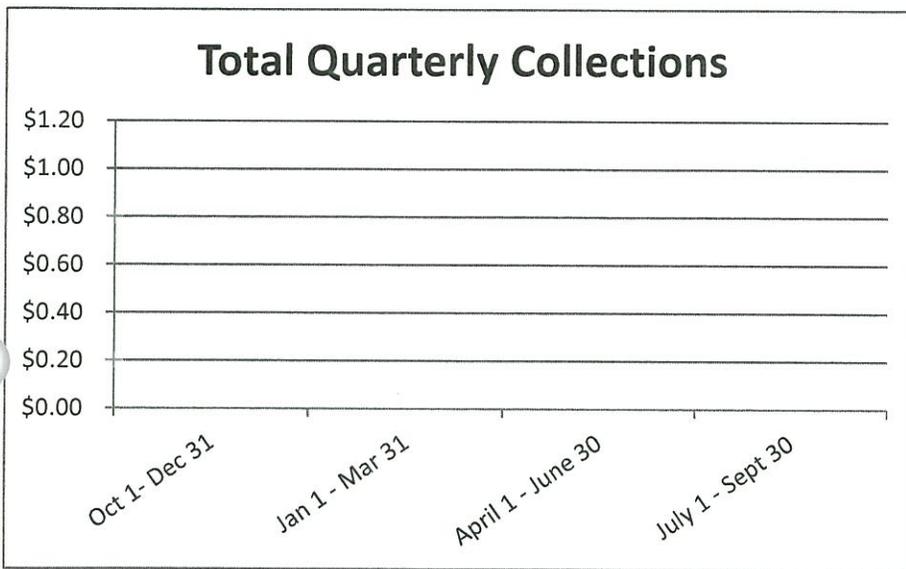
## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

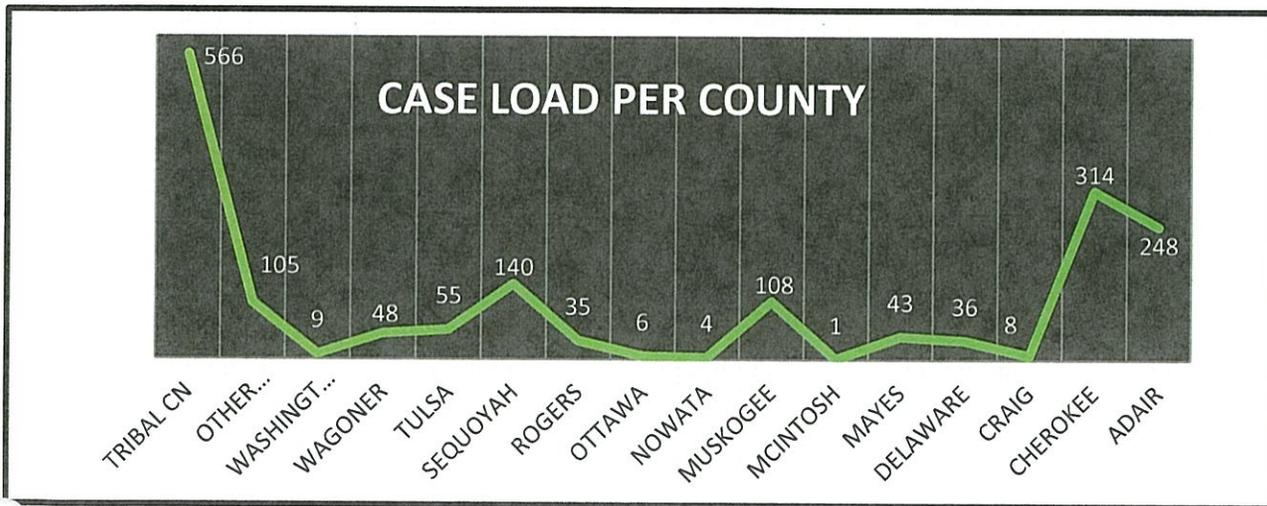
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	3
Number of Volunteers	

Dec. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 278,152.00
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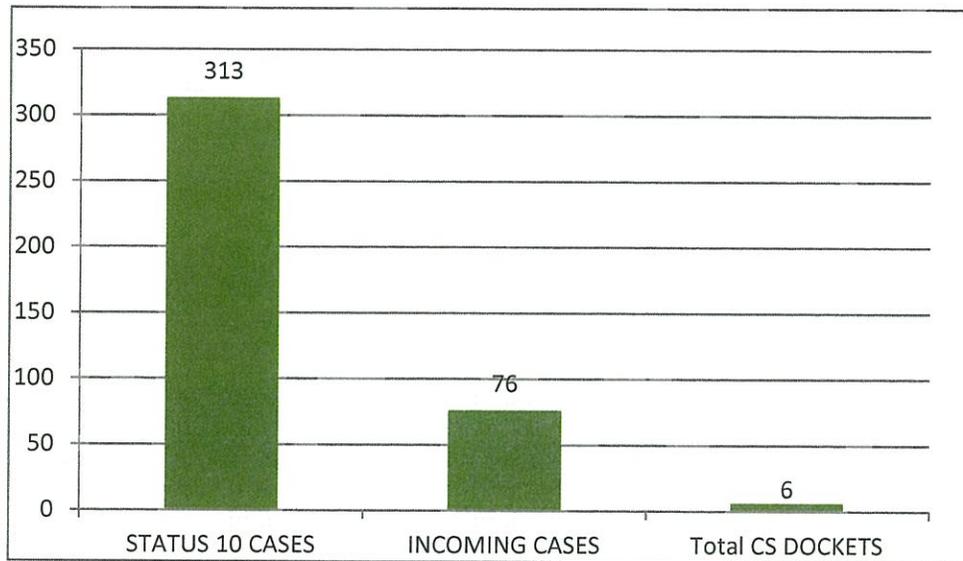
Total Client Contacts	3,011
Total Court Hearings	64
Total Active Efforts Case	2,325
Total Case Assessments for Service	19
Total Applications Distributed	30



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



## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The Office of Child Support Services is busy ensuring the program is ready for tax season that will begin towards the end of January- ensuring we are ready for any enforcement of tax intercepts that may be processed by state on behalf of our clients. The program distributed 30 requested applications and received 21 applications for new cases. Current active/suspended cases as of Jan 9, 2019 is approximately 2461 . The program has interviewed and made recommendations for a new customer service representative to assist with incoming applications. Interviews have been completed for the vacant child support specialist position and hope to recommend a name to HR soon and will still be interviewing for the second CS position. The program continues to work on the new digital media grant through the Federal Office of Child Support Grants division. There will be an informative kick off meeting regarding this Grant on Jan 15 at the Tribal services conference room at the main Tahlequah complex. This grant will ensure the program focuses on developing a web presence regarding child support via our own web page and facebook presence as well as developing Public Service announcements about child support program as well as short educational videos about how child support completes items such as DNA testing and what to expect when attending court hearings. The program also hopes to utilize the grant in expanding communication methods with existing clients via messaging products. The overall goal of the grant is provide better communication avenues for potential clients as well current clients the program serves.



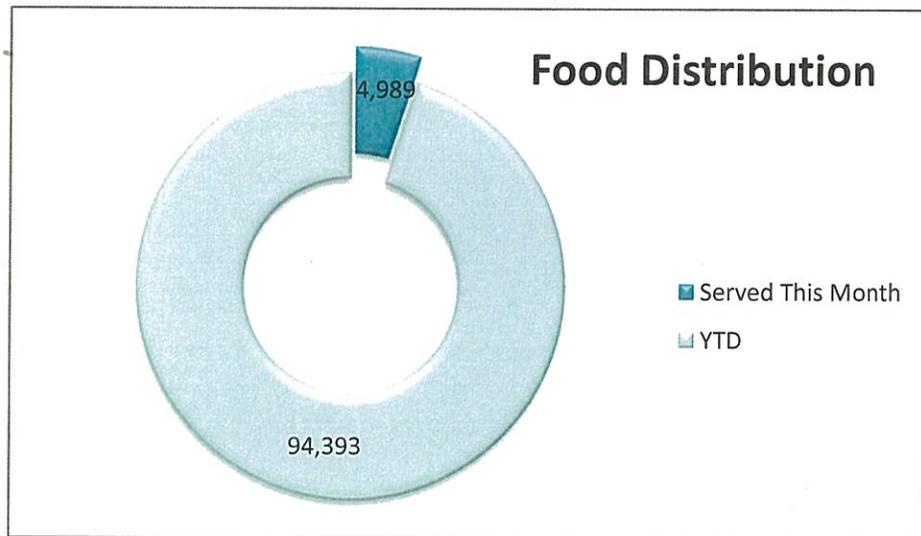
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

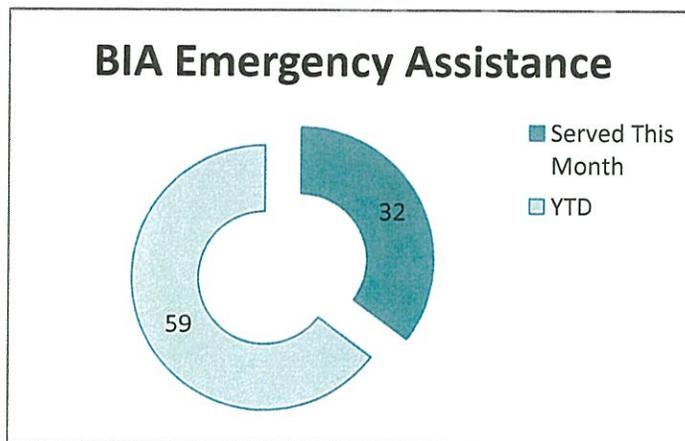
Number of Employees	111
Number of Vacancies	8
Number of Volunteers	38

