

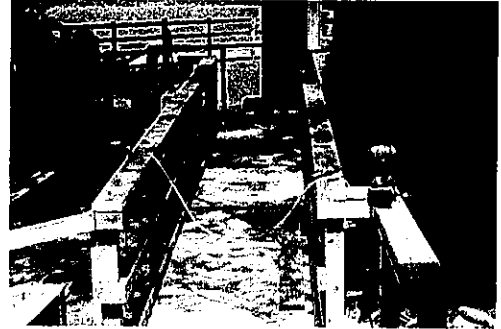
**Education Committee
Career Services
August Monthly Report
Diane Kelley, Executive Director**

The **Vocational Rehabilitation Program** has applied for a Department of Labor Disability Education Initiative Grant. This grant would assist Career Services staff in providing appropriate services to individuals with disabilities through existing programs.

Vocational Rehabilitation partnered with Career Services Building Trades Class to make buildings at the Heritage Center wheelchair accessible. Located at the Cherokee

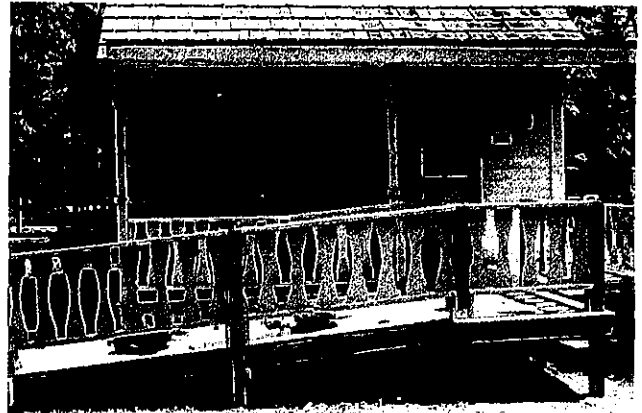


Heritage Center, Adams Corner Rural Village (collection of seven buildings representing



Cherokee life in the 1890s before Oklahoma statehood) was not accessible to individuals who happen to use a wheelchair. Vocational Rehabilitation was able to work in conjunction with the Building Trades class to help

make that happen. Here are some photos of the work that was done:



Career Skills Education Class held 13 one-day classes for Summer Youth participants. There were 127 youth who completed the classes. Other classes held include: July 7 & 14: Mental Health First Aid – 11 completions (all Career Services Staff) July 3 & July 27: Individual Skills Training – Professional behavior & interactions, Workplace expectations & communications – one completion. CSEC Staff assisted with Summer Youth Cultural Day on July 21, 2017.

Sector-Partnership National Dislocated Worker Grant Participant Success:

June 2014 was a life changing month for Melinda Bearpaw and her two daughters. She had been a stay at home wife taking care of her husband who was in ill health. When he passed away

Melinda was forced to reevaluate her future. She came to the Cherokee Nation Career Services office in Tulsa to inquire about training ideas. Melinda was classified as a Dislocated Homemaker on the Sector Partnership grant.



Melinda knew that she enjoyed helping people. She wanted to give back to others the same kindness and care that her family was shown. She quickly decided a way she can assist others is through working in a doctor's office or hospital setting. She chose to attend Community Care College in Tulsa to obtain her Associates in Applied Science in Health Care Administration. Melinda was on the Presidents honor roll every month and had perfect attendance. This attained her Red Robe Status. Bob Pineiro, Business Programs Instructor, said Melinda always has a smile on her face even while facing diverse situations in class. He felt very blessed to have her in class and was able to snap the above photo of her as she walked across the stage May 25, 2017.

Melinda has secured employment at the Tulsa Lung Center within a week of graduation.

“Melinda was an incredible student and a joy to have in class.”

Bob Pineiro

Sector – Partnership National Dislocated Worker Grant Participant Success:

Eddie Taylor was living what he considered to be the perfect life during Christmas 2016. I had a great job that, for the first time in many years, was going to allow me to buy Christmas gifts for my children and family. I had a new girlfriend and a new truck,” said Taylor. Eddie had been working as a seasonal employee at a local fulfillment center and was expecting to be promoted to full-time status at the end of the holiday season; but that was not going to happen. “We didn’t even receive a notice or warning about being laid off, said Taylor. “I showed up for work one day and they called about fifty of us in and gave us our walking papers.” Taylor had worked for many years after graduating from high school but had never had a job that he felt would last.



