

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

September 2019

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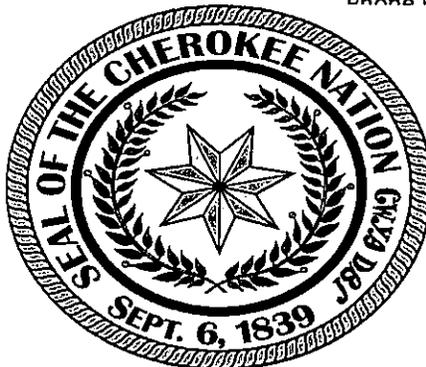
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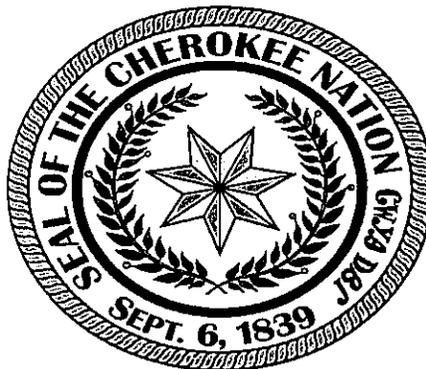


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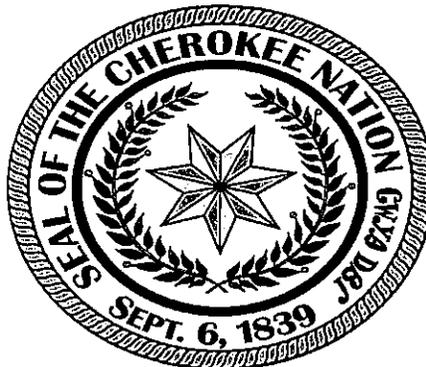
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Number of Employees	375
Number of Vacancies	93
Number of Volunteers	19

**Human Services Announcements:**

Regarding the higher vacancy rate, in the ICW Offices - Out of the 46 budgeted vacancies, we are currently working on filling 22 positions through the HR process. These numbers should be much lower next month.



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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Director - Jennifer Kirby

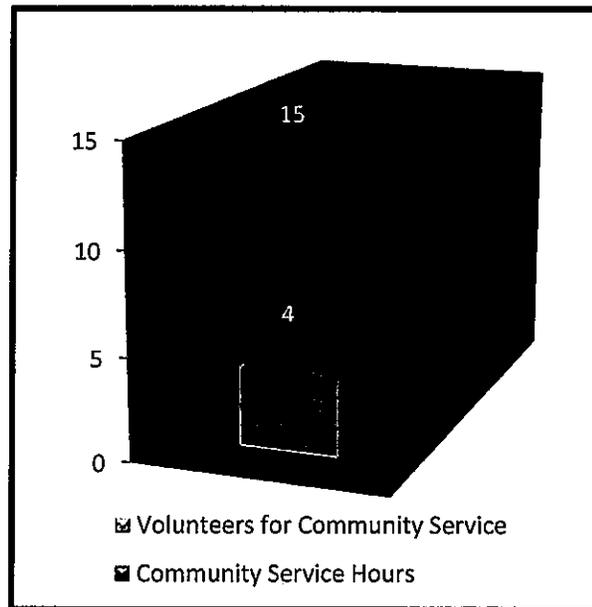
Number of Employees	19
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	0

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	10
Admissions	6

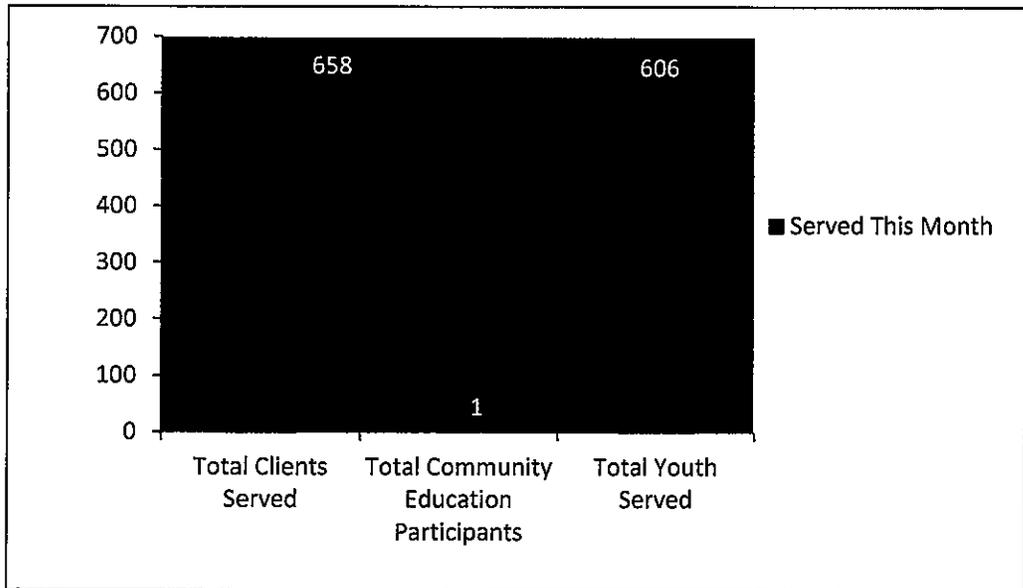
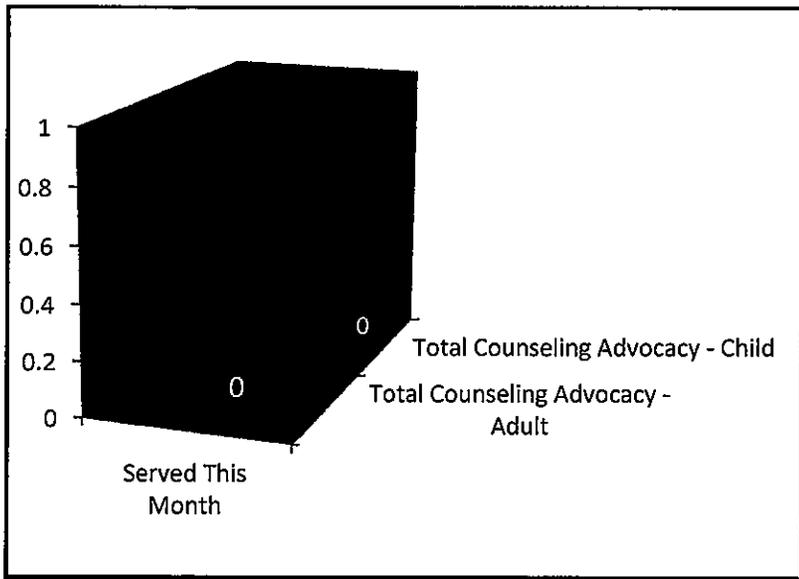