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

### Food Distribution :

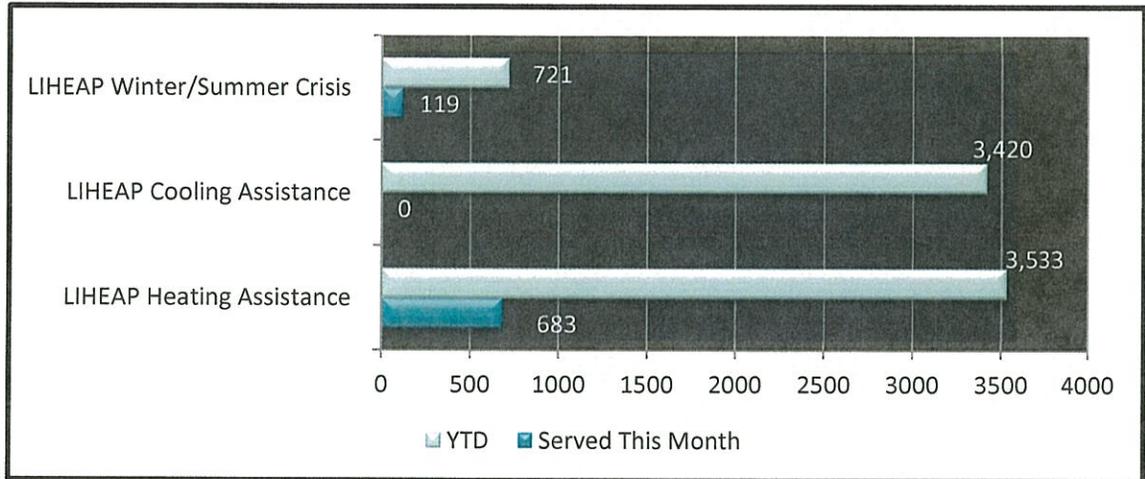


### BIA Social Services :



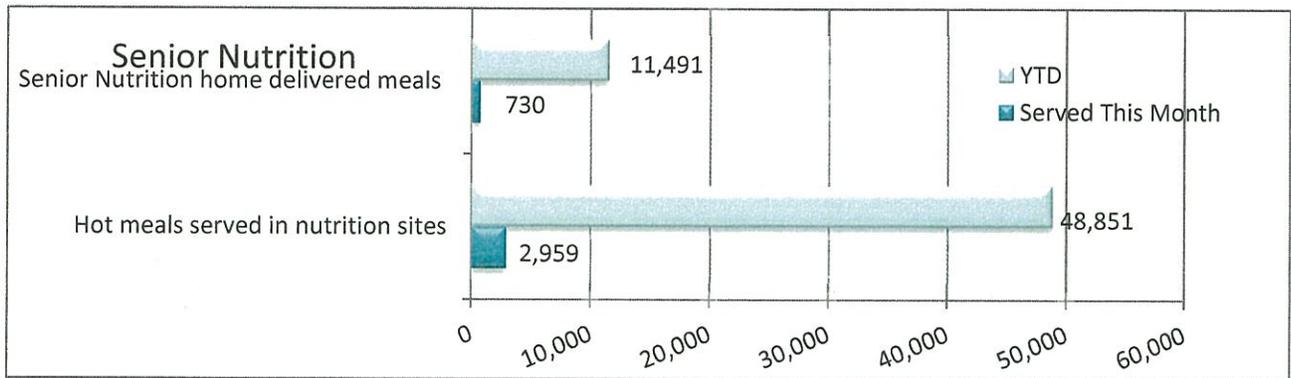
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### LIHEAP:

