

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

December 2017

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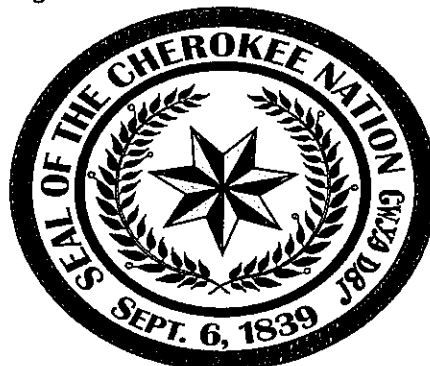
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HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	279
Number of Vacancies	23
Number of Volunteers	38

Human Services Announcements:

Cherokee PARENTS hosted a pictures with Santa evening at the main complex with our clients and potential clients. We had a great turn out of 115 people, not including our staff and their families who attended. This included our clients, Cherokee Nation Child Development Centers and Head Start. The kids and parents enjoyed cookies, punch and a free Christmas book from the program. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from Human Services!



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

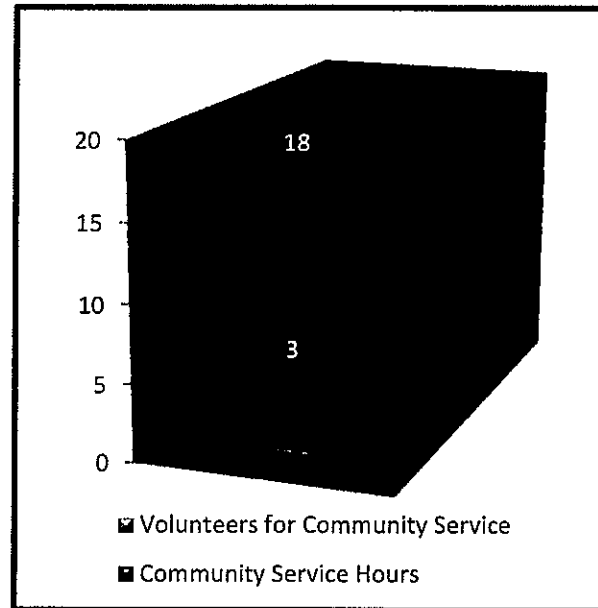
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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 :

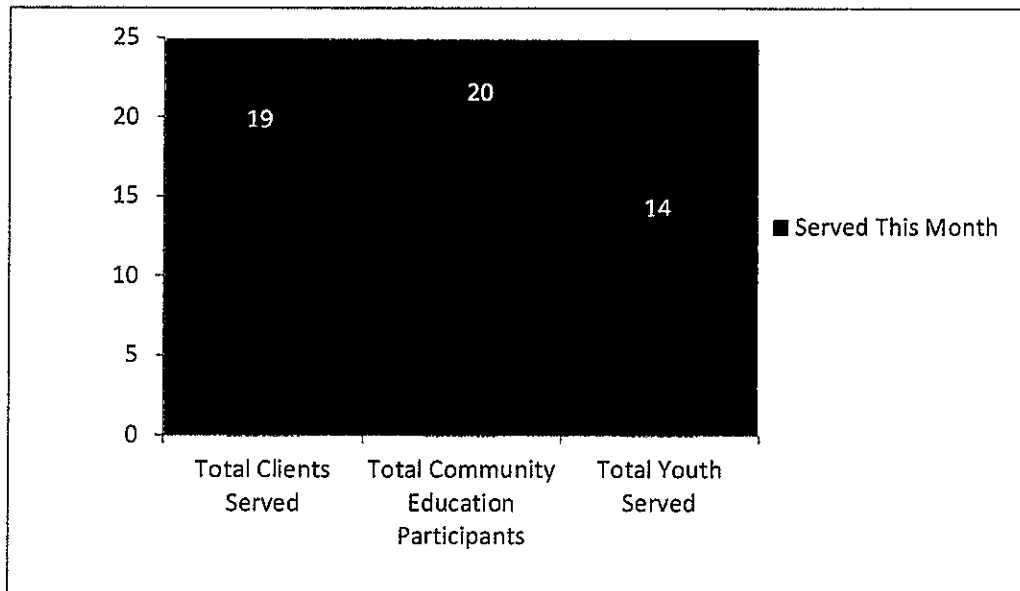
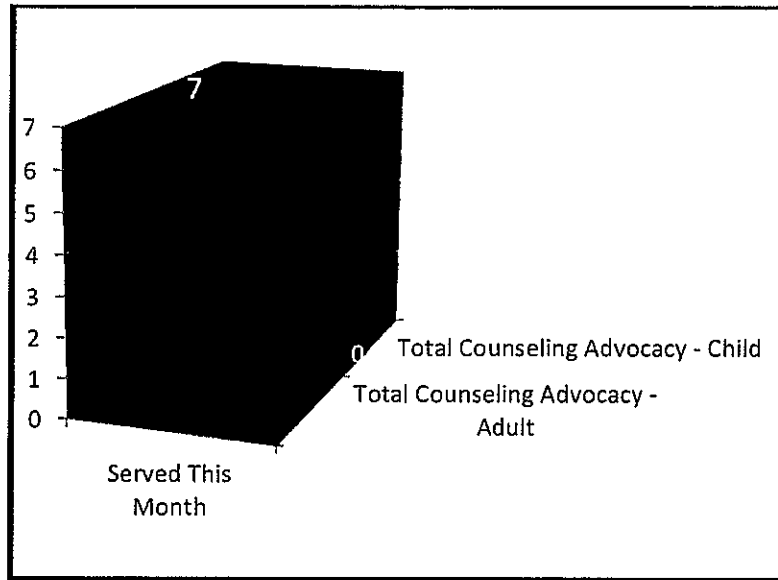
Young people served	6
Admissions	2



YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations **0**

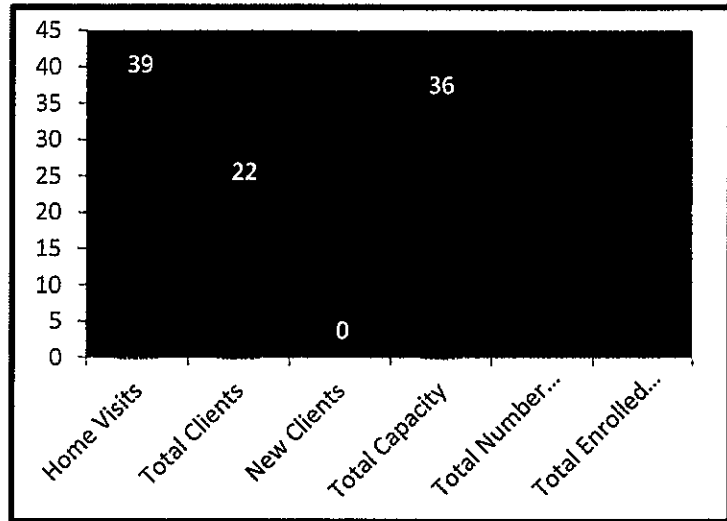


YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	22
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This month Cherokee Parents hosted a Santa meet and greet with our clients and potential clients. This included a picture with Santa, a free book, cookies and punch. We had a great turn out and gained a few new clients as well.



Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Santa made his appearance on 12-12 for the Children's Christmas Party. Children were dismissed on 12-22 for the holiday. Staff moved, cleaned, inventoried and had training during the week of 12-27 thru 12-29.
- Tahlequah - Remodeling Infant/Toddler Wing!
- Resource & Referral - Scrubby Bear Presentations (2 sites, 37 children), NE Regional Partnership meeting, Oklahoma Tribal Child Care Association meeting, Angel Tree shopping and distribution, Grange Community Organization meeting, OCCRRRA Board meeting
- Licensing - Angel Tree, OTCCA, NARA BOD Conf Call, CCAC, Stars Hearing, 14 Referrals-Cherokee Conn (3) warmline (9) Well Test (2) Car Seat Safety (1)



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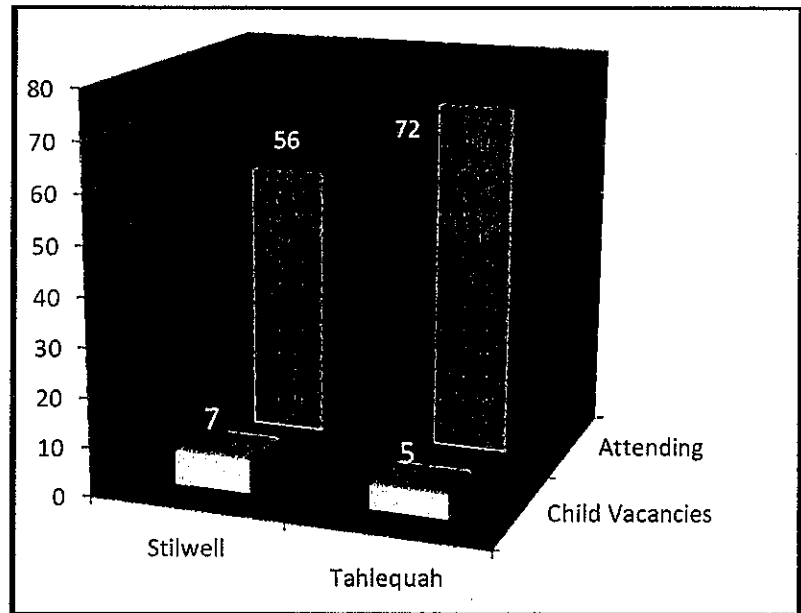
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	101
Number of Vacancies	14
Number of Volunteers	0

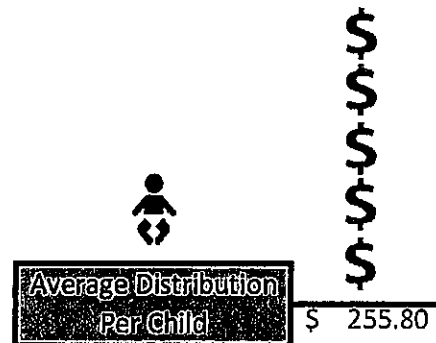
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

Child Care Development Centers :



Subsidy :