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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Youth Services :**

**Total Community Events & Presentations**      **1**

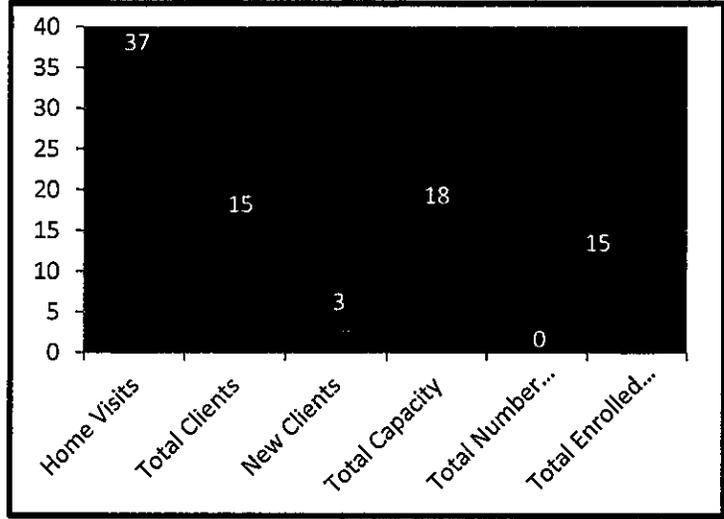


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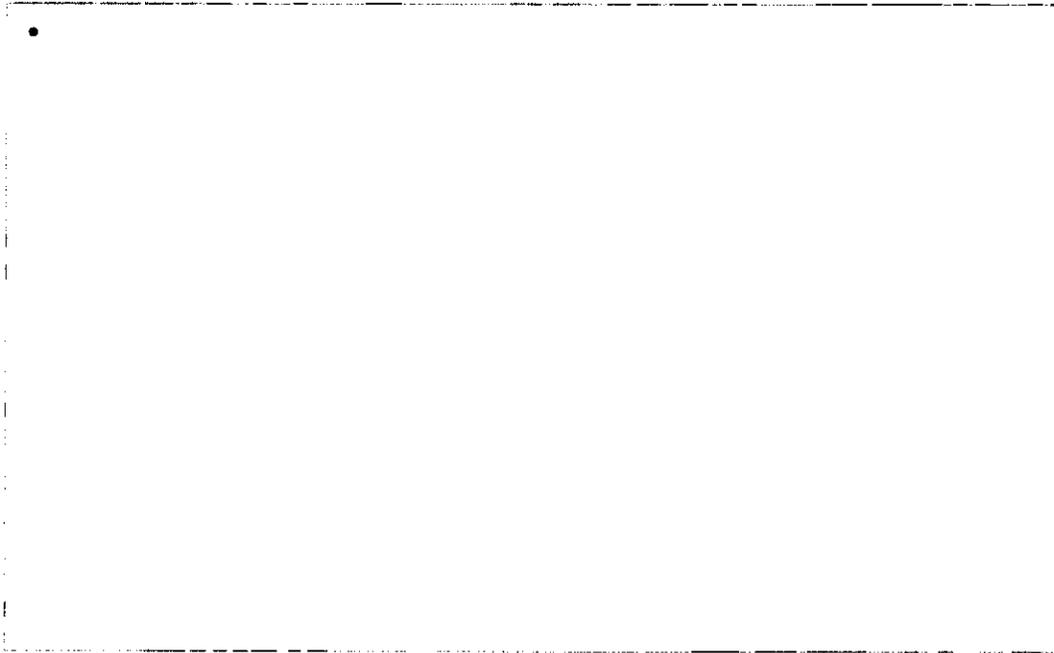
**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Cherokee PARENTS :**

Total Clients	15
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*Child Care Development Centers :*



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## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