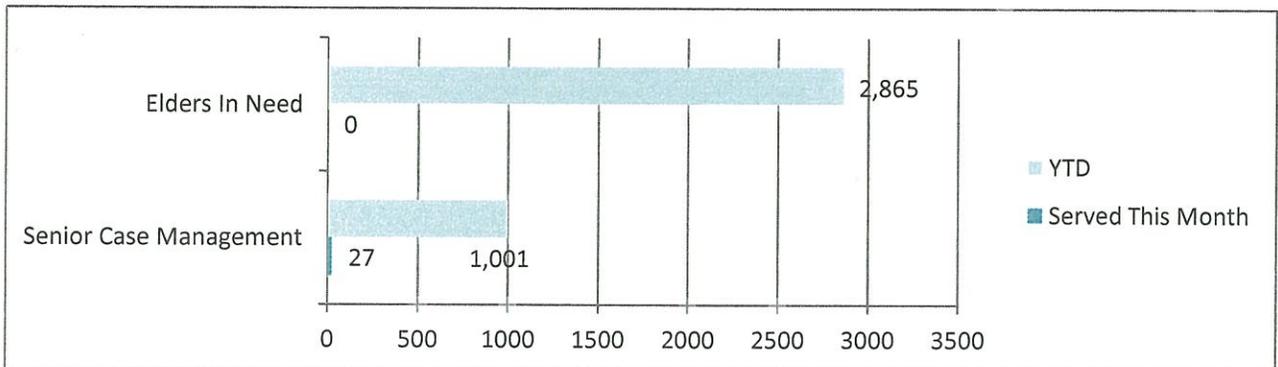


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

### Elder Services :



\*Program starts in April

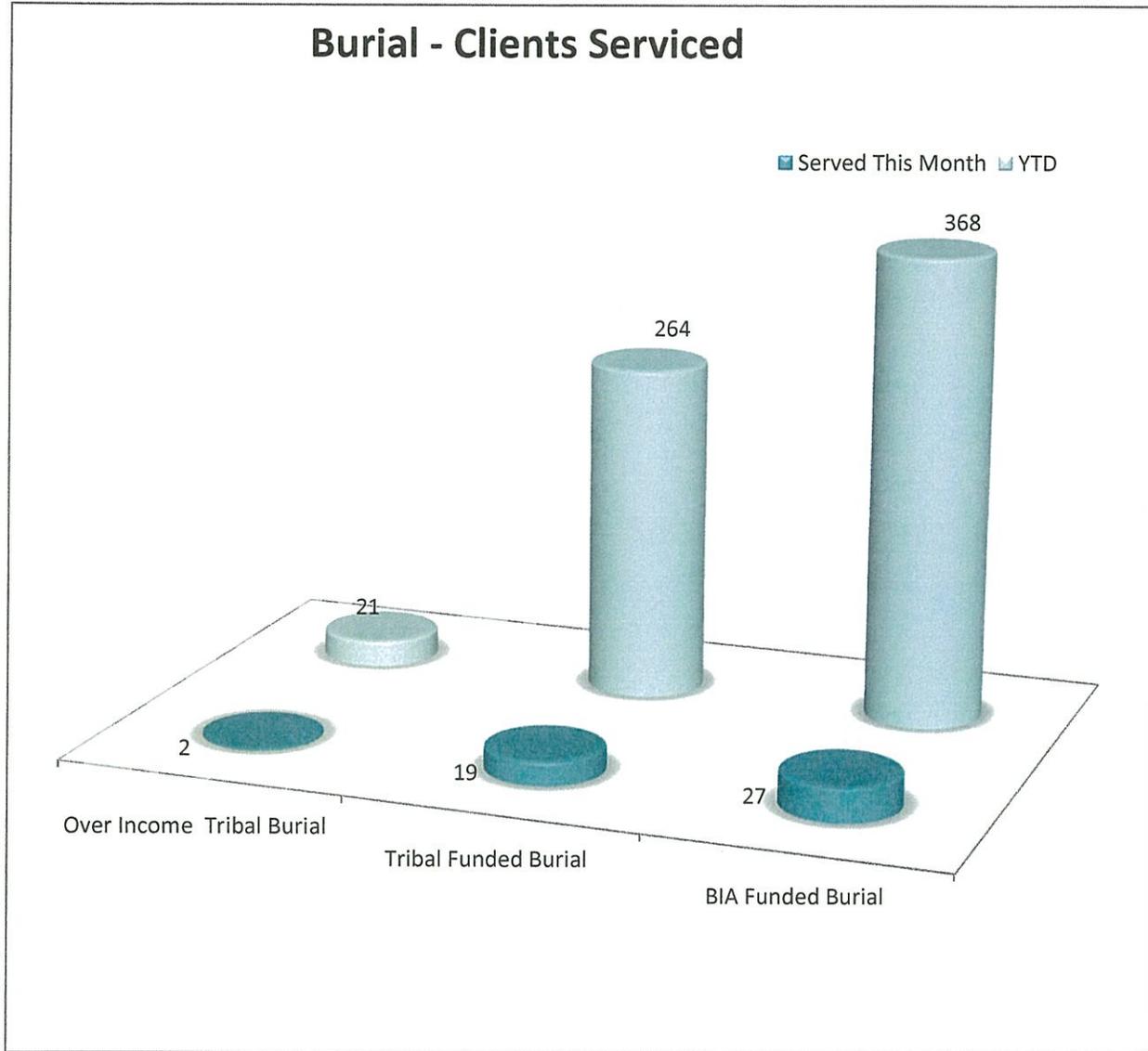


\*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



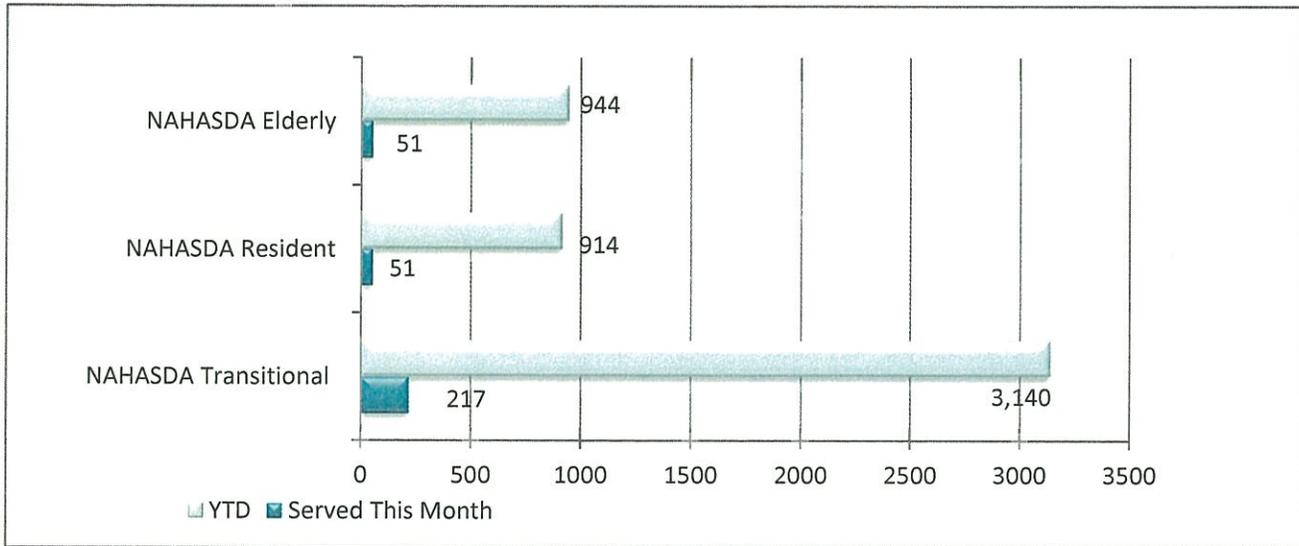
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### Burial Assistance :

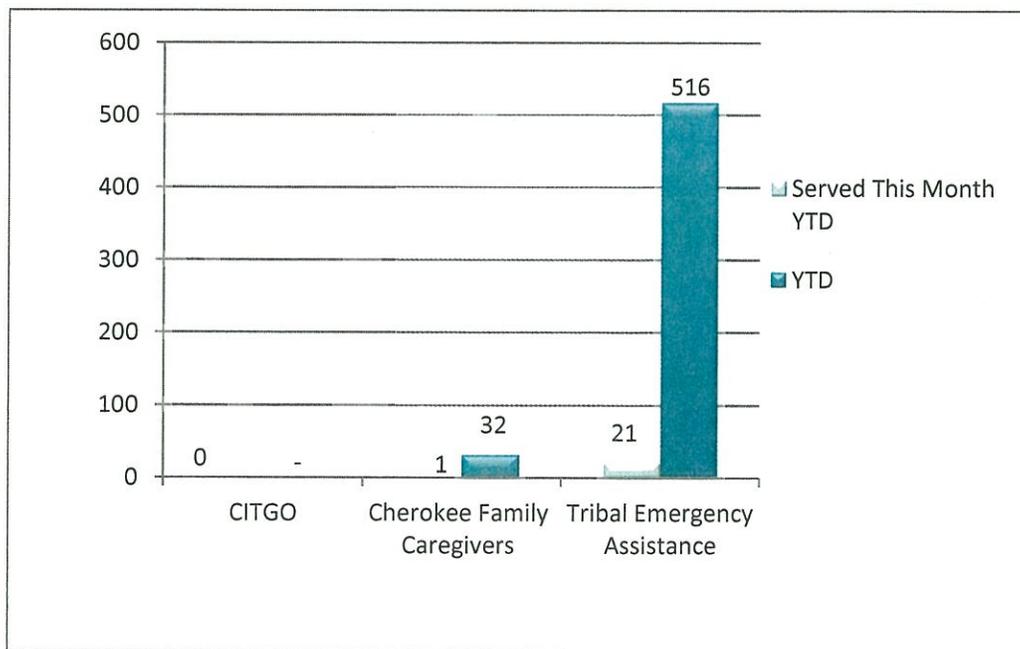


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### NAHASDA :

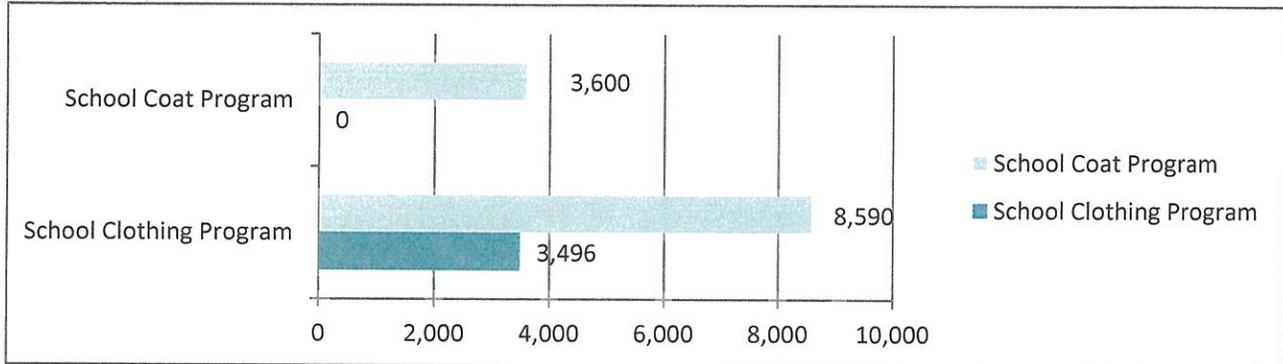


### Family Assistance :



## 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

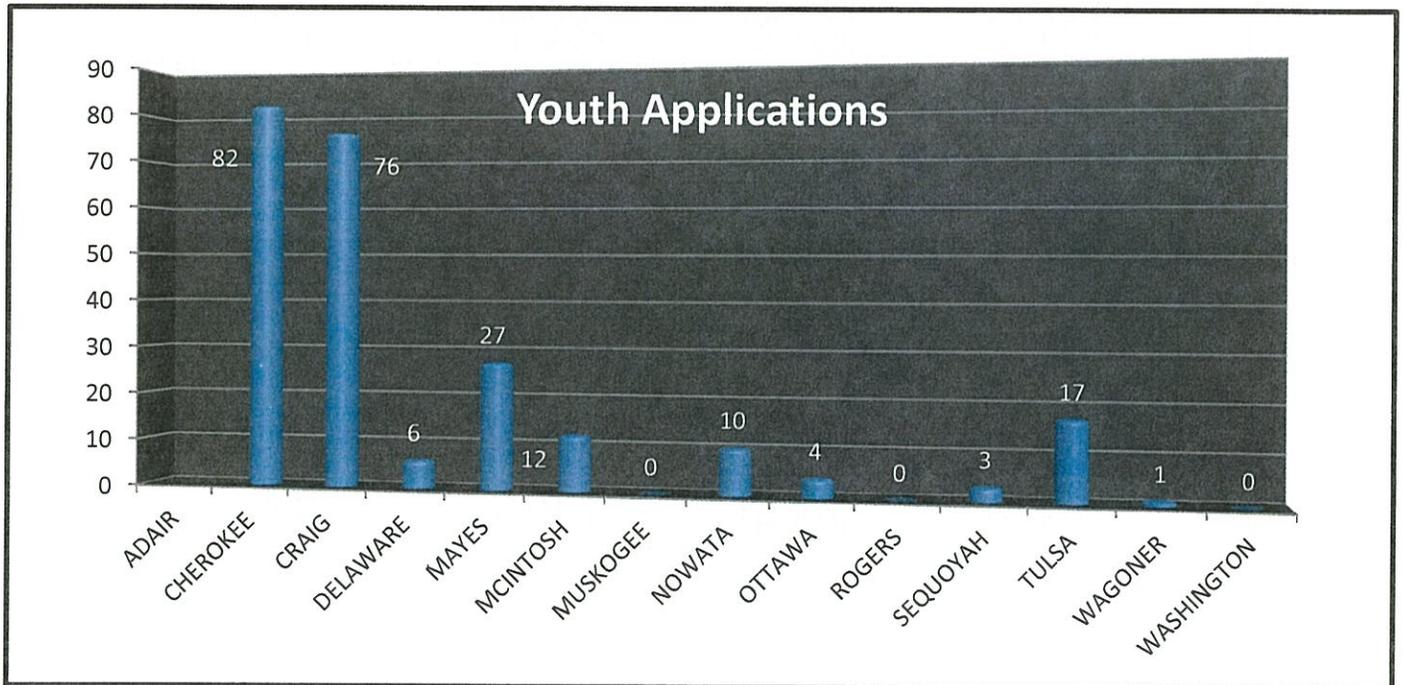
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Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