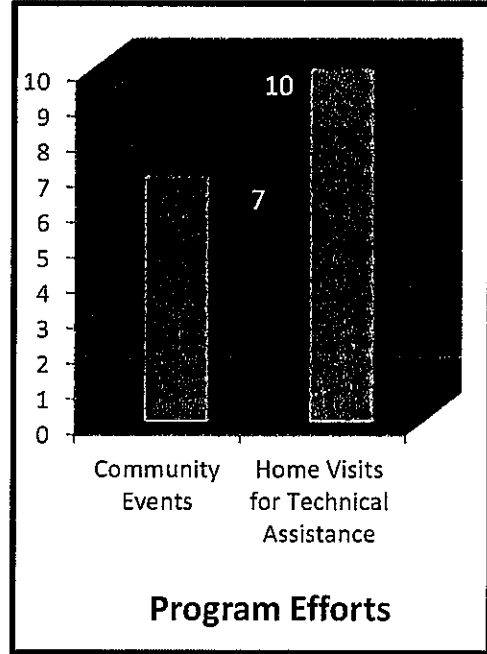
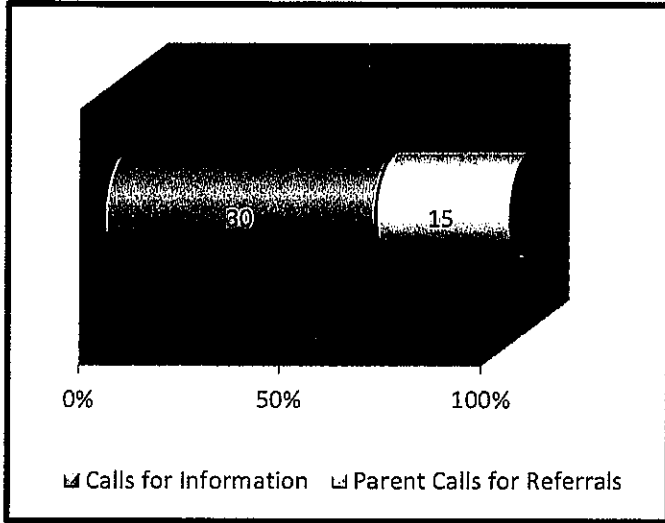
Children Receiving	1,858
Amount Distributed	\$ 475,281.00



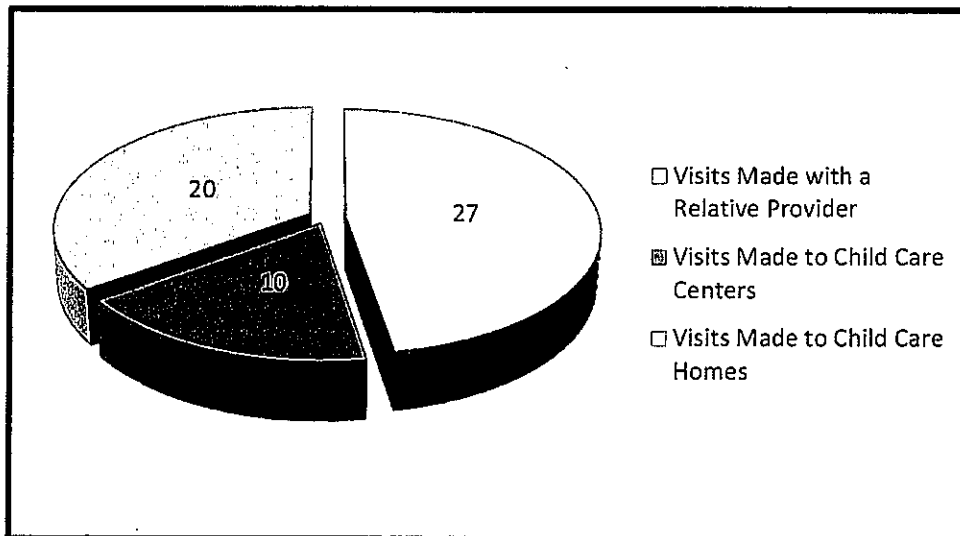
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month 3



Licensing & Monitoring :



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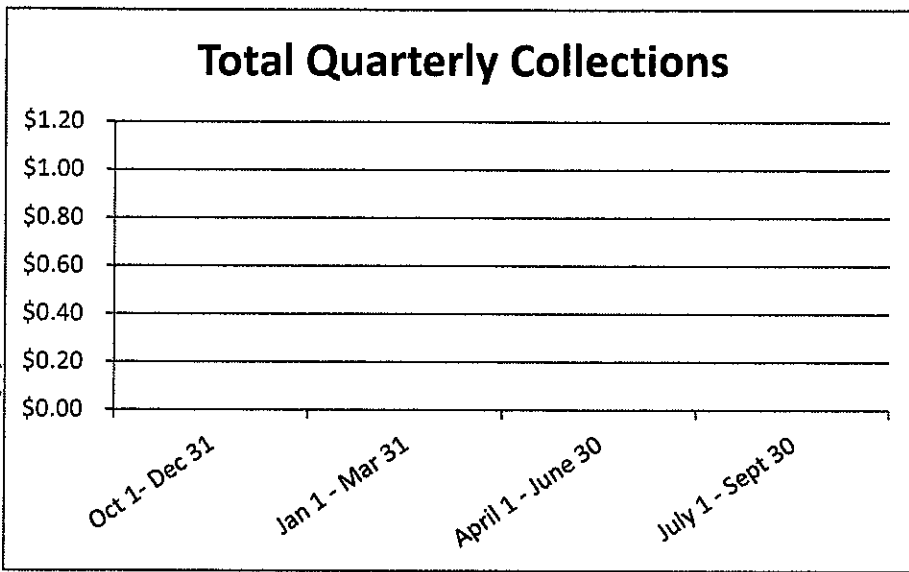
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

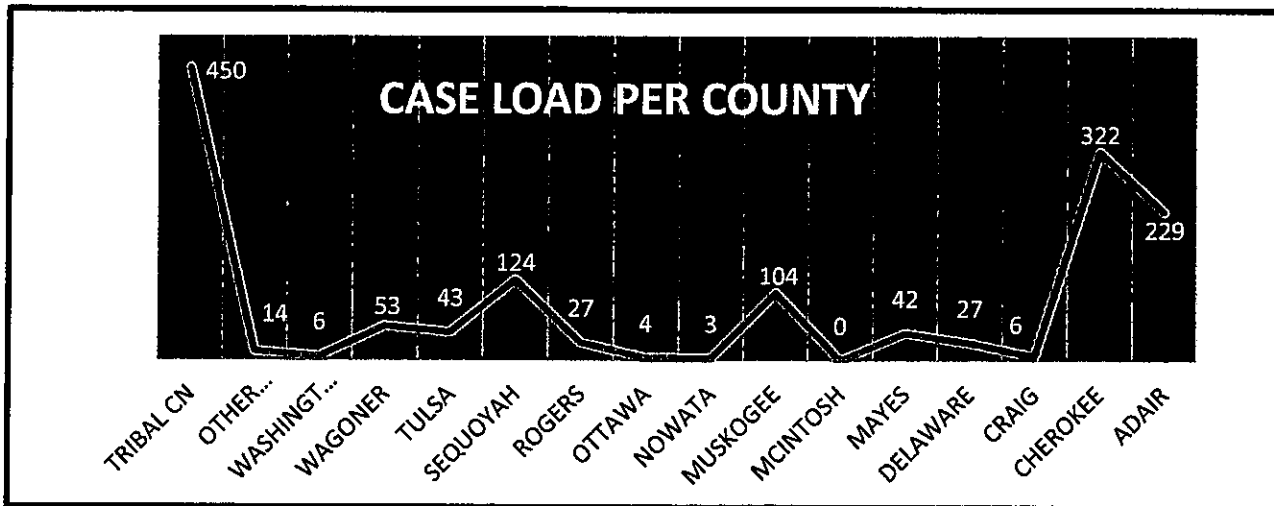
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	

Dec. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 255,550.00
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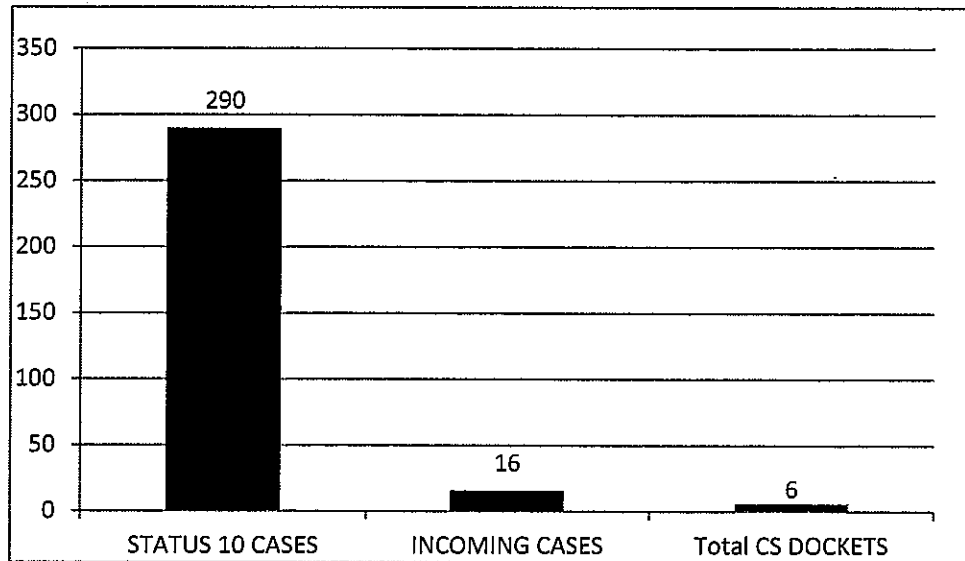
Total Client Contacts	1,951
Total Court Hearings	54
Total Active Efforts Case	847
Total Case Assessments for Service	13
Total Applications Distributed	24



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support services wishes everyone a Happy New Years! In regards to the new year, the Program Director and and some of the CS staff have been working on a few projects in preparation of tax season! This tax season is a little different in that we are now working towards needing to enter into a special MOA with the state of OK for state and federal tax intercepts as they will be charging the program for this service due to new state statute requiring a 3% collection fee for this service. There has been a lot of great colloboration with the CN IT department, on ensuring we are able to provide this continued enforcement remedy for our clients we serve. Since 2008, we have collected approximately \$3,246,281.00 in tax collections alone. This is a significant amount of collections that our clients have come to rely on so important to get this process in place by Feb 1, 2018. The office recently hired a new filing clerk who will be assisting with ensuring staffings occur with attorney and ensuring dockets are ready to go each month. The program recently advertised for a CS III position which is the entry level supervisor for this program and look froward to getting this position filled.