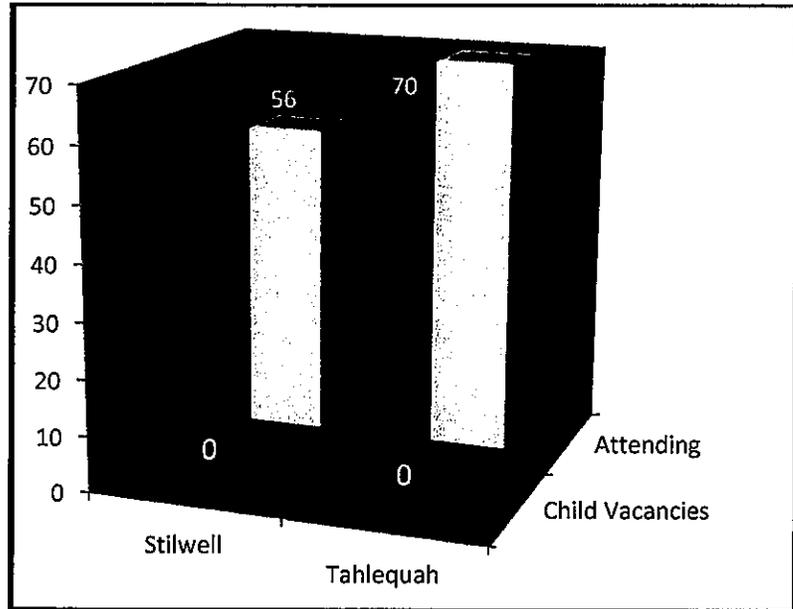
Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	109
Number of Vacancies	38
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### Child Care Development Centers :

- **Stilwell** - The Center kicked off September by honoring our Grandparents on 9-6. We had 20 "Grands" who were treated to tea and cookies . On the 11th we had 11 staff complete or renew their CPR and First Aid training. The Center closed at noon to children on the 19th. Staff attended the Child Care Staff Development on the 19th and 20th. We also had 9 staff who attended the Oklahoma Child Care Association Conference on Saturday the 21st. We had 5 staff who attended the CACFP food program mandatory training on the 12th and 24th. The UKB licensing worker conducted an unannounced visit on the 18th. No deficiencies were found. The fire, tornado and shelter in place drills were conducted.
- **Subsidy** - 13 referrals. Providers began receiving Lakeshore kits this month.
- **Resource & Referral** - Staff Development, Social Emotional training, Cherokee Challenge Bowl, help w/baskets for Creek Nation day, Community Partnership meeting, Rogers Co. Early Childhood Coalition, Tulsa CCRC Day of Play mtg, OTCCA, OCCRRA mtg, Managers mtg
- **Licensing** - Pauline Arnall was named Child Care Employee of the Year! 10 Relative Providers completed first aid/CPR with Mark Bighorse.



Children Receiving	1,700
Amount Distributed	\$ 827,995.00

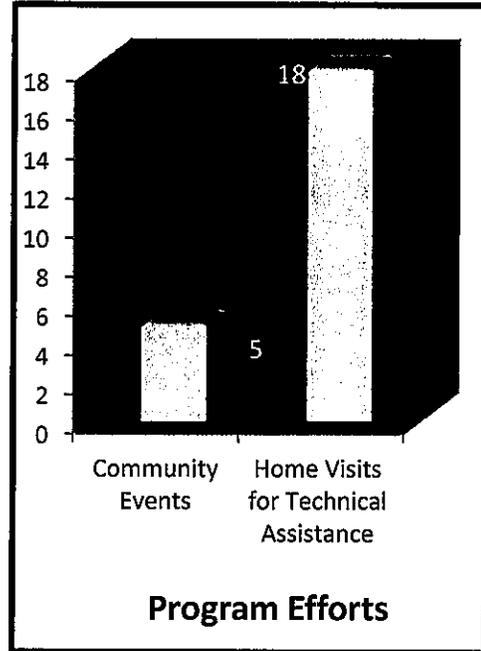
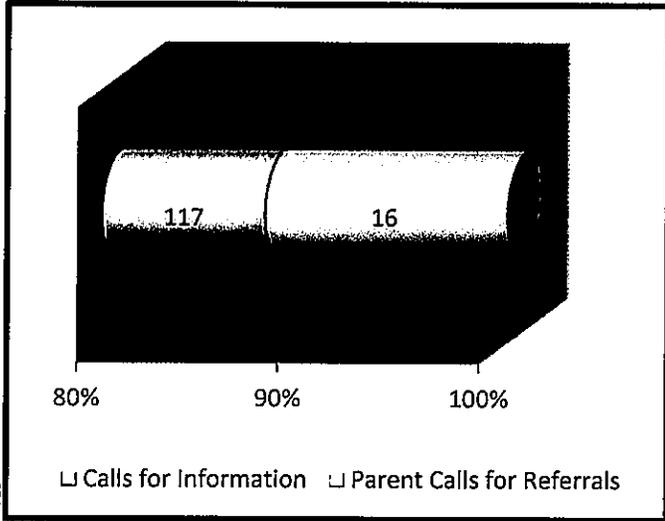
Average Distribution Per Child	\$ 487.06
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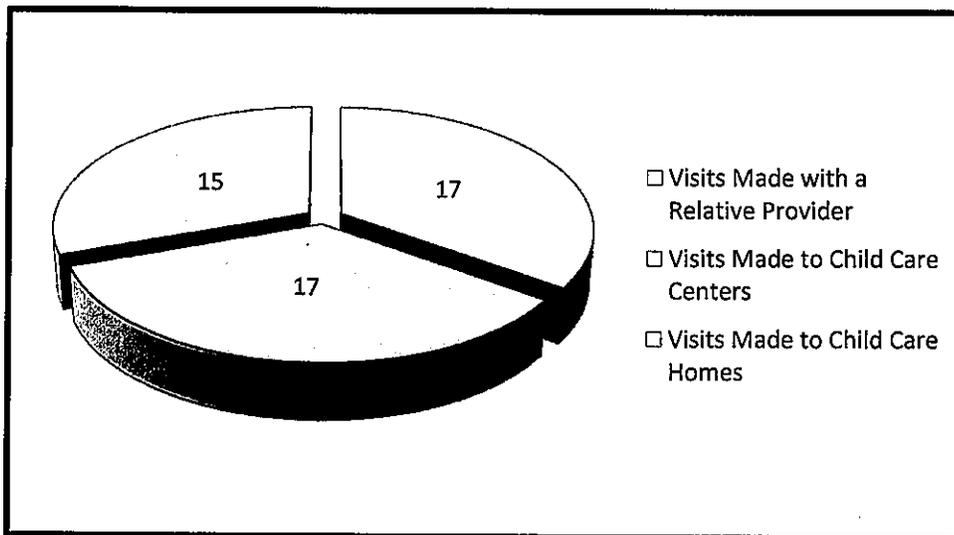
## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	12
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### Licensing & Monitoring :