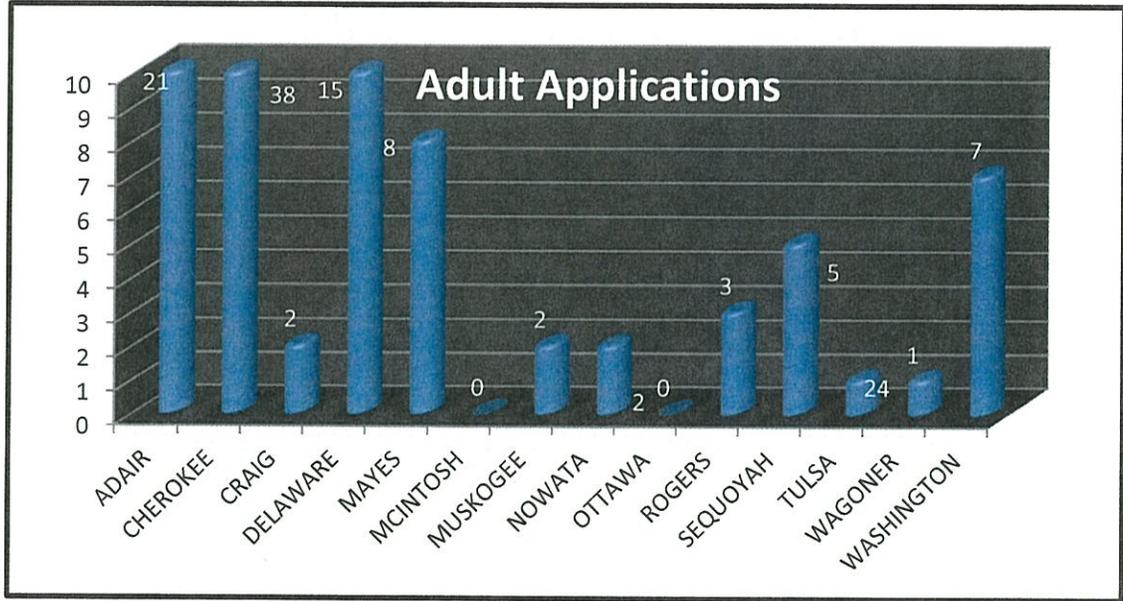
Programs
Reception
Community Youth

### Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,390
Total Applications Taken	343

### Community Youth :





Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	238
Total Adult	105

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

December	\$ 68,600.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Community Services      **Month/Year of Report:** February 2018 (data for December activities)  
**Executive Director:** Martha Ketcher      **Phone:** 453-5248      **E-mail:** Martha-ketcher@cherokee.org

### I. Budget Highlights

1. IHS FY18 Scattered Housing Project approximately 48% expended.
2. Tribal Individual Water and Sewer Funding approximately 38% expended.
3. Tribal Community Water and Sewer Funding approximately 19% expended

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 104 food handlers
2. Repaired 23 existing sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 11 new sewer and/or water facilities

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on the Delaware Co RWD # 11 Phase II waterline is substantially complete. Contractor has installed all waterlines and is working on flushing, pressure testing, disinfection and clean up. A final inspection will be scheduled soon. RWD will install the meters and water service lines.
2. Construction on the Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP is approximately 86% complete. Because of the shutdown USDA RD is not processing any payments for the project so the general contractor is threatening to walk off the job until the government shutdown ends. Will keep you updated. The project was scheduled for completion in June but that may change due to the shutdown.
3. The Kenwood North (Tagg Flatt) Waterline is substantially complete. Still waiting for delivery and installation of booster pump station. Tentatively scheduled for March 2019.
4. Muskogee RWD # 7 Two Mile Rd Waterline is substantially complete and in service. Homes have been connected. Contractor still has minor items on the punch list, primarily clean up, before a final inspection and payment are completed.
5. Oaks Water Loss Project – Delaware RWD # 11 has purchased the master meters and appurtenances and will begin installation in the next few days.
6. Cherokee Co RWD # 8 (Briggs) – Utilizing Bureau of Reclamation engineering report to help RWD site master meters to begin water loss project.
7. Cherokee Co RWD # 3 (Grandview) – Scheduled to begin construction of 510 Rd WL Project in the Moodys community.
8. Oaks Sewer Improvements – Town has selected Cowan Group as the engineer for the project. We have been in contact with the project engineer and are waiting for an initial project meeting to be scheduled.
9. Signed MOA's with Cherokee Co RWD # 11

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**c.) Future Plans**

1. Working with Cherokee Co RWD # 7 on bid package for system improvements project.
2. Reviewing plans for HACN due to water supply issues.
3. Working with Colcord, Cherokee Co RWD # 1 and Delaware Co RWD # 10 with requests for assistance.



Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Plant – Construction of filter galleries in process building.



Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Plant – New Booster Pump and Generator

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



Water service line installation on Two Mile Rd Project

PERFORMANCE: DECEMBER 2018

DISTRICT # & COUNTY	FACILITY DATA SYSTEM			Food Handlers Trng	INDOOR AIR QUALITY Tes/Invest	Water Test Completed Bac-T & Chem	Primary Drinking Water Standards Violations	Well Assessments	Site Evals	Perc Tests	Soil Profiles	Reduce # of critical violations
	Inspections - Referrals	Investigations - Complaints	Technical Assistance									
1, 2 & 3 Cherokee/Wagoner	20		9	46	1	6	3		2	1	2	
4 - Muskogee/McIntosh	1		2						2	1		
5 & 6 Sequoyah			2						1	1	3	
7 & 8 Adair			1			3	3					
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	8		4			3	4		3	1	2	
11 - Craig												
12 - Nowata/Washington			1							1	1	
13 - Tulsa	4		5	58								
14 - Rogers			1						1			
15 - Mayes			6						1			
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>		<b>209</b>		<b>278</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>ANNUAL GOAL</b>		<b>800</b>		<b>1525</b>				<b>50</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>% COMPLETE</b>		<b>26%</b>		<b>18%</b>				<b>4%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%</b>	

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Training** - Hosted NE Country Sanitarian District Staff Training

**Meetings** - Staff

**Misc.** - Assisted in well renovation - 12/10/18 & 12/11/18

Updated all environmental inspection forms and converted to electronic format

Updated and/or developed OEH web site, fact sheets, well assessment form and pamphlets for environment projects (bed bugs, carbon monoxide, etc.)

Routine Food Inspection and Annual Environmental Health Facility Inspection conducted at the Jay Head Start Center - includes 2 classrooms and kitchen.

Routine Food Inspection and Annual Environmental Health Facility Inspection conducted at the Jim Danielson Children's Village Head Start Center - includes 11 classrooms and kitchen

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This office is focused on protecting the public from such things as foodborne illness and transmission of various disease that are directly related to personal hygiene and other non-sanitary conditions. We organize, coordinate, and assist in many different programs such as food, public bathing places, hotel/motels, and rabies. This office provides food service training for certification, environmental disease prevention training, laboratory analytical services for individuals requesting assistance in evaluating their water wells; soil profiles, percolation test, and indoor air quality investigations.

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**Youth Activities:**

**We held 7 youth activities in December, due to the Christmas Eve & Christmas Holidays and 1 school being out for Christmas break on their regularly scheduled date. Total attendance at December youth activities was 154 youth, 18 parents/community members/B&G club staff & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 3 – 5 staff members went to each site.**

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities in December on Tuesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; where they made Arrowhead and seed bead necklaces and gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 15 -17 youth in attendance at each activity for a total of 32 youth & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, where they made Arrowhead and seed bead necklaces. There were 14 youth, 8 parents & Adult community members & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, where they made Arrowhead and seed bead necklaces. There were 31 youth, 3 Boys & Girls club staff and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls did not have a youth activity in December as their regularly scheduled date fell during Christmas break.

Briggs Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, where they made Arrowhead and seed bead necklaces. There were 56 youth, 4 Boys & Girls club staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, where they made Arrowhead and seed bead necklaces. There were 12 youth, 2 Boys & Girls Club staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Talking Leaves Job Corp did not have a youth activity in December as their regular schedule date was on Christmas day.

Oaks Family Support Center did not have a youth activity in December as their regular schedule date was on Christmas Eve.

Youth MOVE had 1 youth activity on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, where they made Arrowhead and seed bead necklaces. There were 9 youth, 1 adult and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed & handed out 73 copies of flyers about January youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Oaks & Chewey and e-mailed flyers to Briggs, Maryetta, Rocky Mountain & Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth MOVE and Talking Leaves Job Corp to post.

### **Adult Resident Activities:**

**We held 8 adult resident activities in December, due to the Christmas Eve Holiday & Christmas falling on 2 of the regularly scheduled dates. Total attendance at December Adult resident activities was 72 Adult residents & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended activities at each site, 2-4 staff went to each site.**

Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita, held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, where they made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 10 residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore, held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, where they Made and decorated egg gourd rattles. There were 13 residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, where they made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 12 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, where they made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 9 adult residents and 4 CYDARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, where they made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 6 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, where residents made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 5 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City Community did not have an Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, due to the Christmas holiday.

Sallisaw/ Tsalagi apartments had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, where they made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 9 Adult residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, where they made pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 8 Adult residents & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center did not have an Adult Resident Activity on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, due to the Christmas Eve Holiday.

Mailed and handed out 270 copies of flyers about January adult resident activities to housing residents and housing offices in Stilwell, Claremore, Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah (Leon Daniels, Ross Swimmer and Autumn Heights housing additions), Jay, Vinita, Tsalagi Apartments in Sallisaw, Oaks Community, Chewey Community Organization and Lost City Community Organization and e-mailed flyers to Wisdom Keepers, Stilwell Senior Housing, Tahlequah Housing Office, Jay Senior Housing and Tsalagi apartments in Sallisaw to post.

**Activities scheduled in the future:**

**We have 7 youth activities scheduled for January 2019.**

We will have activities in:

- Cherokee Heights **will not have an activity** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, due to the New Year Holiday, but will have an activity on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 6 pm.;
- Chewey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm. – 7 pm.;
- Briggs Boys & Girls Club, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
- Maryetta Boys & Girls Club, on the second Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club, **will not have an activity** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., due to the Martin Luther King Holiday;
- Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Oaks Community, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. – 7 pm.;
- Talking Leaves Job Corp, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School, **will not have an activity** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm. – 5 pm., due to school being out for Winter break.

**We have 10 adult resident activities scheduled for January 2019.**

We will have activities at:

- Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 pm.- 3:30 pm.;
- Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
- Jay Senior Housing, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Chewey, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm. – 7 pm.;
- Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Lost City, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm. – 4 pm.;
- Oaks Family Support Center, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. – 7 pm.