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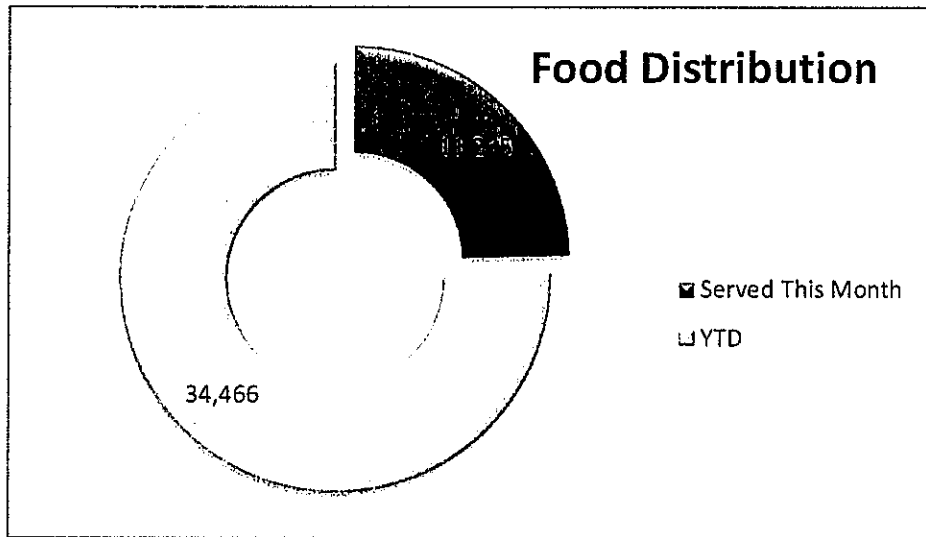
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

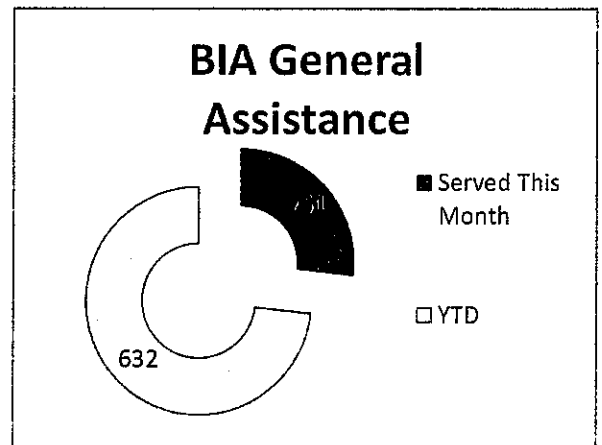
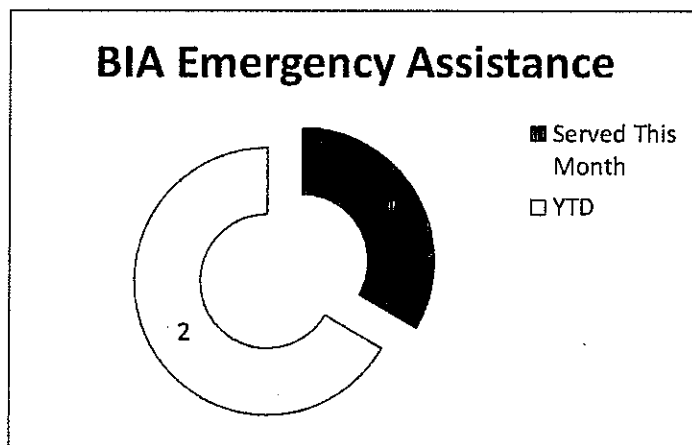
Number of Employees	116
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	38

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

Food Distribution :



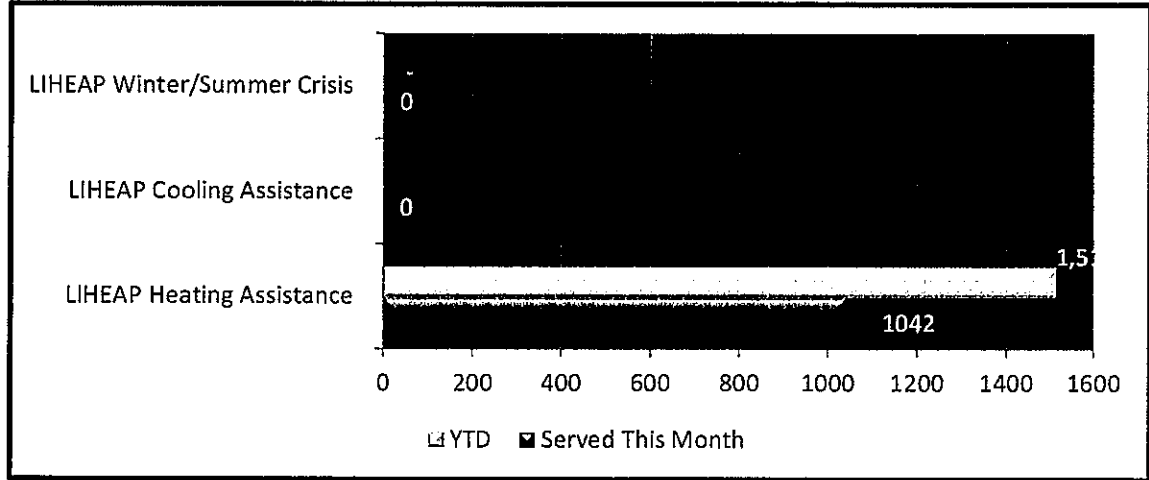
BIA Social Services :



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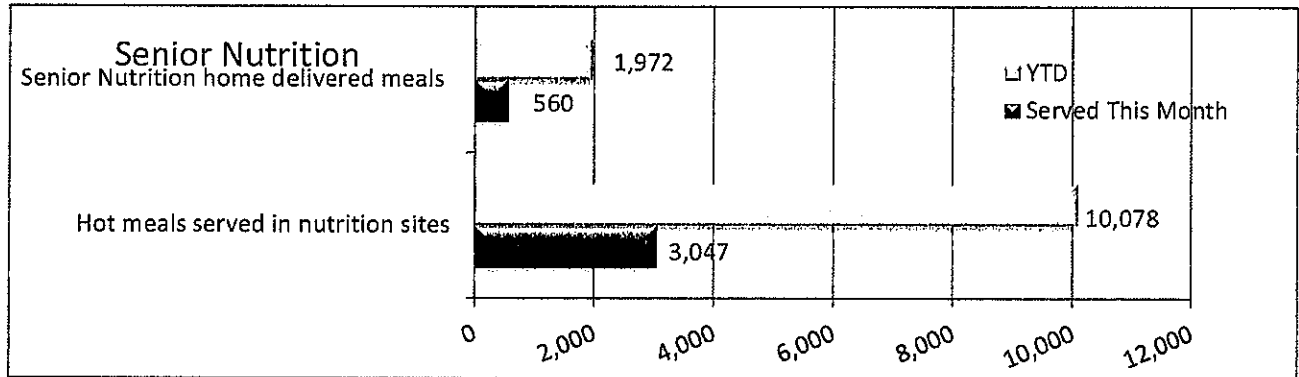
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LIHEAP:

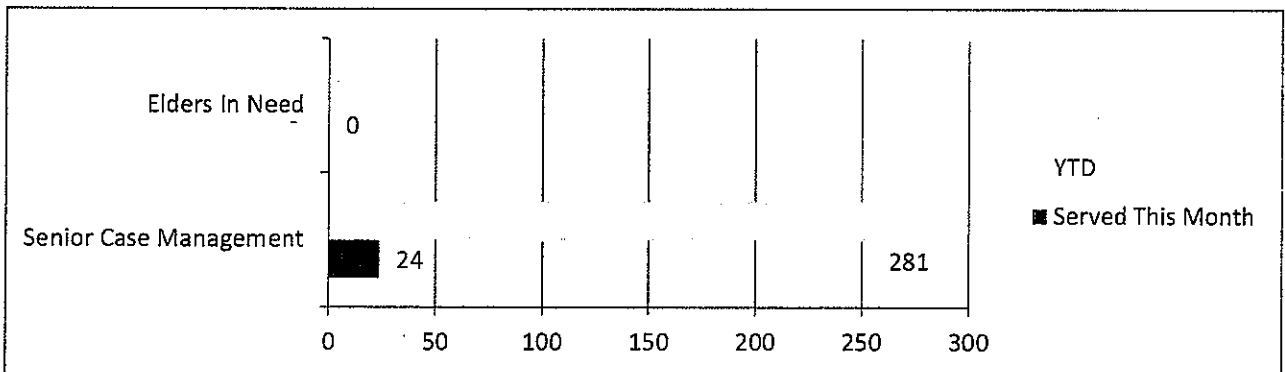


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April

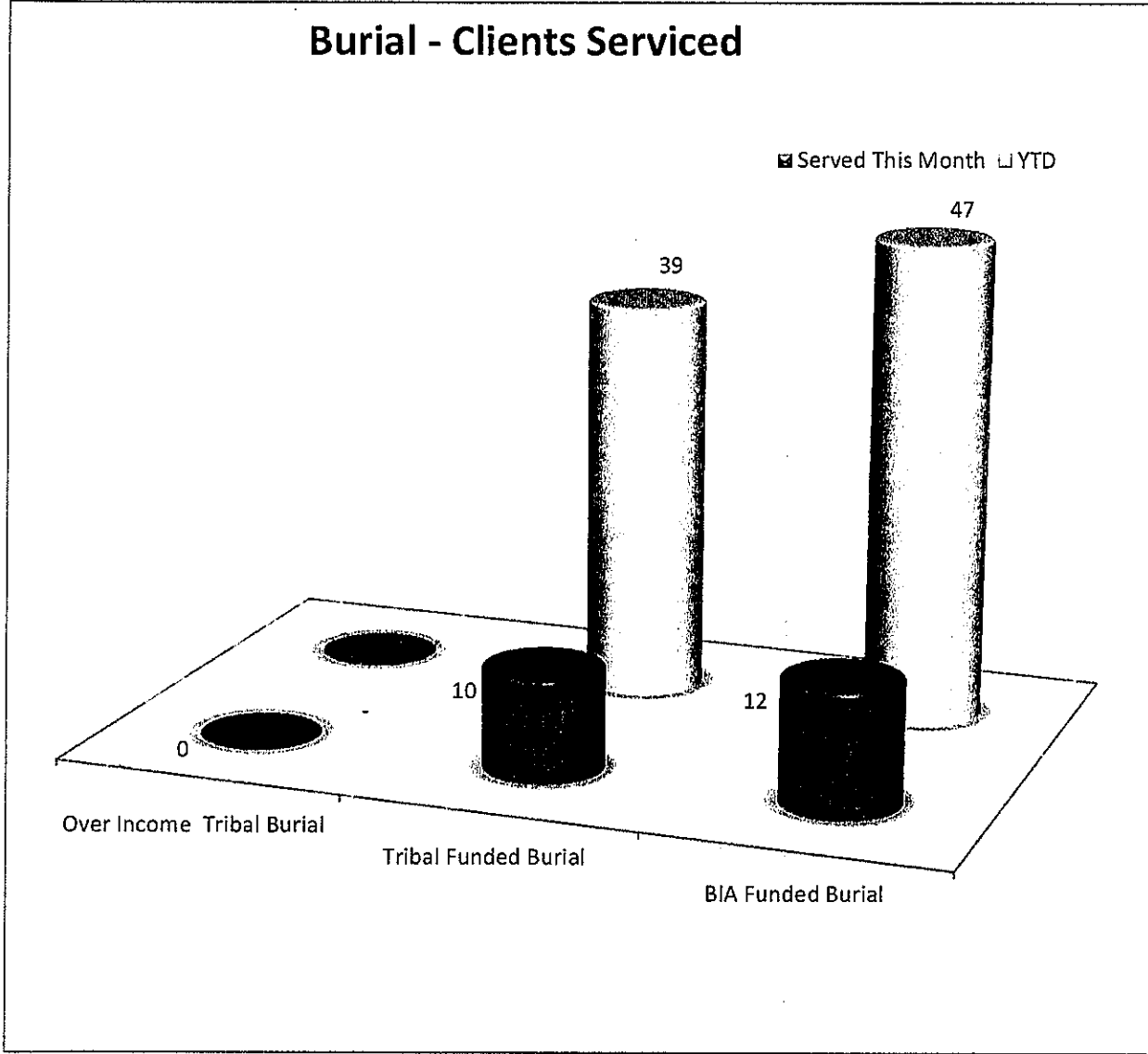


*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



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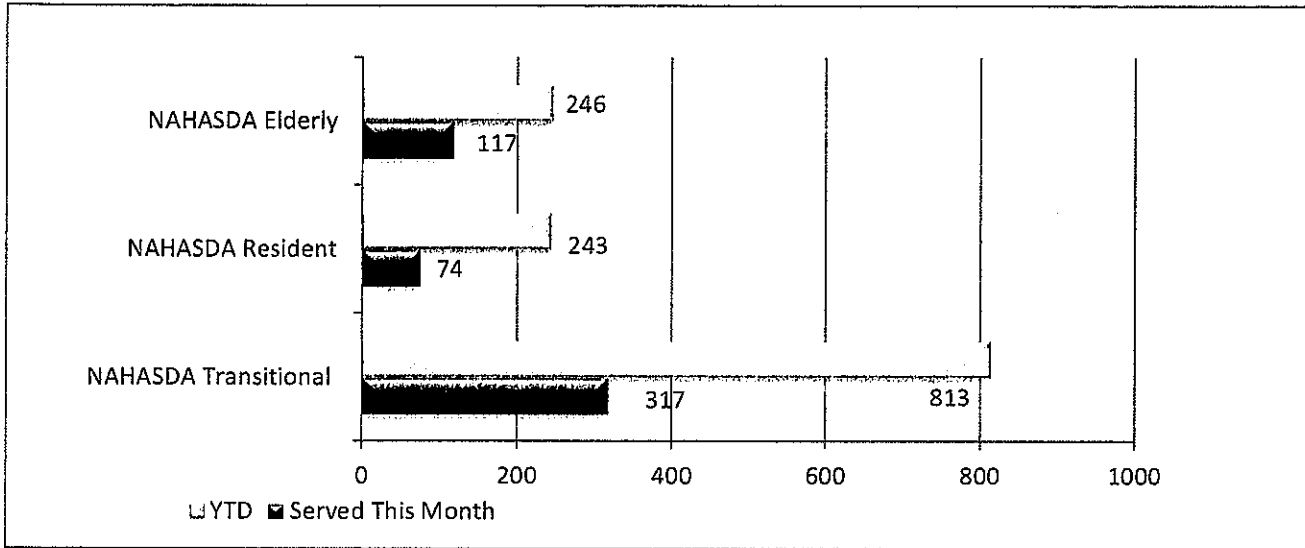
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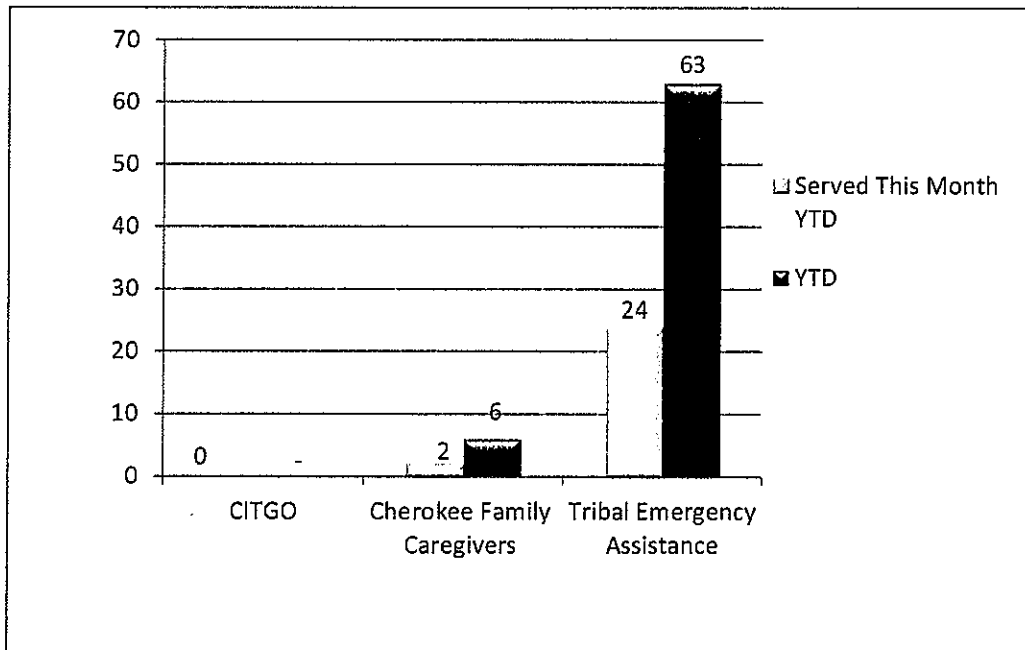
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NAHASDA :

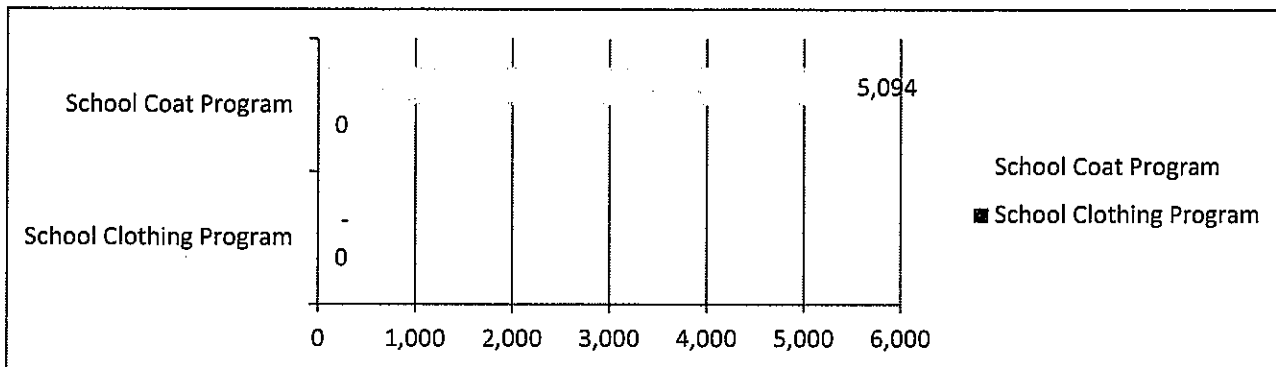


Family Assistance :



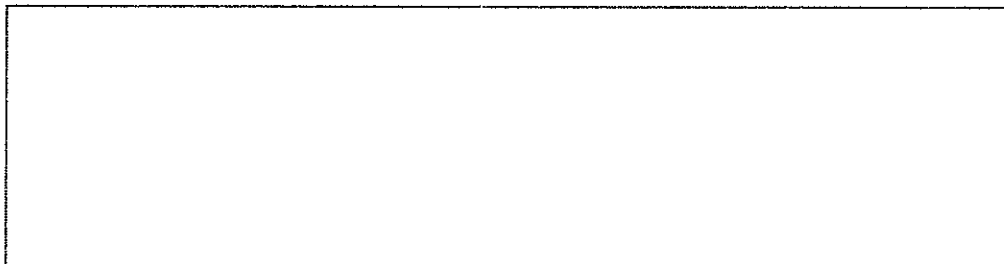
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