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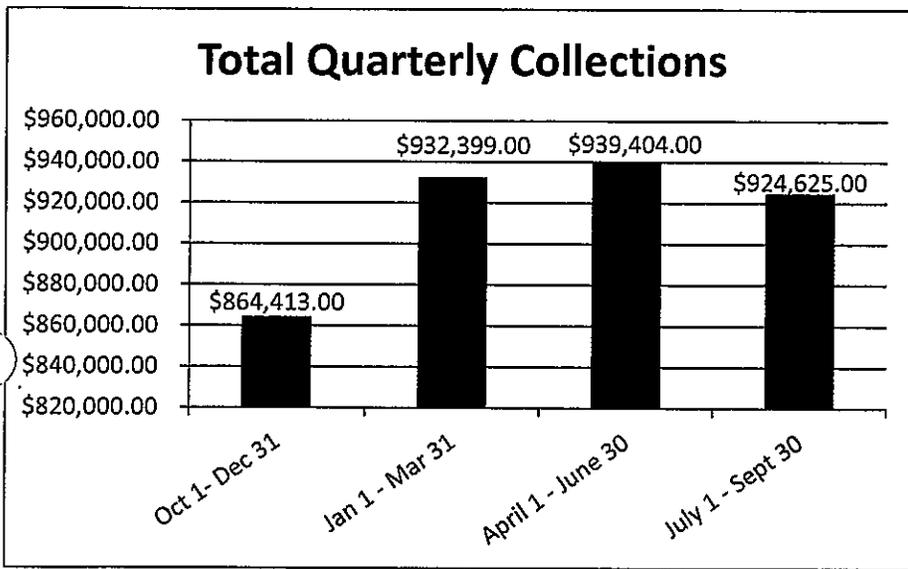
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT**

Director - Kara Whitworth

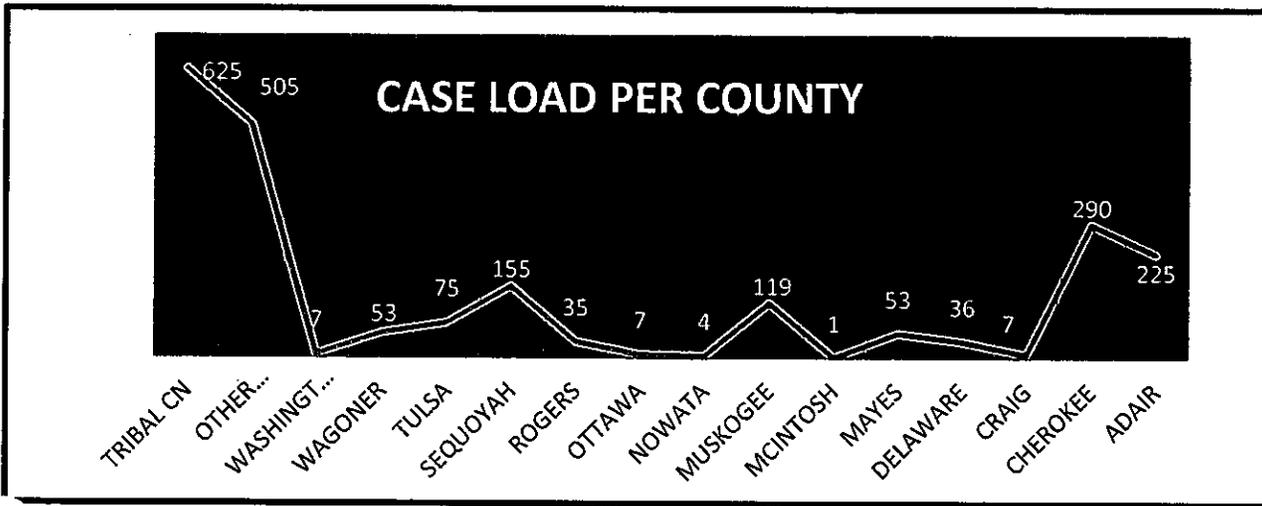
Number of Employees	35
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