“This was a tough pill to swallow, said Taylor” This job felt really good, like it was going to take me somewhere; a job where I could move up and be a provider.” One thing Eddie realized after being laid off and thrown into the job market was, it’s sometimes harder to land a job than throw



a steer. You see, Eddie Taylor is a real life cowboy. "Yes I am, he said with a laugh and a smile. I was raised around the rodeo, and have been a steer wrestler for many years." For those who don't know, steer wrestling is where you dive from a running horse onto a steer and actually wrestle it to the ground. This cowboy was now in the competition of his life. He had always been able to support his

family but was forced into a job market that was very competitive. "It seemed like every job interview I went to there were at least twenty other people just as qualified with more experience than me," said Taylor. Then one day he saw a Cherokee Nation, Sector Partnership grant flier at the local Workforce office. That dislocated worker grant would change his life, again. Eddie took advantage of a welding training program that was part of the grant. "The welding program was taught by Ironworkers Union 584 in Tulsa, said Taylor." "They are known to be the best-of-the-best in the world when it comes to the construction trade."

Eddie graduated from the program in May 2017 and was immediately offered a job with local 584. "Eddie was the top student in his class," said Brian Tannehill, 584 Director. "Eddie put in 100% everyday he was in class and that's what we expect from one of the members of our union and profession." Eddie is now working for local 584 as a welder on a major expansion at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa. "If it had not been for this opportunity through Cherokee Nation Career Services, it's possible I could still be out on the street looking for a job," said Taylor. "I am forever grateful for the opportunity to provide for those I love. It feels good to be looked at like a hero."

College Resource Center

2017-18 Scholarship Applications (as of June 15, 2017 11:59pm central time)

- 5,180 applications received and being reviewed
 - 80 Concurrent
 - 510 Graduate
 - 4,432 Undergraduate
 - 158 Promise (98 NSU, 41 RSU, 19 CSC)

- 4 Directed Studies applications received

Outreach & Presentations:

- June 14-15 Concurrent Scholarship Help at CASC Sallisaw
- June 23 Eastern Band Higher Education Program visit College Resources - Software Demo
- June 28-29 OSRHE Panel Discussion Conference
- July 6 Choctaw Nation Higher Education visit College Resources -- Software Demo

Future Plans:

1. Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship Fall 2017 semester deadline – August 10th by 11:50pm CST, apply online at scholarships.cherokee.org
2. Notice of scholarship awards for 2017-18 by August 15, 2017 emailed to students
3. Schedule Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Tahlequah Area) – October 2017
4. Schedule Annual Cherokee Nation College & Career Fair (Pryor Area) – December 2017
5. Scheduling visits to public schools for school year 2017-18

Head Start

Activity	August	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	5 Meetings Conducted	212 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	27 Site Visits	830 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	39 hours offered	357.50 hours offered

CC Expenditures - Travel	\$354.90	\$25,186.59
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Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement
July 2017

Breakfast - 1441	Lunch - 1621	Snack - 1557
Total Food Cost - \$11,043.26		Reimbursement - \$9,504.59

Accomplishments:

1. The new school year began August 7, 2017. Starting the year with full enrollment in Early Head Start and Head Start. The recruitment team works year round to accomplish this by attending community meetings and participating in parades.
2. Four staff selections were made this month with 11 current Teacher Assistant vacancies in Tahlequah, Salina and Stilwell. Advertisements and interviews are processed as quickly as possible.
3. The all staff pre-service training was held July 24-August 4, 2017 at the Tahlequah Vo-Tech Center. The training primarily covered policies and procedures, reporting and recording procedures and normal school year operations.
4. The Head Advisory Board met this month to discuss and advise on current applications that pertain to health concerns requiring faculty to receive specialized training or best placement in general. We greatly appreciate the expertise of health professionals.
5. Twenty-one staff received two and half days of training at the state OIHSDA pre-service in Tulsa August 1-3, 2017. The OHS was present to offer information specific to AI/AN programs. It's always great to network with other tribal programs to share best practices and resolve concerns collectively.

Upcoming Initiatives:

1. The annual Program Information Report (PIR) is due August 31, 2017. This report goes to the Congress and provides a profile of Cherokee Nation Early Head Start and Head Start in regard to services, parent and community participation, staffing patterns and credentials and medical screenings.
2. The National Center for Early Childhood, Development, Teaching and Learning has identified two Native American programs to participate in a media project and Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Unit is one of them. We hope to obtain approval to participate in showcasing two of our classrooms that will be used at national conferences as part of a training tool.
3. The Tahlequah Daily Press conducts a survey to identify "Best of the Best" in several categories and Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Unit was selected as the best "daycare". Nominations are made and online and paper voting are received, then tallied by the computer. Although, we are not a "daycare", it is the only category closest to our "school" operation. We appreciate the nomination, votes and the distinction. This is a reflection of the dedicated faculty and their impression on the community.