Staff will be taking the HERO Projects, “Social Emotional Skills Building” training, on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.

We are continually working on learning and putting together new projects, language lessons and leadership exercises to use at future youth and adult activities and teaching each other skills we have and making sure everyone is teaching the same way so we will not confuse the participants.

We are all working on getting projects ready and taking turns making sure all supplies and paperwork is ready for each activity.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>February, 2019</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 Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation / Cherokee Nation 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.

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.

None to report

**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:**

Feb 19 February Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

**Office Closures:**

None

**Other Info:**

Feb National American Indian Housing Council  
25-27 Annual Legislative Conference

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: December, 2018**

**Current Program Participants:**

County	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance			Homeownership		Loans	Totals		
			Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs	New Construction Homes Completed	Title VI / Other Mortgage Programs	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants	
Adair	306	152	80	0	7	105	76	19	745	14%	
Cherokee	288	174	237	1	24	221	171	60	1,176	22%	
Craig	26	48	28	0	6	10	29	2	149	3%	
Delaware	199	114	73	1	7	66	112	25	597	11%	
Mcintosh	14	N/A	1	0	0	4	3	0	22	0%	
Mayes	149	120	53	0	11	49	57	12	451	9%	
Muskogee	85	47	34	0	4	47	48	13	278	5%	
Nowata	21	38	17	0	0	9	27	1	113	2%	
Ottawa	11	N/A	2	0	0	6	7	4	30	1%	
Rogers	79	66	154	2	7	72	36	43	459	9%	
Sequoyah	340	N/A	169	0	24	145	140	55	873	17%	
Tulsa	34	N/A	91	0	4	28	9	3	169	3%	
Wagoner	7	N/A	2	0	0	53	3	1	66	1%	
Washington	20	38	14	0	2	26	12	3	115	2%	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>5,243</b>	<b>100%</b>	
			1,055			1,571		241			

**Current Applications:**

County	Rehab Programs	Rehab Replacement Homes	Rehab Replacement Mobile	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Rental Properties / Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	211	1	2	13	4	229	149	208	11%	817	14%
Cherokee	188	1	2	15	2	292	264	560	29%	1,324	23%
Craig	54	0	0	1	0	31	20	53	3%	159	3%
Delaware	147	1	0	8	1	100	73	211	11%	541	9%
Mcintosh	6	0	0	0	0	N/A	1	9	0%	16	0%
Mayes	90	0	0	5	0	50	88	144	7%	377	7%
Muskogee	68	0	0	5	0	40	81	97	5%	291	5%
Nowata	31	0	0	6	0	23	14	44	2%	118	2%
Ottawa	9	0	0	1	0	N/A	9	33	2%	52	1%
Rogers	88	0	0	18	1	188	192	177	9%	664	11%
Sequoyah	247	1	3	28	4	N/A	242	177	9%	702	12%
Tulsa	78	1	0	24	0	N/A	194	152	8%	449	8%
Wagoner	11	0	0	1	0	N/A	13	43	2%	68	1%
Washington	52	0	0	7	0	54	53	42	2%	208	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,786</b>	<b>100%</b>

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation  
 Month Ending: December, 2018



# Tribal HUD - VASH

## VA Supportive Housing Program

County	Applications			Assistance	Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List	Housed Veteran	Total	% of Participants
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Cherokee	0	0	0	4	4	24%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	0	0	2	2	12%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayer	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Muskogee	0	0	0	3	3	18%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	0	1	0	4	5	29%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	1	1	6%
Tulsa	0	0	0	1	1	6%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	1	1	6%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>



## **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**  
Lisa Look, MSW, LCSW, LADAC  
Tribal HUD/VASH Case Manager for Cherokee Nation  
1011 Honor Heights Drive  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401  
Phone: (918) 616-8794 | Fax: (918) 577-3329  
[Lisa.Look@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Look@va.gov)

**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Development Files Processing**

Month of:  
Dec, 2018

County	Applications			Processing						Construction		In Processing	Land Development Under Construction	Construction Complete		
	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing	Stg I Prelim Review	Stg II Site Inspect	Stg III Problem Files	Stg III Survey Pending	Stg III Survey Rec'd	Stg IV Process Closing	Under/Ready Const	Construction Complete					
Adair	169	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	11	8	76	0	21	8	76	
Cherokee	503	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	31	171	0	15	31	171	
Craig	50	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	29	0	3	0	29	
Delaware	177	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	7	12	112	2	11	12	112	
McIntosh	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	
Mayes	124	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	57	5	6	2	57	
Muskogee	80	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	9	48	3	6	9	48	
Nowata	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	0	0	1	27	
Ottawa	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	
Rogers	172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	36	0	2	1	36	
Sequoyah	154	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	140	7	8	1	140	
Tulsa	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	
Wagoner	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	
Washington	42	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	12	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>730</b>	
			17	76						797						

**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

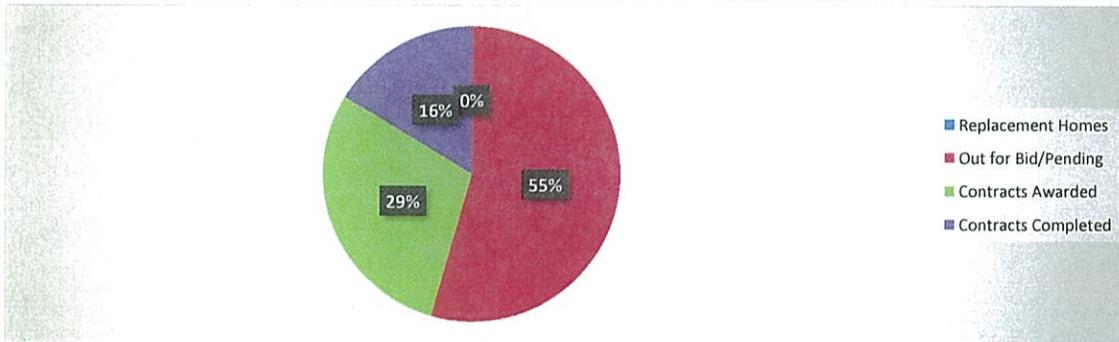
**STAGE III:**  
Order/Receive Survey  
Order/Receive Parc Test  
Receive Utility Assurance  
Receive Abstract from participant

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

## Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

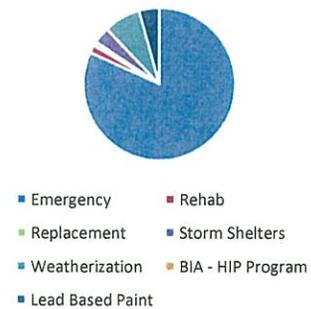
Month Ending:  
December, 2018

Replacement Homes	0
Out for Bid/Pending	80
Contracts Awarded	43
Contracts Completed	24



### Rehab

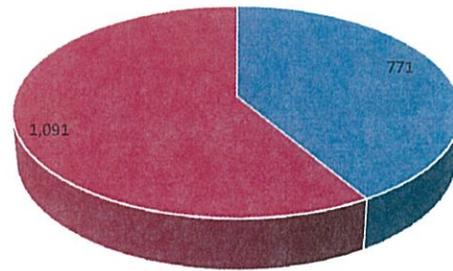
Classification	Monthly Activity	Year to Date
Emergency	28	94
Rehab	1	2
Replacement	0	1
Storm Shelters	2	4
Weatherization	1	9
BIA - HIP Program	0	0
Lead Based Paint	2	5
<b>All Rehab jobs</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>115</b>



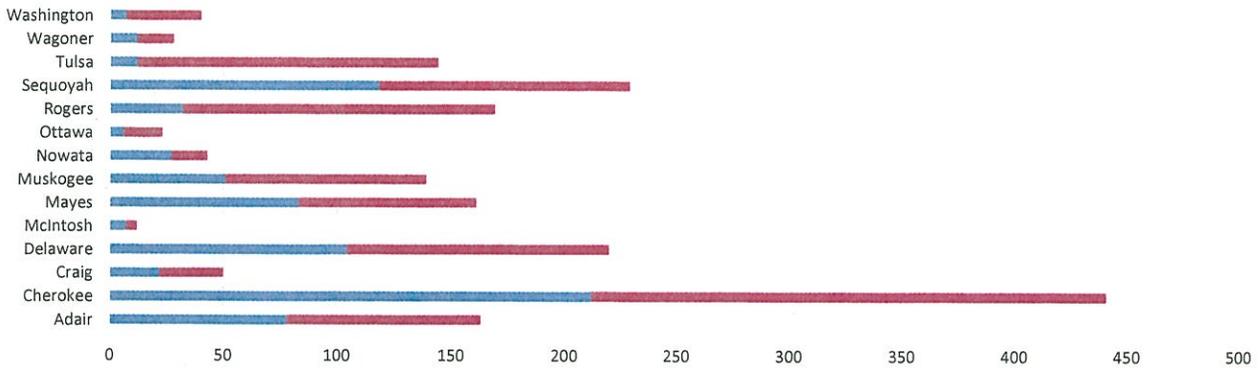
**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Application Data**