Sept. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 289,538.00
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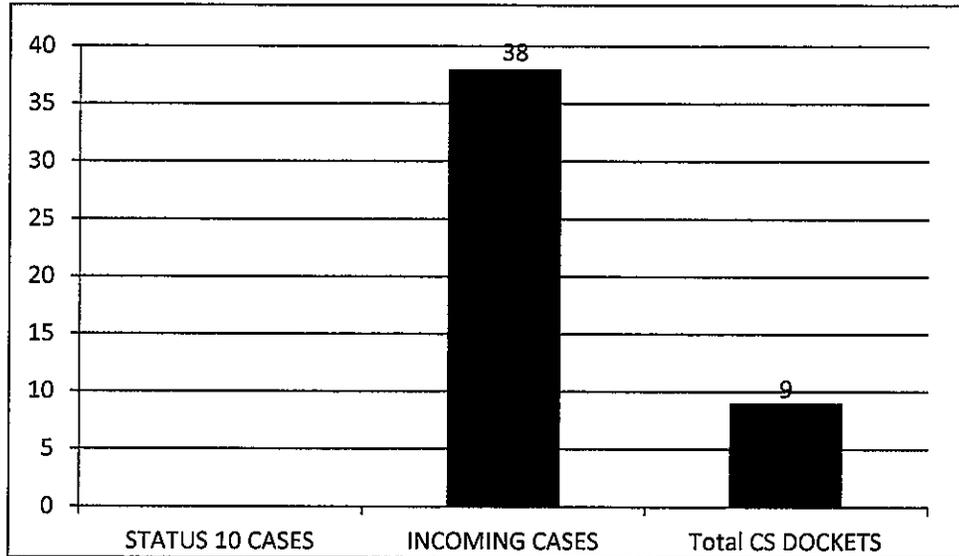
Total Client Contacts	3,263
Total Court Hearings	69
Total Active Efforts Case	1,603
Total Case Assessments for Service	19
Total Applications Distributed	105



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



## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The Office of Child Support services distributed 105 requested applications via walk in's mail outs, email, or through our downloaded through our new child support website and received 35 applications for new cases. The program's website address: <https://childsupport.cherokee.org> has continued to increased activity on our page. For the month of September, there were 2,167 views. Current active cases as of September 15, 2019 is approximately 2383. The program will be showcasing 4 separate videos regarding child support via CN facebook page, youtube as well as other methods in a campaign regarding our program. The program is currently interviewing for 2 child support specialists to join our team! In closing, would like to share the following success stories that could not have occurred without the dedication of program staff working with program participants: 1- One of the case managers reported successfully transferring a court case to Cherokee Nation District Court. This requires all parties to be in agreement. 2- One of the Case managers reported having one of their longterm non payors begin paying this past month for first time! 3- One of the casemanagers reported to advocating for two separate non custodial payments to be reduced due to them receiving social security disability.



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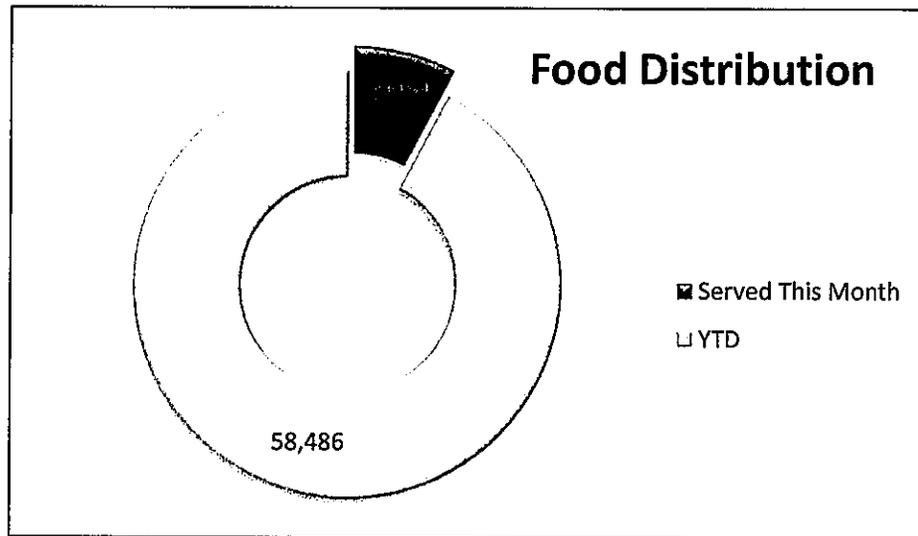
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

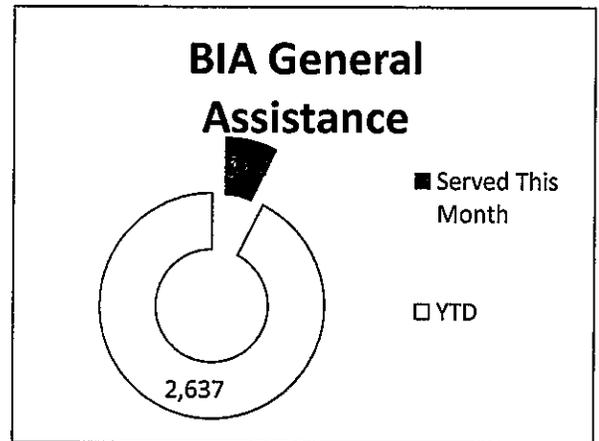
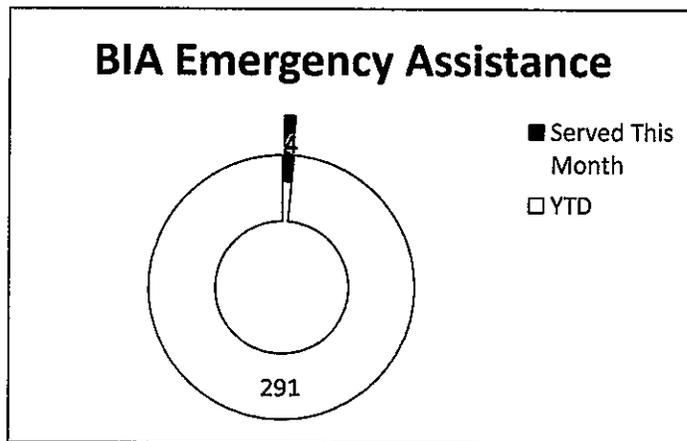
Number of Employees	114
Number of Vacancies	6
Number of Volunteers	19