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

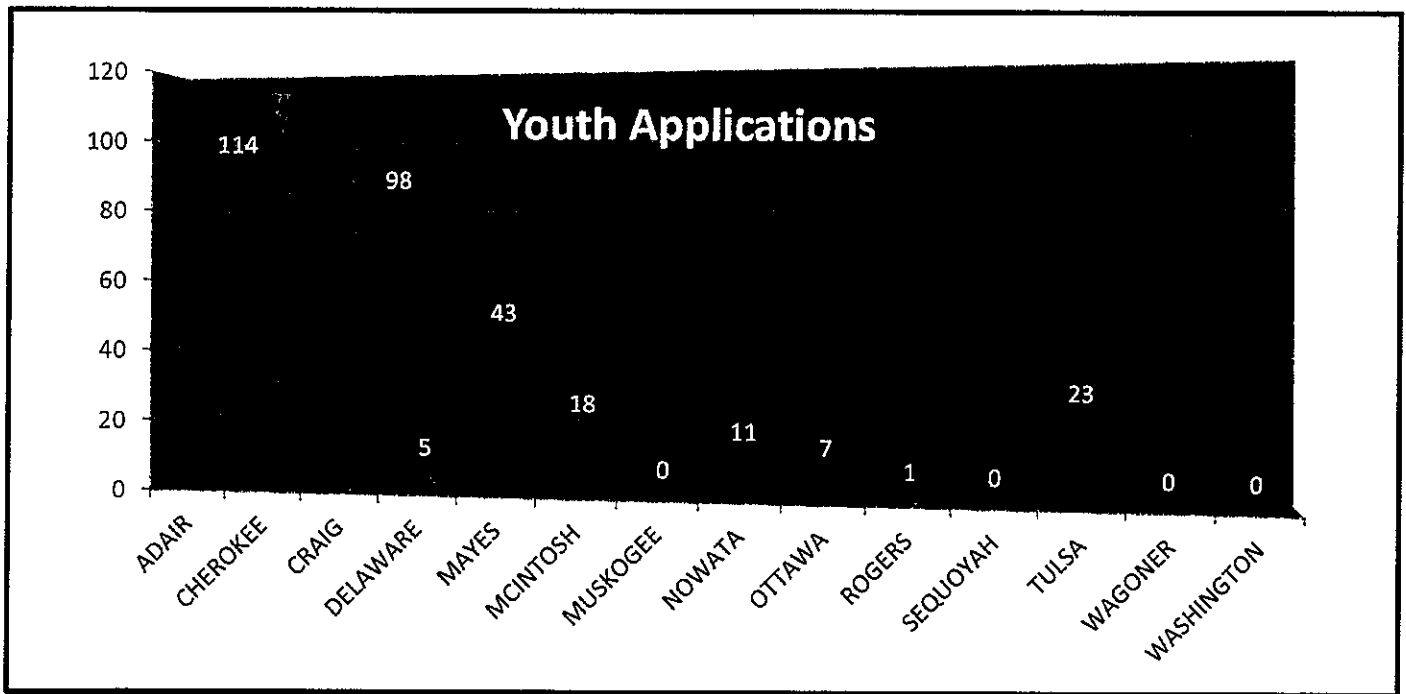
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

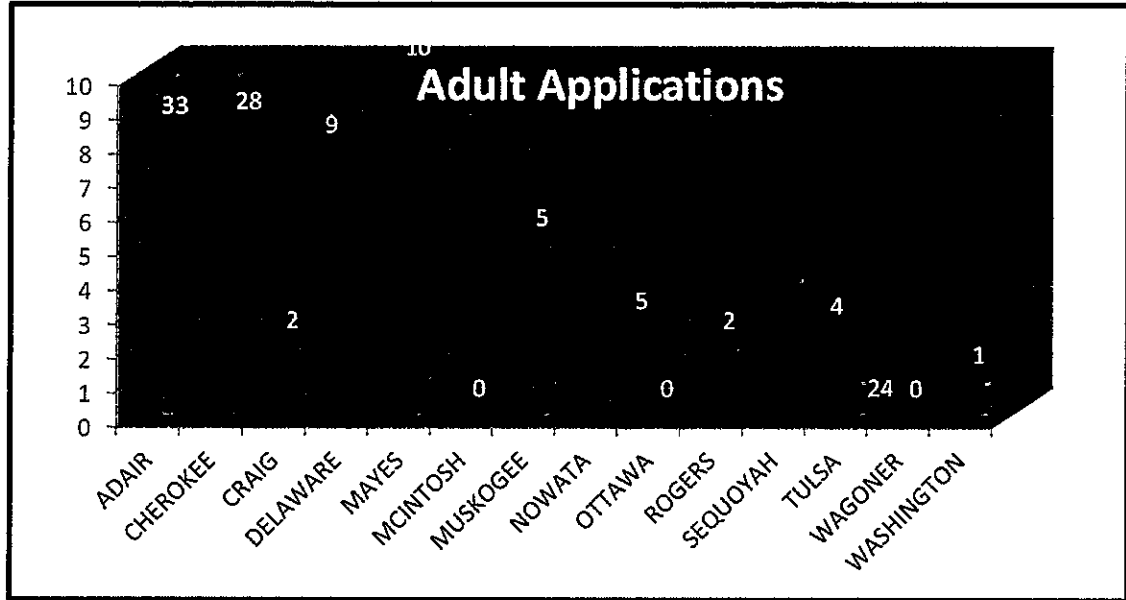
Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,913
Total Applications Taken	421

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	321
Total Adult	100

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

December	\$ 84,200.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** January 2018

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. Still awaiting funding notification from IHS for 2018 projects

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 113 food handlers
2. Repaired 8 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 29 sewer and/or water facilities

b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 80% complete.
2. Began sampling water wells in the Snake Creek/Iron Post area.
3. Met with Cherry Tree RWD to discuss assistance with their water issues and drafted an O&M agreement for the Industrial Park sewer system.
4. Started construction on the Delaware Co RWD # 11 Phase II waterline.
5. Issued notice to proceed on the Duck Lane small lift station at Cherry Tree.

c.) Future Plans

1. Meeting with other SG tribes OEH programs to discuss upcoming IHS meetings, consultation and draft guidance documents.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Housing Authority Month/Year of Report: February, 2018
Executive Director: Gary J. Cooper
Deputy Director: Erna Reeves Phone: 918-456-5482

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.

Linda Christie, employee 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.

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.

Betty Smith, mother of Clarissa Wacoche of HACN



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Feb 20 February Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Office Closures:

Feb 19 President's Day

Other Info:

March National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)
5-7 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

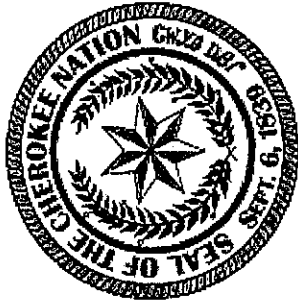
Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
 Month Ending: December, 2017

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	466	148	93	3	7	107	66	21	3	914	15%	
Cherokee	585	180	242	2	16	235	151	61	2	1,474	23%	
Craig	37	53	29	0	6	10	14	2	0	151	2%	
Delaware	313	116	84	2	12	69	103	25	5	729	12%	
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	23	0%	
Mayes	223	125	47	1	7	58	46	11	1	519	8%	
Muskogee	114	46	46	2	0	49	48	13	0	318	5%	
Nowata	33	41	25	0	0	9	26	2	0	136	2%	
Ottawa	25	N/A	1	0	0	7	7	4	1	45	1%	
Rogers	146	69	155	7	9	80	35	49	3	553	9%	
Sequoyah	516	N/A	123	20	17	157	126	57	4	1,020	16%	
Tulsa	60	N/A	80	2	4	28	8	4	1	187	3%	
Wagoner	13	N/A	3	0	1	58	2	1	1	79	1%	
Washington	24	39	30	1	1	25	12	3	0	135	2%	
Total:	2,570	817	958	40	80	897	647	253	21	6,283	100%	
				1,078		1,544		274				

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	157	3	4	20	14	170	281	193	10%	842
Cherokee	183	1	3	48	22	324	375	453	23%	1,409	21%
Craig	50	0	0	3	1	43	26	57	3%	180	3%
Delaware	138	0	1	22	8	179	164	248	13%	760	12%
McIntosh	7	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	13	1%	24	0%
Mayes	104	1	2	11	11	51	181	156	8%	517	8%
Muskogee	59	0	1	11	1	52	144	149	8%	417	6%
Nowata	38	0	0	6	1	32	0	53	3%	130	2%
Ottawa	13	0	0	2	0	N/A	16	24	1%	55	1%
Rogers	76	1	1	21	1	48	282	170	9%	600	9%
Sequoyah	194	3	1	20	9	N/A	405	226	12%	858	13%
Tulsa	67	0	1	24	4	N/A	213	144	7%	453	7%
Wagoner	24	0	0	1	1	N/A	12	33	2%	71	1%
Washington	44	0	0	17	3	81	64	39	2%	248	4%
Total:	1,154	9	14	206	76	980	2,167	1,958	100%	6,564	100%



Keys to a brighter future

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	2	0	3	5	29%	
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	6%	
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Mayes	0	0	0	1	1	6%	
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Rogers	0	2	0	4	6	35%	
Sequoyah	0	1	0	3	4	24%	
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Total:	0	5	0	12	17	100%	



Keys to a brighter future

TRIBAL HUD-VASH HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION AND THE 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.**

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**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
Dec, 2017

County	Waiting List	Applications		Processing							Construction		Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete		
		App Problem	App Processing	Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV	Under/Ready Const	Construction Complete						
					Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd				Process Closing					
Adair	137	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	2	0	20	7	66	0	30	7	66
Cherokee	366	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	22	151	1	49	22	151
Craig	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	11	14	0	7	11	14
Delaware	193	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	25	103	2	19	25	103
McIntosh	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3
Mayes	124	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	46	0	18	1	46
Muskogee	132	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	48	1	16	1	48
Nowata	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	0	1	1	26
Ottawa	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Rogers	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	35	0	5	1	35
Sequoyah	183	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	1	22	0	3	126	3	31	3	126
Tulsa	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	1	0	8
Wagoner	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	2
Washington	39	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	12
Total:	1,628	0	7	24	3	0	0	4	3	149	73	647	7	183	73	647	647

STAGE I:
Copies of Deed(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

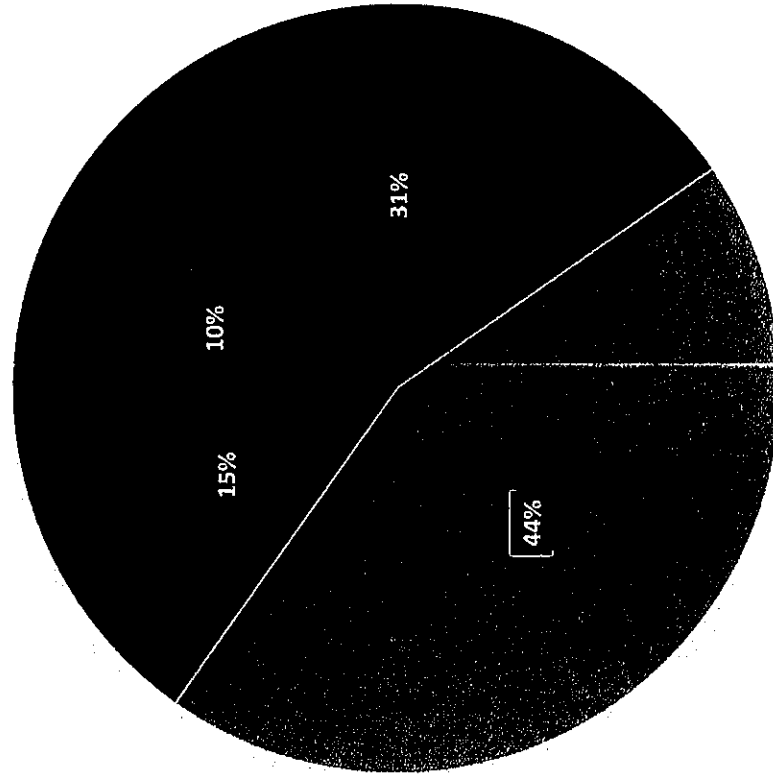
STAGE II:
Visit Site
Identify/Propose Site Plan
Identify/Propose Utilities
Identify/Propose Lateral Field
Identify/Propose Easement(s)
Deliver Utility Assurance Letters
Request Abstract from participant