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>

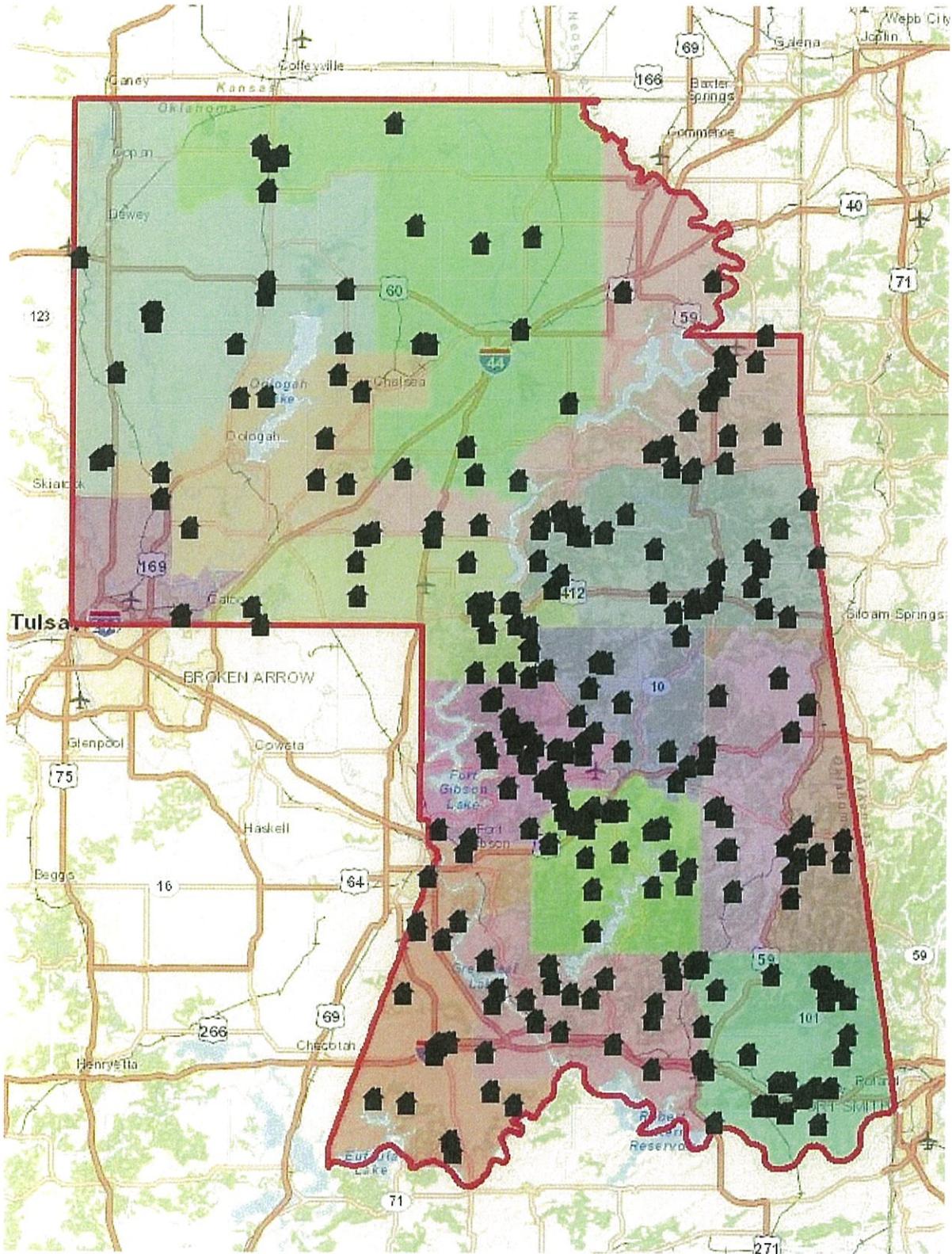


■ Has Land ■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

# 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.*

# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Community Services/ Dept. of Trans. **Month/Year of Report:** February 2019

**Executive Director:** Martha Ketcher **Phone:** 918-453-5248 **E-mail:** Martha-Ketcher@cherokee.org

### Comments:

#### ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell School South – Cherry Tree RWD has awarded the waterline relocation to Jerry's Excavation. The anticipated start date is February 16, 2019 with 45 days of construction permitted in the contract.
2. Dahlenegah South – Continued right of way acquisition of one remaining fee parcel.(Haste/Rhonda Pritchett) And working with utility companies to prepare and complete applications for utility easements across 15 trust/restricted parcels.
3. Malloy Hollow – Continuing update of ownership addresses for NOI letters and building of r/w files.
4. Rocky Mountain School Loop/BR – Worked with the Assistant D.A. to finalize condemnation documents on the one remaining parcel, which needs to be condemned due to deceased property owner.

#### CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Two bids were received with Rossco being the lowest bidder and H&G Paving coming n second. A notice of award to Rossco has been sent to Administration for approval.
2. Ross Street- A notice to proceed with a start date of January 16, 2019 has been sent to Ground Zero. AT&T anticipates their relocation to be completed by mid month dut to some materials required being on back order. AT&T will be implementing temporary measures to prevent a delay in the roadway construction.
3. Hulbert Lost City – Final construction plans have been completed and will be checked before sending to engineer for final approval, Corporate paperwork for the utilities crossing restricted parcels was received and submitted to RES. Final parcel needing a condemnation for title has been dismissed per the recommendation of the Solicitor's Office. Another plan to obtain the needed easement will be implemented. Right of way has been staked for LREC/LRTC to begin their relocation.

#### CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS4340 White Oak Road – Craig County RWD 2 waterline relocation is complete with only minor cleanup remaining. Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative started relocating their facilities January 22, 2019.

#### DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

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1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is at 85% complete. Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017. As of December 31, 2018 the number of days have accumulated to -689days over the contract time at \$1,000.00 per day.

**MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Chimney Rock – RWD # 9 Mayes County waterline relocation is complete. Northeast Oklahoma Electric anticipates starting construction on this project by mid-February.

**SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Dwight Mission Rd/McKey Rd I-40 to Pinhook – North end acquisition complete. South end has 3 remaining parcels. ODOT issued a conditional letter of clearance to secure federal funds.

**III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

The new vans have been released to Pelivan for use on the Pryor to Catoosa and Salina to Pryor routes.

Ridership on all routes for the month of December 2018 were:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 128 rides
  2. Pryor to Catoosa – 634 rides
  3. Salina to Tahlequah – 42 rides
  4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 46 rides
  5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 125 rides
  6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 102 rides
  7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 171 rides
  8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 306 rides
  9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 38 rides
  10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 7,685
- Total Rides: 9,277

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  
918-453-5532  
anna-knight@cherokee.org

## Mortgage Assistance Program

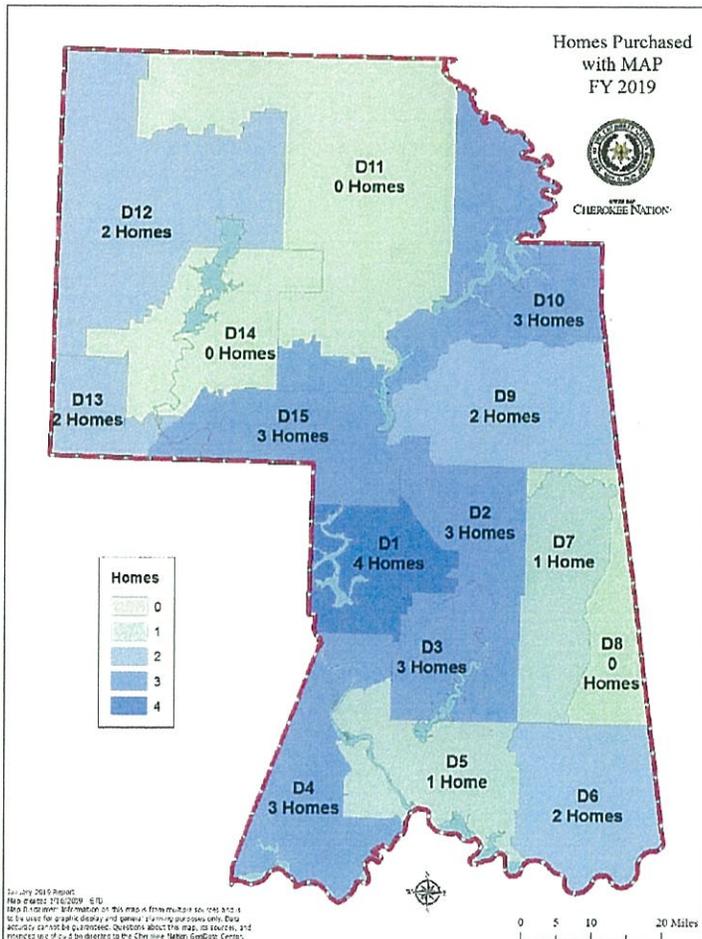


**29 Families** became homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

13 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

### MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$37,811.17
Home Price	\$102,813.79
Equity Created	17.52%



Since FY2009, **1,743 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

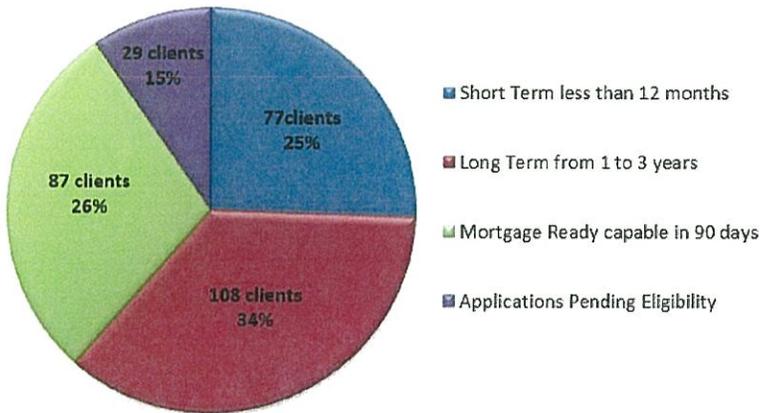
75.8% of families who purchased a home in FY19 moved up at least one level in the **Financial Prosperity Spectrum**.