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

**Food Distribution :**



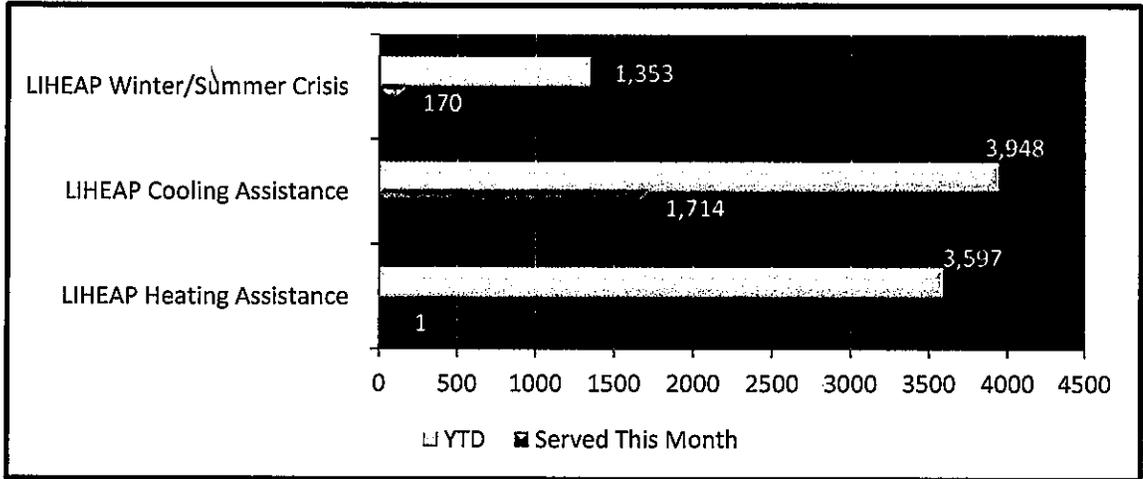
**BIA Social Services :**



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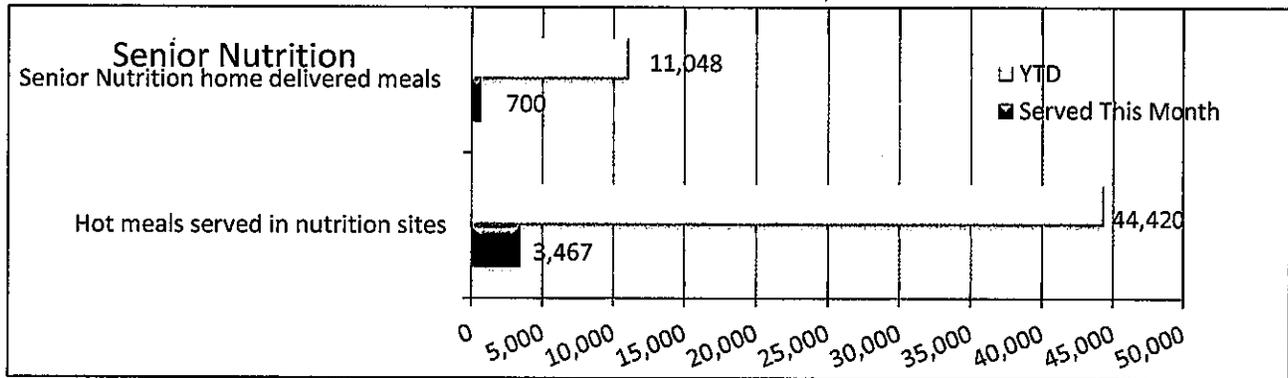
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