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

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
December, 2017

Replacement Homes Under Contract	7
Out for Bid/Pending	22
Contracts Awarded	32
Contracts Completed	11

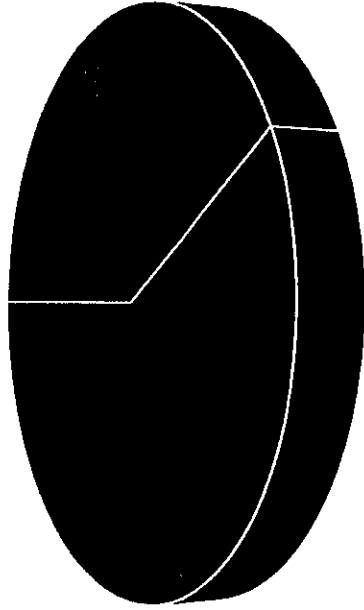


- Replacement Homes Under Contract
- Out for Bid/Pending
- Contracts Awarded
- Contracts Completed

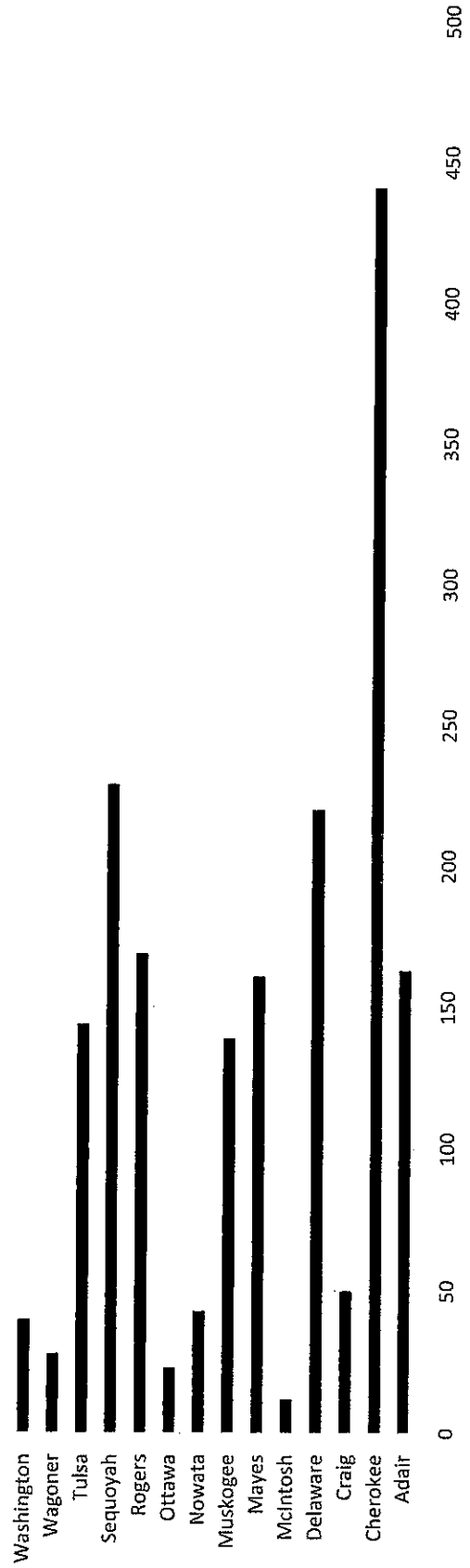
New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

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
Total:	771	1,091	41%	59%	1,862



■ 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:** Feb 2018

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

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell North – Utility meeting to set utility easements was conducted on December 13, 2017.
2. Bell School South – In process of Right of Way acquisition.
3. Bunch Road – Currently in bridge design.
4. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The 404 permit is being updated. The firm of Smith-Roberts has completed over 75% of right-of-way acquisition.
5. Dahlongegah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process. November 1, 2016
6. Dahlongegah West- Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers working on 60% plans.
7. Honey Hill Phase I –T. McDonald Construction has been awarded the contract. Construction began November 27, 2017. Construction is 31% complete on schedule at this time. Earthwork and Box construction.
8. Lyon South Road - Design is at 90% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers has finalized H&H and submitted to CNDOT design.
9. Lyon Switch Road - Design is working on 90% plans.
10. 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. Working with ODWC on MOA before we can move forward with acquisition. Right of Way easements and exhibits are being worked on.
11. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Red Plains is revising the exhibits and easements.
12. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Design complete. Waiting on 404 permit for NEPA to be approved. Offer Letters have been completed.
13. Sally Bull Hollow – Level III archeological report is completed. Looking at splitting the project into Phase I and Phase II.
14. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 83.3% (35 parcels out of 42 acquired). Five of the remaining parcels are Restricted

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Indian Land and r/w packets were submitted to RES on May 22, 2017. Two parcels are fee land that have been submitted to the County and the D.A.'s Office to condemn for title.

2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design. They are currently working on preliminary survey and 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 submitted the Traffic Signal Control Plans to incorporate into our plans. Guy Engineering began acquiring the right of way on December 6, 2017.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road –Utility relocation in process.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is -50% complete. Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.as of December 31 2017 324 days over the contract time at \$1000.00 per day.
2. Kansas/Dry Creek – Holloway Updike & Bellen completed all ownership changes and submitted updated easements and exhibits on July 18, 2017. Right of Way is preparing parcel folders to begin r/w acquisition in the next few months.

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chimney Rock – R/W acquisition is almost complete. One parcel out of 27 parcels remains to be acquired.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utility relocation is moving forward.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed and ready for design. Working on 30% Preliminary Plans. Right of Way completed title research for all property owners.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – The project was complete September 28, 2017 with a final inspection performed October 16, 2017. Final acceptance was issued December 4, 2017. The project was finished with a construction cost of \$996,045.35.
2. Moonshine Road – Notice to Proceed issued September 5, 2017. Project is under construction. Project is 46% complete Contract liquidated damages

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began December 16, 2017. As of December 31 2017 16 days over the contract time at \$1000.00 per day.

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 67 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 785 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 64 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 22 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 133 rides
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 114 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 313 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 335 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 35 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,469

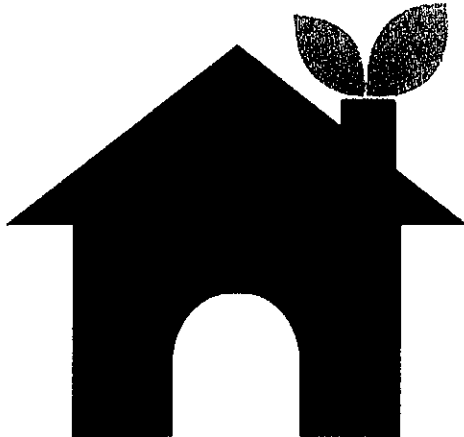
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Commerce Group

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

Anna Knight, Executive Director
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Mortgage Assistance Program

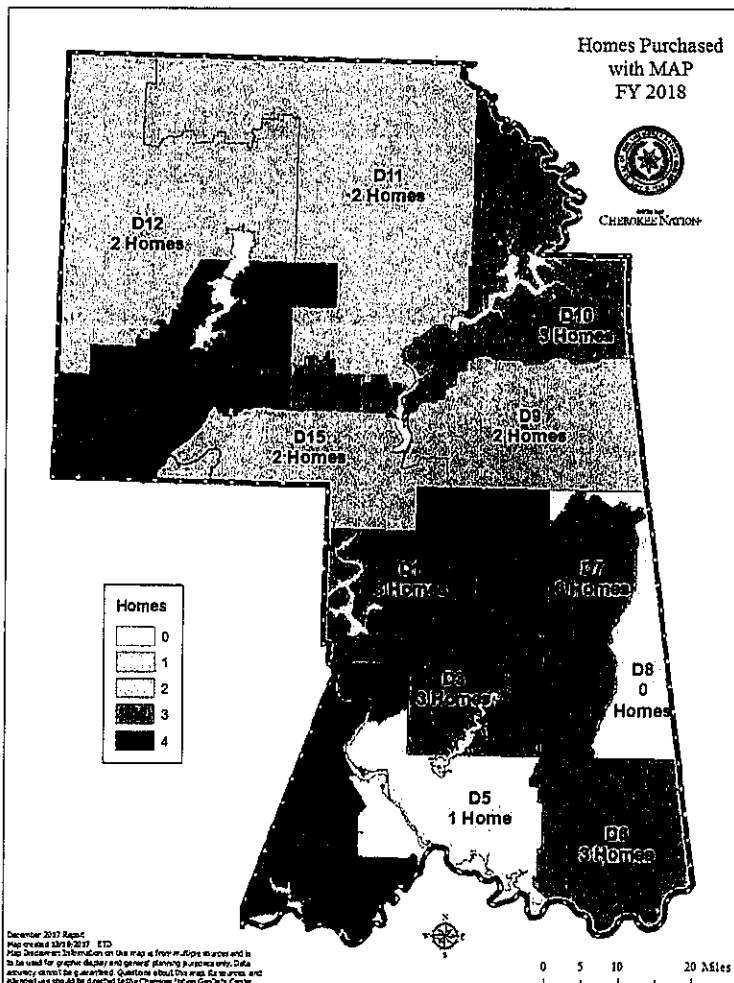


40 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

20 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$36,002.39
Home Price	\$93,655.68



Since FY2009, **1,642 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

55% of families who purchased a home in FY18 moved up at least one level in the **Financial Prosperity Spectrum**.