4. The ECU is in the process of obtaining a "Three Star" status from the DHS. This will allow parents to go online and view all licensing facilities for best placement for their children. Currently, we are two star and learned recently that Head Start now qualifies for a three star status based on the most recent 100% compliant on the federal review.
5. The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2017.
6. The next NHSA Leadership Institute is scheduled September 25-28, 2017 in Washington, DC. Great information is received from congressional staffers and the current event and upcoming initiatives are shared by the Office of Head Start management staff.
7. Managers and supervisors are scheduling screening and parent orientation throughout the month of August and September. All medical screenings must be completed within the first 45 days and September 20, 2017 is the target date for completion.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

Activity	August		YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	YTD Total
# of students on program	25,558 (8/16/17)	-	25,558
# of schools participating	68	-	69
# of communities participating	3	-	3
# of special events		7	45
# participants students/adults		1332/15	10,333/105
# of school staff participating		226	707
# of contractors participating		65	78

Accomplishments:

1. 2017-18 JOM Applications - 8 have been approved by contracts
2. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator assisted with Camp Cherokee Residential registration July 16, 2017
3. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator met with Justus-Tiawah JOM Chairperson July 17, 2017.
4. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator and Field Specialist assisted at Camp Cherokee July 21, 2017
5. JOM Staff Strategic Planning July 24 - 28, 2017
6. JOM Field Specialist Coordinator worked Cherokee Nation Education booth in Stilwell at New Life Church during the backpack give away.
7. JOM staff working on 2017-18 JOM applications
8. Closing out claims for 2016-17 School year.
9. JOM Staff attended 2017 OKJOM Conference close out meeting in Ada, OK

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

JOM:

1. Fall Training for JOM Contacts, IEC and School Administrator August 24, 2017
2. JOM Staff Development August 25, 2017
3. 2018 OKJOM Planning Meeting September 12, 2017
4. JOM Financial Reporting training September 14, 2017
5. JOM IEC Election mail out September 21,, 2017.

Special Projects

Activity	July 11, 2017 – August 16, 2017	#	Total	YTD
# of Special Project Events	Camp Cherokee Residential Heart of the Hills	1		51
# of students participating	Camp Cherokee Residential Heart of the Hills	150		6973
# of schools participating	Camp Cherokee Residential Heart of the Hills	?		348
# of school staff participating	Camp Cherokee Residential Heart of the Hills	?		870
# participants: parents/other	Camp Cherokee Residential Heart of the Hills	0		670
# con-tractors participating	Camp Cherokee Residential Heart of the Hills	65		166

STEM Outreach has added Okay, Dahlenogah, and Greasy to the robotics program.

Oklahoma State Department of Education Standards change effective July 1, 2018 please see attachment.

Up Coming Events:

- Staff Development August 25
- Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools August 28 – 31
- Staff training Curriculum building with Smart Board Sept. 11
- Staff Development and Prep for YLI- Gilcrease Museum Sept. 19
- Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools Sept. 25 – 29
- Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools Oct. 9 – 13
- Cherokee Challenge Bowl Oct. 23 – 27
- Youth Leadership Institute Oct 29

Sequoyah Schools

August 2017 Education Committee Meeting

Total Enrollment—389

Dorm Enrollment—81

9th Grade—95

Boys—47

10th Grade—99

Girls—34

11th Grade—92

12th Grade—103

Approx. 70 concurrent students

Softball, Cross Country, and Volleyball are all underway

- Open House was held August 1 from 4 until 6:30 with very good attendance
- Freshman reported to school August 7 for laptop checkout and testing
- Sophomores, juniors, and seniors report August 8
- Teachers attended 4 days of professional development upon returning to work
- 61 students checked into the dorms on Sunday, August 6
- Sequoyah Lady Indians softball open up August 7 at Claremore Sequoyah
- Sequoyah Lady Indians volleyball open up at home Thursday, August 10 against Salina
- Sequoyah Cross Country team opens up August 26 at Pryor
- Parent/Teacher conference nights on August 29 and 31 from 4 until 7 pm
- SHS Football open up September 1st against NOAH at the Broken Arrow Freshman Academy campus
- 393 students are expected to enroll this year

Cherokee Nation Immersion School

- August 9 and 11th -Teachers report for professional development
- August 10- Immersion School Open House
- August 15- Students report for class
- September 1st- School out for CN Holiday



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SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2017

School is off to a great start

The total Sequoyah High School student count is 389 (student count for the dormitory is 84).

The Cherokee Immersion School student count is 131.

Sequoyah football team will travel to Broken Arrow Friday night to open up against NOAH

Sequoyah Lady Indian's softball team is ranked # 3 with a 16-4 record

Lady Indian volleyball team is 13-5 and ranked #11

Sequoyah Cross Country teams had a great showing at the Pryor Cross Country Invitational Meet with the girls winning first place while the boys took second place

Sequoyah High School had Parent/Teacher conferences Tuesday evening, August 29th and will host another the evening of August 31st

Sequoyah will have teacher training on September 1st

Cherokee Immersion is out of school September 1st