**LIHEAP:**

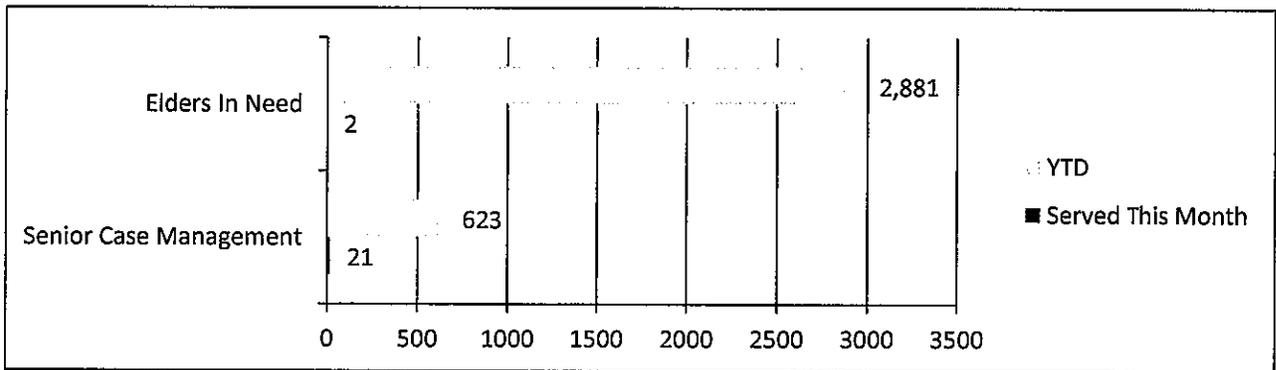


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

**Elder Services :**



\*Program starts in April

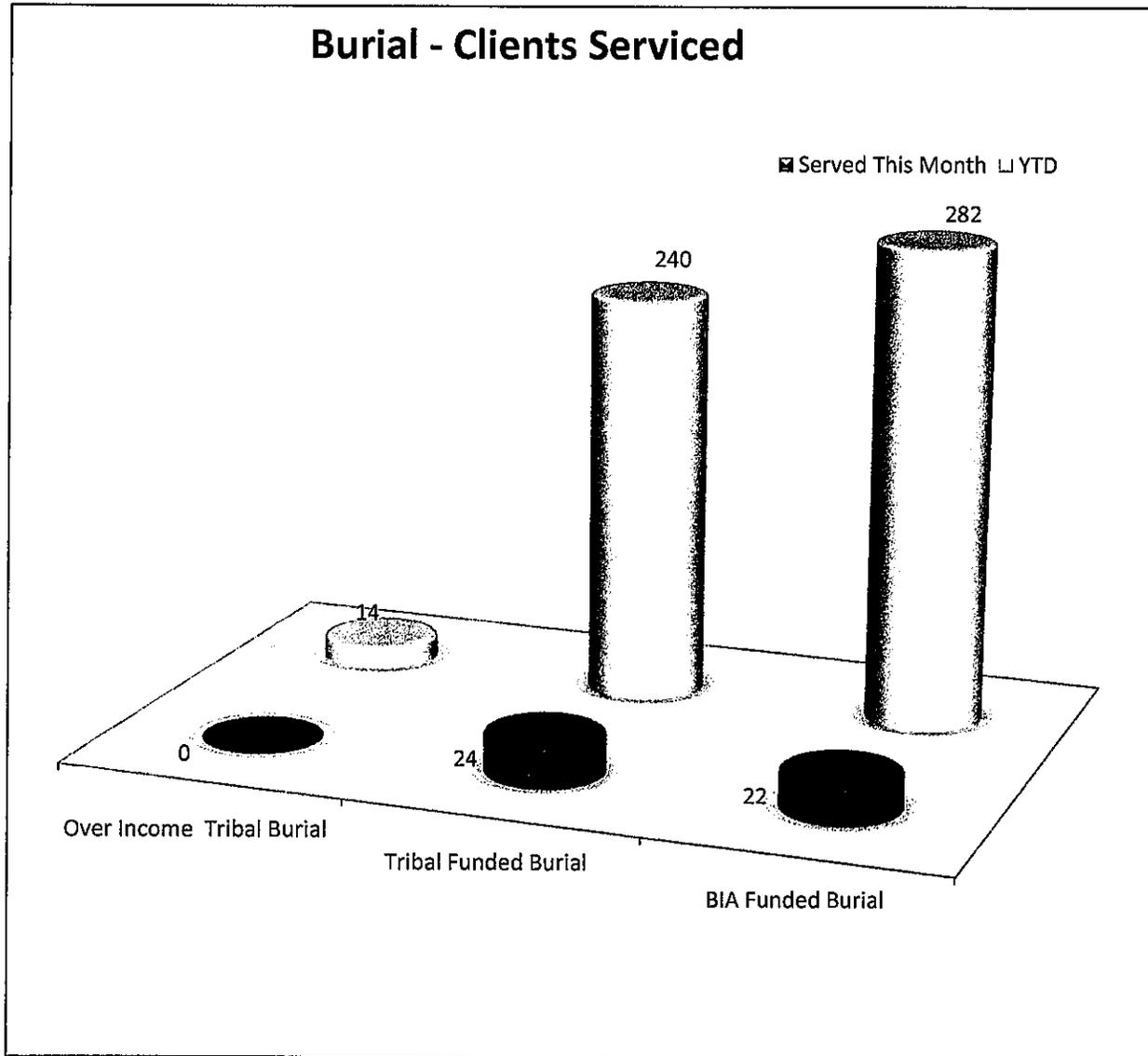


\*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



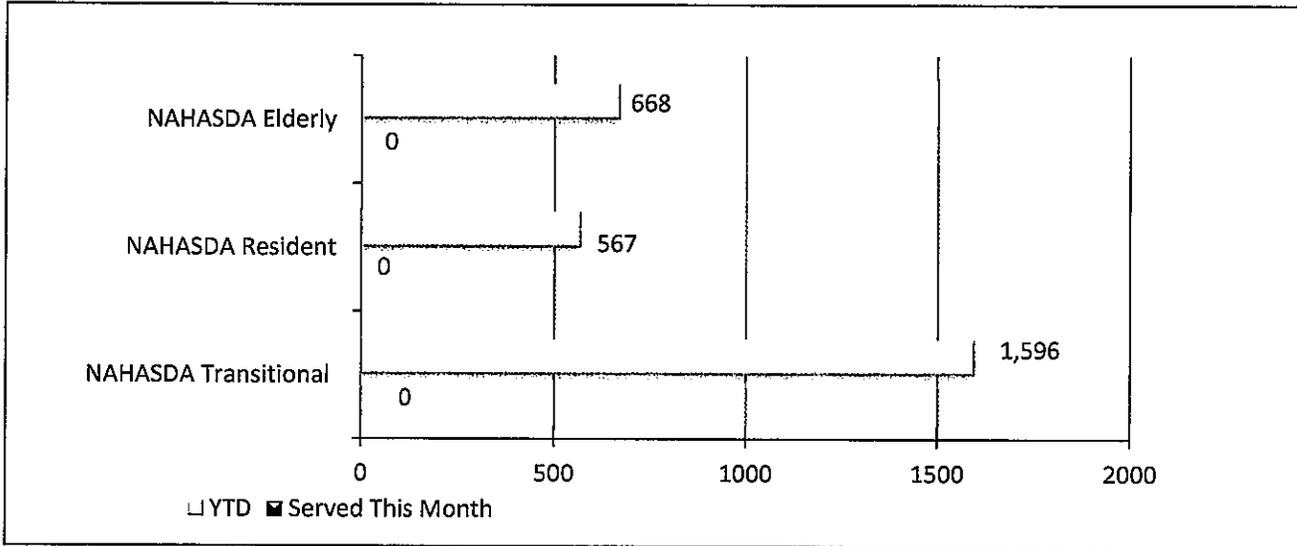
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Burial Assistance :