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)** has started! Appointments can be made by contacting the Small Business Assistance Center at 918-453-5536.

Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



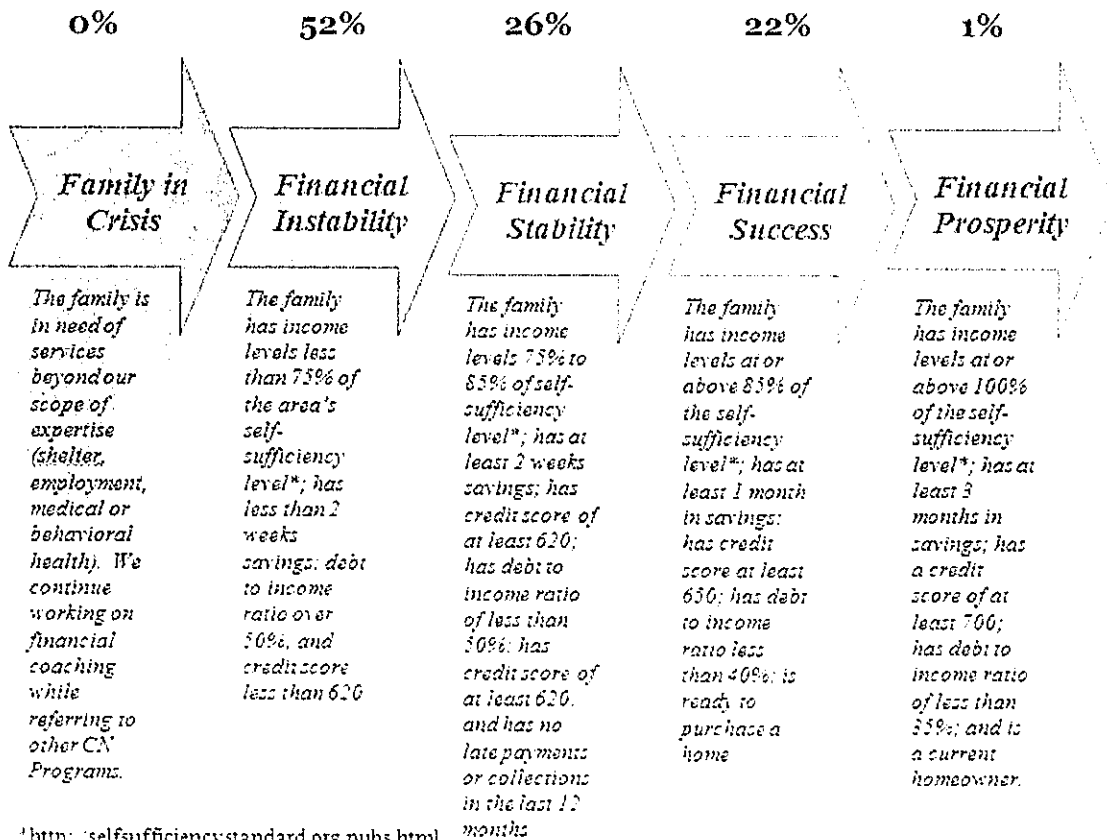
- Short Term less than 12 months
- Long Term from 1 to 3 years
- Mortgage Ready capable in 90 days
- Applications Pending Eligibility

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

Since FY07, **834 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

25 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.



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

415 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 21% financial success
- 26% financially stable
- 51% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	45 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	28.00%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	3.50%

722 consumer loans totaling \$806,756.79 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of October 1st.

355 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.

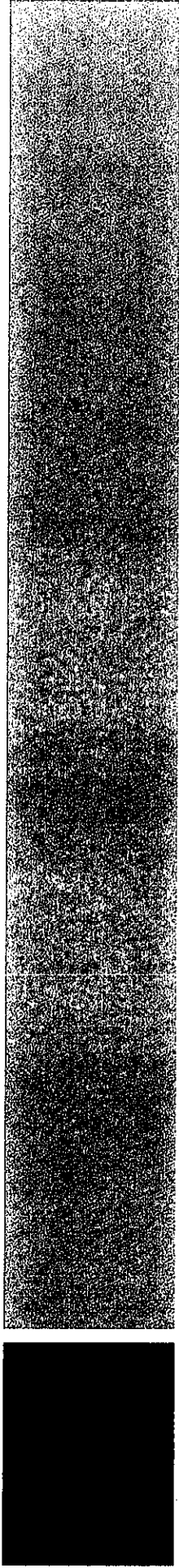
Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **65 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Financial education classes are offered at no cost 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 **121 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

Training Schedule

Interested in attending a class? Contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-336 or susan-sharp@cherokee.org.

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
February 9	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
February 10	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
February 17	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 3	Sallisaw	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 9	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
March 10	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 10	Jay	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 17	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 23	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
April 13	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
April 14	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
April 16-18	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
April 30 – May 2	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training



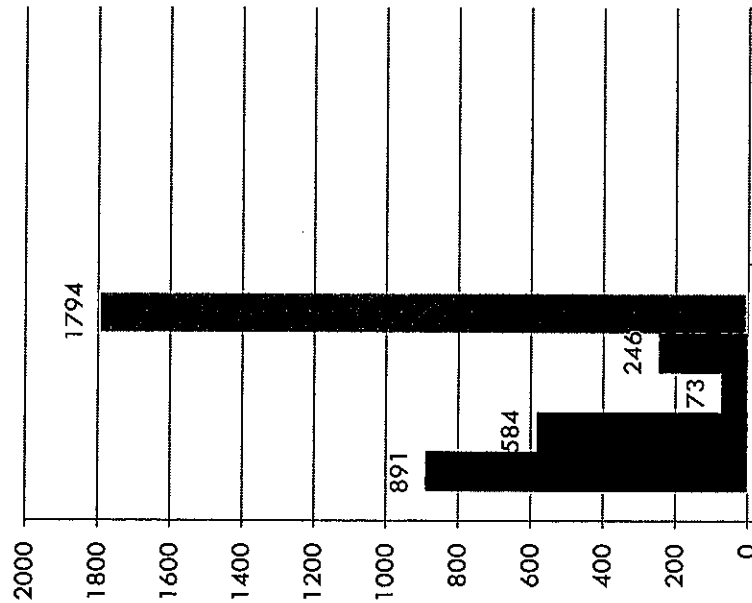
**CHEROKEE NATION
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE
MONTHLY REPORT
December 2017**

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of December:
1,794 Children

with Assigned ICW Workers

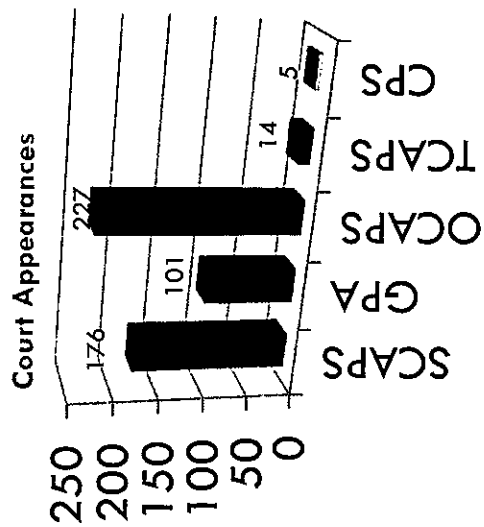


Programs with court interaction

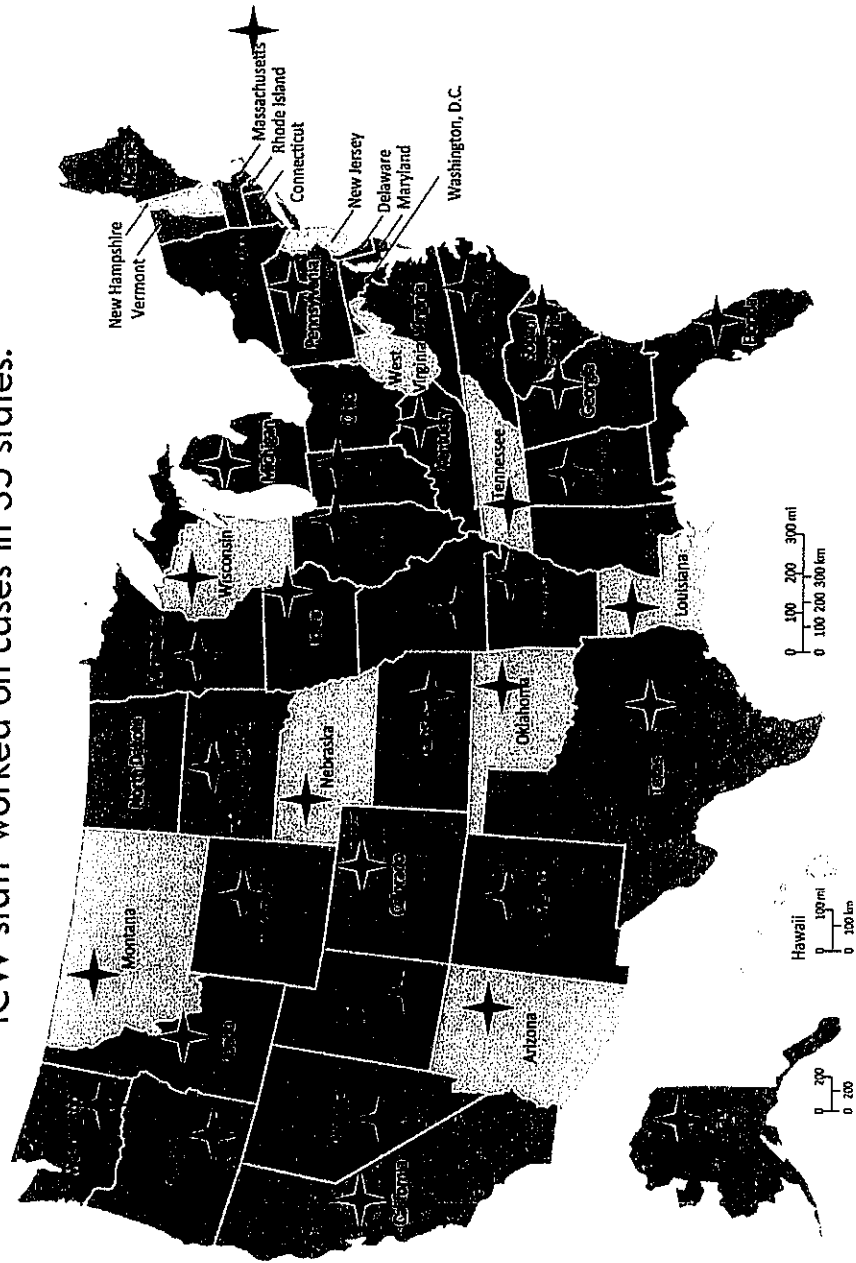
- OCAPS: Out-Of-District Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
 - Involved in child welfare cases in non-jurisdiction counties in Oklahoma and all 50 states.
 - Most work is done telephonically or electronically.
 - Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring States comply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

Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

In December:
 Indian Child Welfare workers
 went to court 523 times on
 behalf of Cherokee children
 and families.