*I sit through a lot of training programs every month and can spot a trainer who has true passion for their job. Susan Sharp was a rock star. She made the MAP training fun and kept it moving.*

*E. Kimble, Realtor,  
Cherokee County*

## Financial Counseling

### MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



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

Since FY07, **907 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

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

**470 families** have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

301 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 30% financial success
- 27% financially stable
- 38% financially instable

### Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	38 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	28.2%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5.7%

**737 consumer loans totaling \$858,738.02** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of January 15th. Year to date, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with **5 families facing foreclosure**. All 5 families are currently in foreclosure prevention counseling.

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

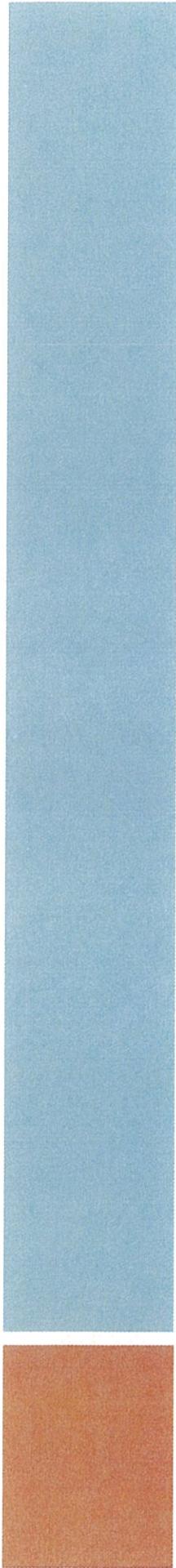
Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **42 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Financial education classes are offered at no cost. Employees and the public have the opportunity to attend financial education classes on topics ranging from creating spending plans to balancing checkbooks. Year to date, **169 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

## Training Schedule

Interested in attending a class? Contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-5536 or [susan-sharp@cherokee.org](mailto:susan-sharp@cherokee.org).

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tahlequah	11:00 – 1:00 pm	Dave Ramsey FPU
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sallisaw	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Claremore	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training



# CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT

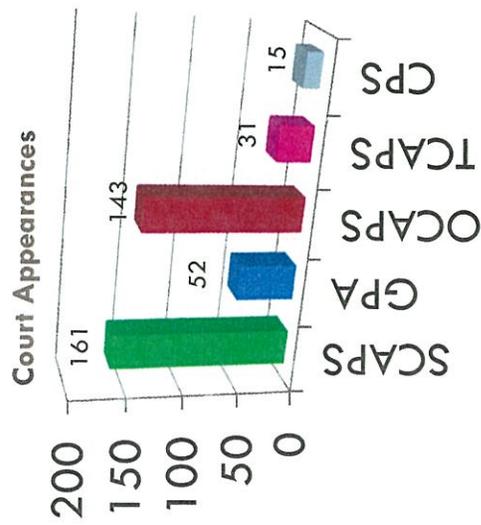
December 2018

Nikki Baker Limore, Executive Director

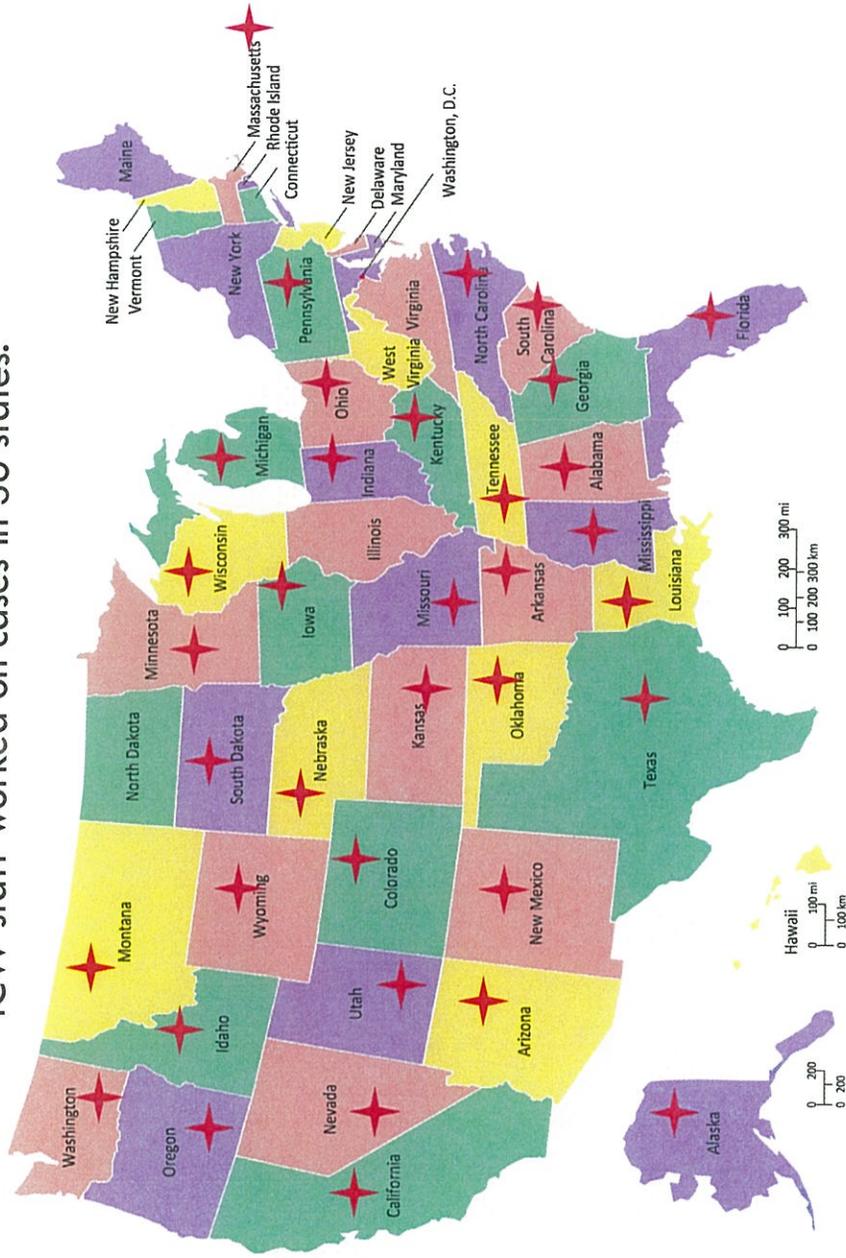


# Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

**In December:**  
 Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 402 times on behalf of Cherokee children and families.



ICW staff worked on cases in 36 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. Currently, with six case workers processing approximately 200-300 pieces of mail, per month, response times may vary due to vacancies and depending on amount of mail received. The tribe has a goal of responding between 45-60 days.

### Month of December

Cherokee Nation received:

- ❑ State of Oklahoma – 629 notices involving 1,175 children
- ❑ Outside of Oklahoma –631 notices for 1,016 children.
- ❑ Totaling – 1,260 notices and 2,191 children.
- ❑ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 54 days.

## Prevention and Intervention

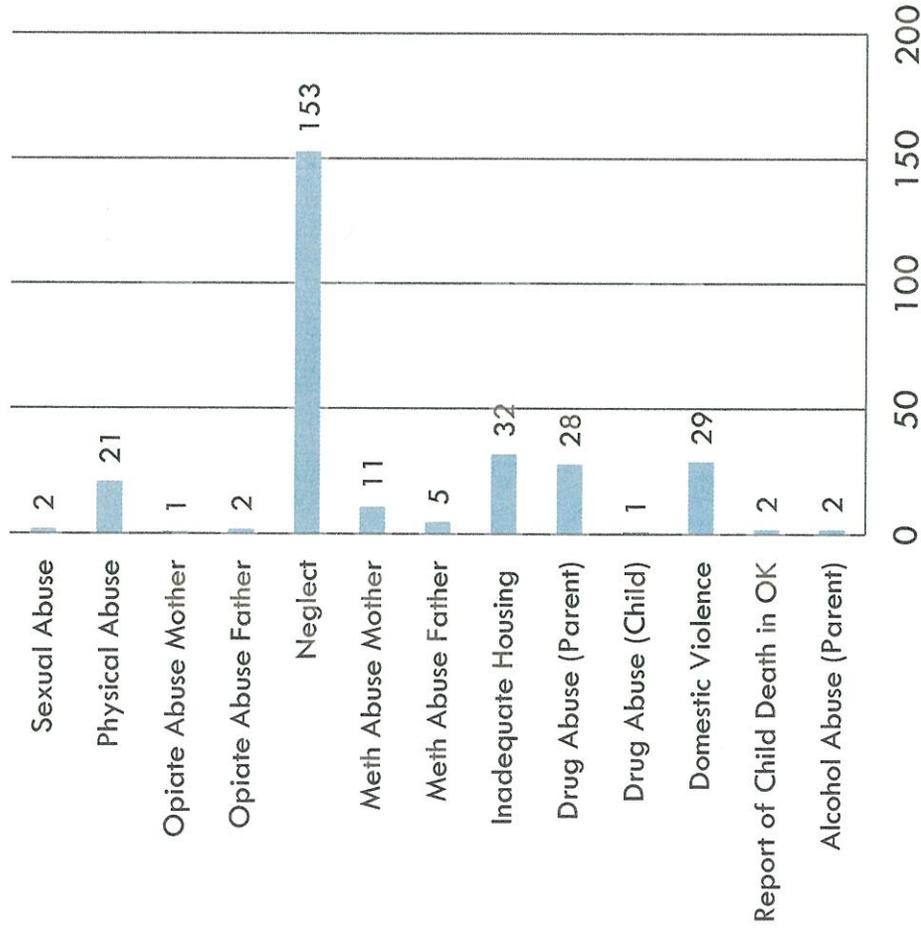
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition, 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 December

FPS served 16 children and 14 families.