ICW staff worked on cases in 35 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 – 410 notices involving 705 children
- ❑ Outside of Oklahoma – 756 notices for 1,179 children.
- ❑ Totaling – 1,166 children and 1,884 notices.
- ❑ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 59 days.

Prevention and Intervention

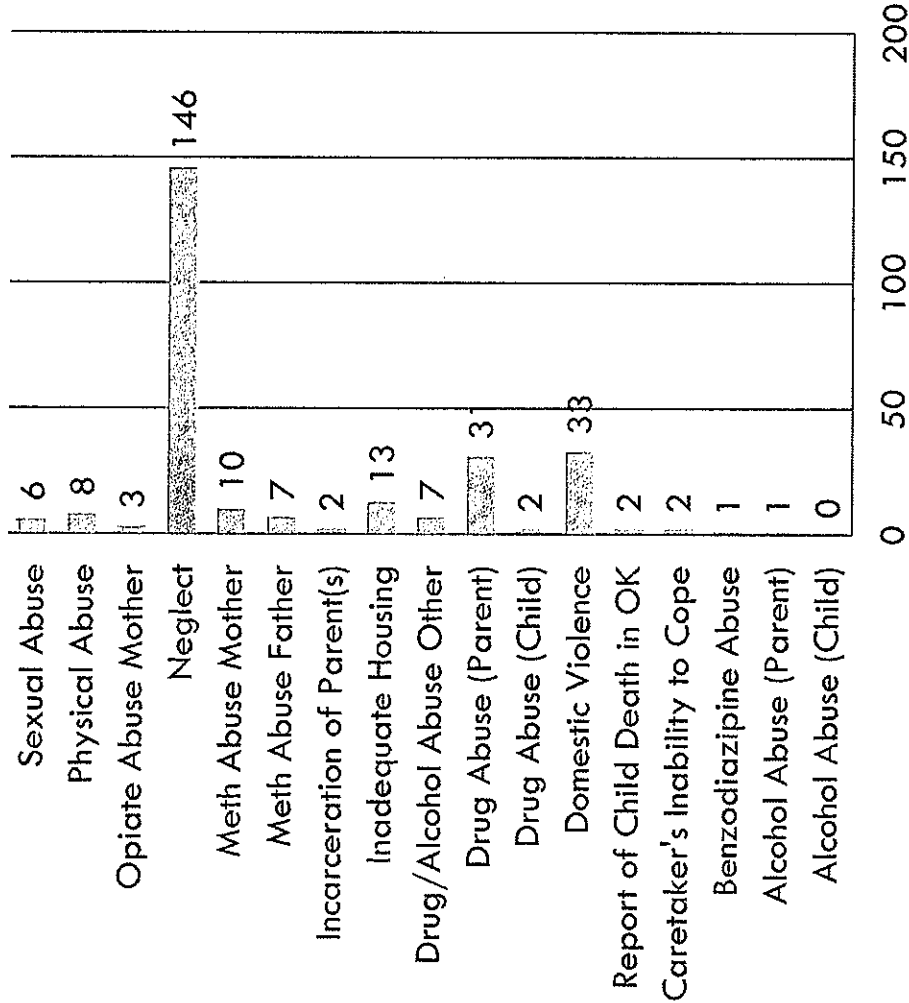
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition, 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 19 children and 16 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



Month of December

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 242 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 242 referrals involved 389 children
 - 2 of the 242 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 8 of the 218 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 1 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

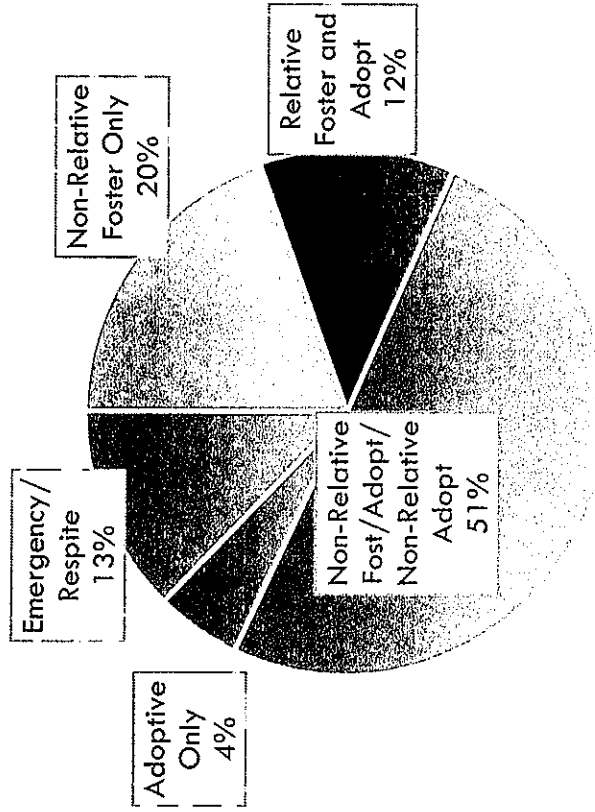
*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect

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 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.

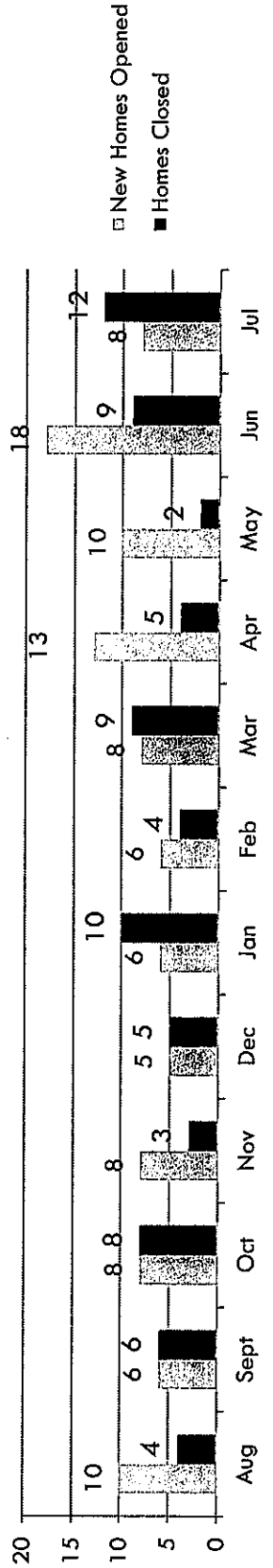
Relative Adoptive/Foster: Families who are related to the children and are fostering them or planning to adopt them. They do not take in children they are not related to.

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

198 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories

- 52 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
- 32 Relative Foster and Adoptive
- 134 Non-Relative Foster/Adopt, Non-Relative Adoptive
- 14 Adoptive Only Home
- 34 Emergency/Respite





Community Report for January 2018

Rob Daugherty – Director

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



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in January

Number of Community Organizations Assisted in January

23

Received a total of hours of Capacity Building training

The total number of capacity building hours is calculated using the number of leaders from each organization, the number of hours of that training (both classroom and individualized) and any travel time those leaders may have incurred to attend. These are all combined in this number and can be compared to any other month or year.

499

Number of hours of capacity building training received by community leaders

Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in January

Adair County Historical & Genealogical Asso(D7&8)	Neighborhood Association of Chewey (D7&8)
Boys and Girls Clubs of Adair County (D7&8)	Noweta Cherokee Comm Foundation (D12)
Cherokee Elders Council Inc (D9&15)	Orchard Road Community Outreach (D7&8)
Cherokee National Historical Society (D1)	POTLUCK Society (D14&15)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preserv(D1)	Proctor Community Organization (D7)
Fairfield Community Organization (D7&8)	Project A Association (D4)
Family Support Center of Oaks (D2&9)	Spavinaw Youth & Neighborhood Center (D10)
Illinois River Area Community Organization (D3)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)	Tailholt Community Organization (D2&3)
Marble City Community Building (D5&6)	Webbers Falls Historical Soc Museum (D4&5)
Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)	White Oak (D11)
Native American Fellowship Inc (D11)	

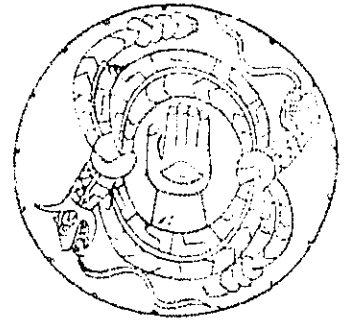
* indicates an organization new to the program (D7) indicates the Council Districts served by the organization

Brad Wagon and Patti Mitchell delivered a training entitled "Model the Way" for our Leadership Series presentation. There were 17 organizations represented with 52 community leaders receiving the training.



History Preservation

January's Lunch & Learn presentation was held on Thursday, January 18. Our guest presenter was Matt Anderson, Cultural Specialist for Cherokee Nation. Early Cherokees had stories of an ancient priesthood society that existed among them before European contact. This priesthood society is similar to the mound builder societies that existed during the Mississippian era. He discussed the connection between the Cherokee and the ancient mound builder societies of the Mississippian era.



Volunteer Program

In January Volunteer staff hosted a total of 8 volunteers. With their labor we were able to build handicap access ramps for two of our disabled home owners, one in Sequoyah County and the other in Adair County. We were also able to install a storm door for one of our elders in the Dry Creek community.

8 → 256 → 3

Number of Volunteers

Number of Hours of Labor

Number of Projects Completed

Up Coming Events:

February 1 – Active Shooter Preparedness Training, with the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service, Tsa La Gi Community Room

March 10 – Community Emergency Preparedness, with Cherokee Nation EMS & Emergency Mgmt, CNEMS Training Room