# Child Protective Services

**Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported**



## Month of December

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 484 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 484 referrals involved 784 children
  - 2 of the 484 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
  - 8 of the 484 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 10 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

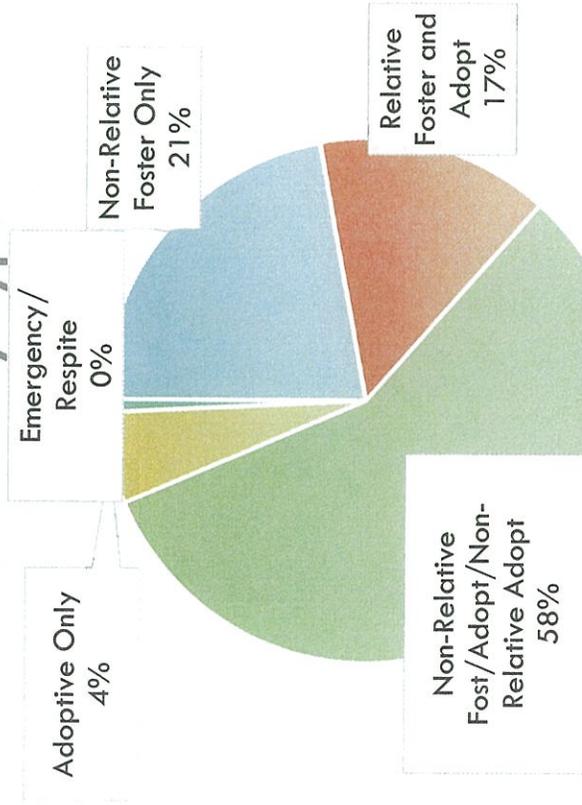
\*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect

# CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

## (Foster & Adoptive Homes)

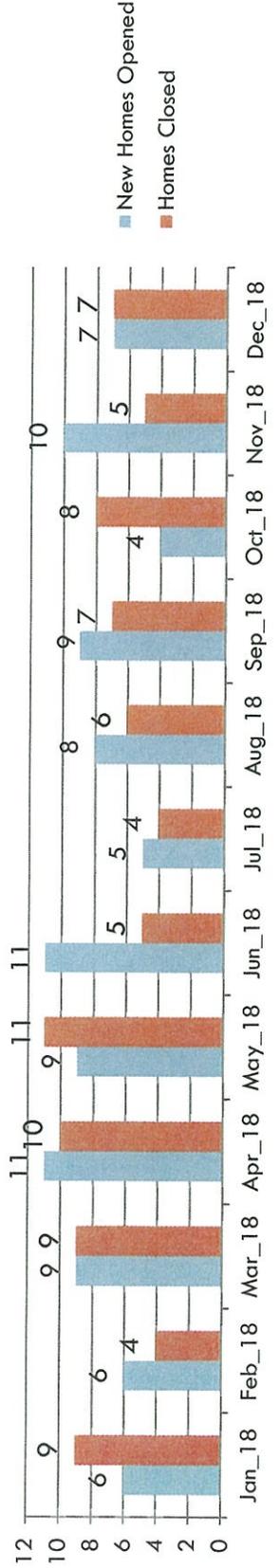
### CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

#### 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 Fost/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.





# Community Report for January 2018

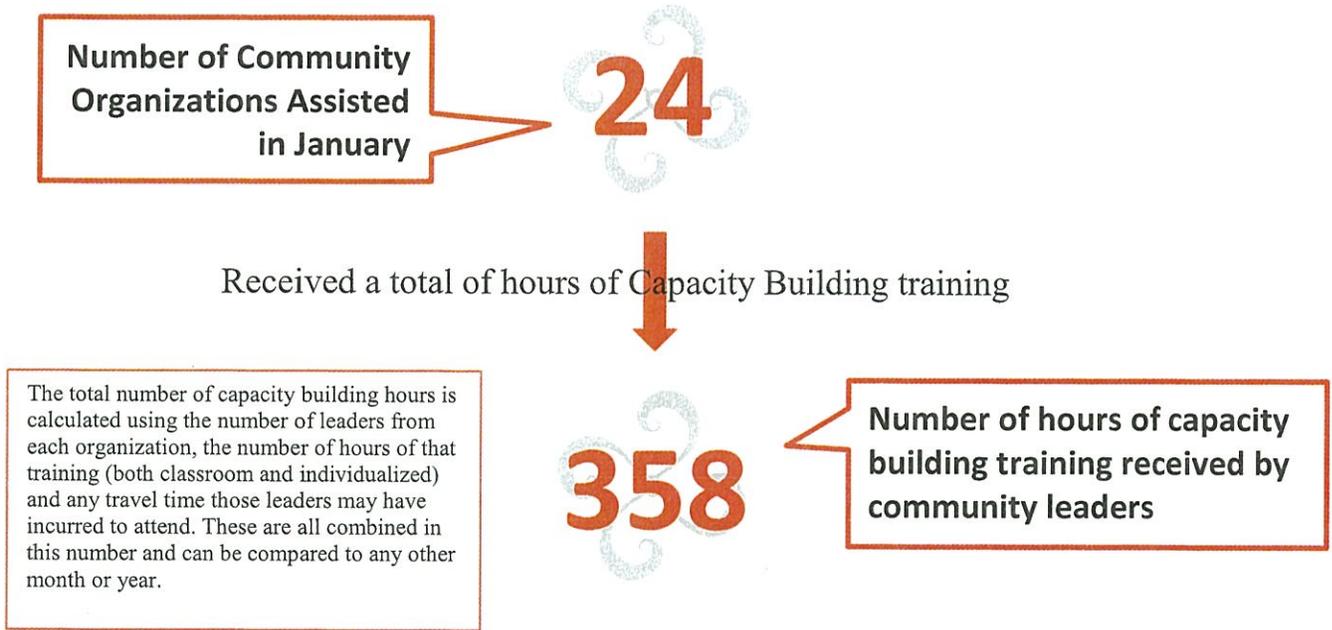
Kevin Stretch – Interim Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program staff for the month of January 2018.

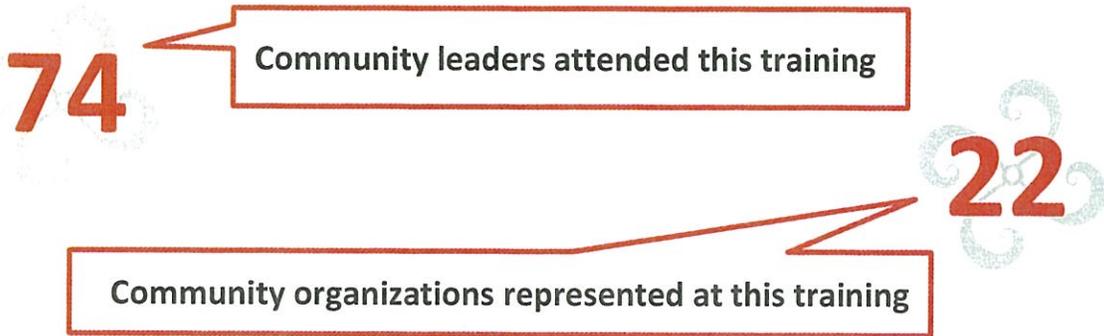


## COTTA Technical Assistance Capacity Building

### Capacity Building in January



In January, COTTA staff restarted the bi-monthly Leadership Series. The Board Governance presentation reviewed characteristics which make or break great boards. We reviewed the need for using basic parliamentary procedure in order to improve board meeting order and efficiency.



## Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in December

Adair Cnty History & Genealogical Assoc (D7&8)	Neighborhood Assoc of Chewey (D7&8)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association (D6)	N Cherokee Cnty Comm Booster Club (D2)
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	Oaks Senior Citizens Community Center (D3)
Cherokee National Historical Society (D1,2&3)	Project A (D4)
Encore Performing Society (D1)	Rural Community Initiative*
Illinois River Area Comm Org (D2)	Safe House Foundation* (D7&8)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)	Southern Cherokee Helpers (D4)
Jeremiah 29 (D7&8)	Spavinaw Youth & Neighborhood Cntr (D 9&10)
Marble City Activity Org (D5&6)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
McIntosh Home Foundation	Talbot Library (D9)
Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)	Victory Cherokee Organization (D13&14)
Native American Fellowship Inc. (D11)	Zoo Safari (D1,2,9&15)

\* indicates an organization new to the program (D7) indicates the Council Districts served by the organization

CCO held an Open House for our communities on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Many of our elected officials attended as well as a large number of community leaders.

**People attending the CCO Open House**

**86**



## Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

In January Richard Fields gave two presentations on making Cherokee bows. One was on the 8<sup>th</sup> in Greasy and the other was January 22<sup>nd</sup> for Mid-County Community Center. A total of 55 people attend these presentations.

**Number of people attending Cultural Outreach presentation in January**

**55**

The Cherokee Nation was represented by Cole Hogner at the Indigenous People's March on Washington, DC, on January 19<sup>th</sup>. He connected with other Cherokee citizens to insure that Cherokee communities were represented.



## Volunteer Program

Volunteer program staff worked around the office in January. Staff painted and cleaned up inside and outside of the building. Staff also inventoried tools and equipment of the program. The program's storage buildings were fenced in to provide security for the tools and trailers.

Our next big push for volunteer groups will come in March.

### Future Activities

- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Seminar Series; Crisis Management Planning with Kelly Godshall
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Series; Oklahoma Open Meetings Act