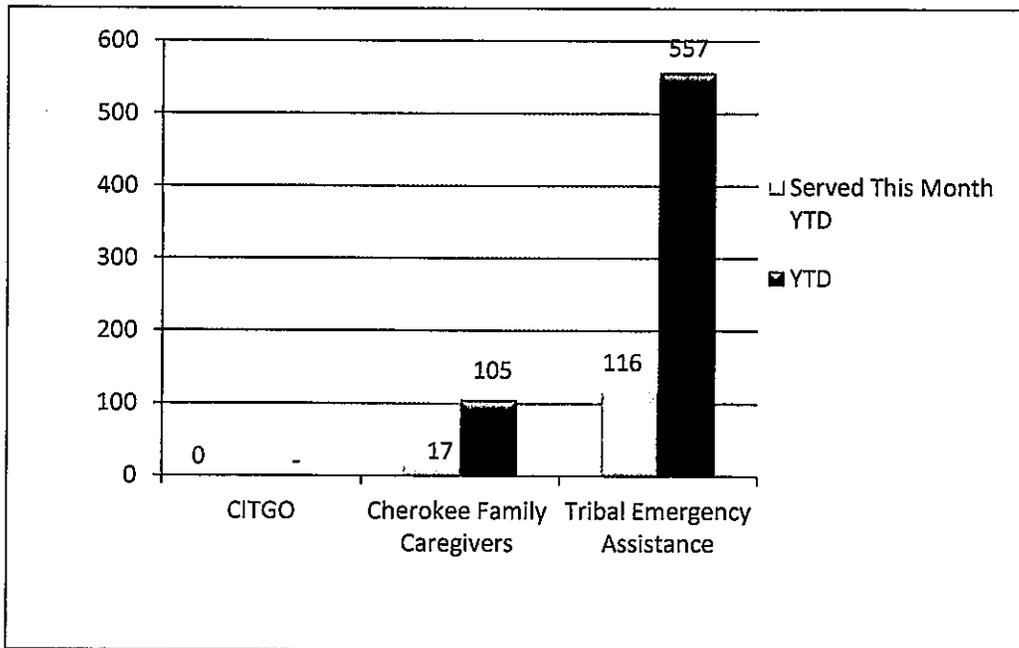


## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### NAHASDA :

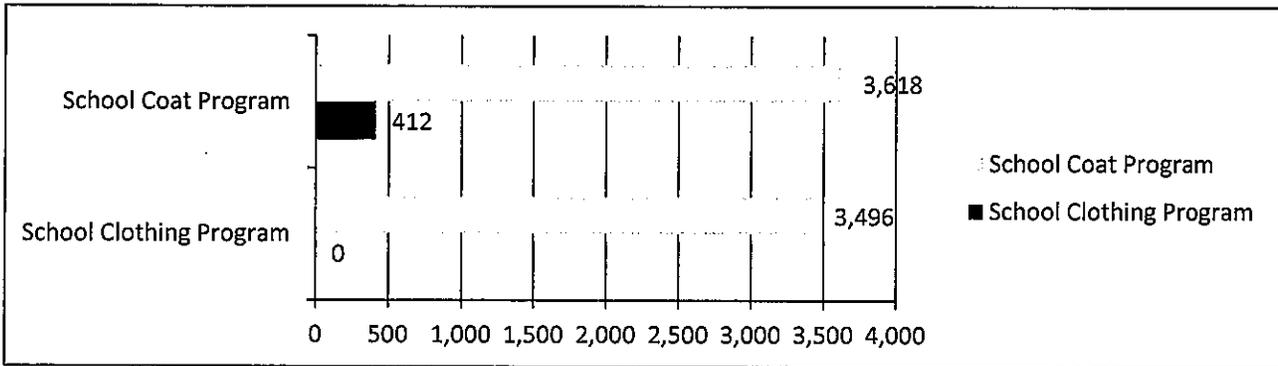


### Family Assistance :



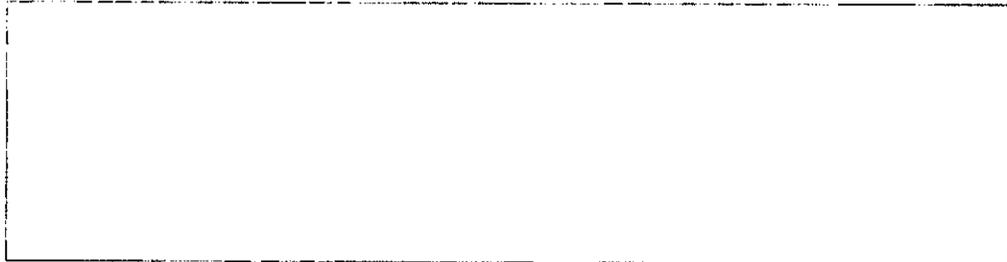
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



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**CHEROKEE FIRST**

Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

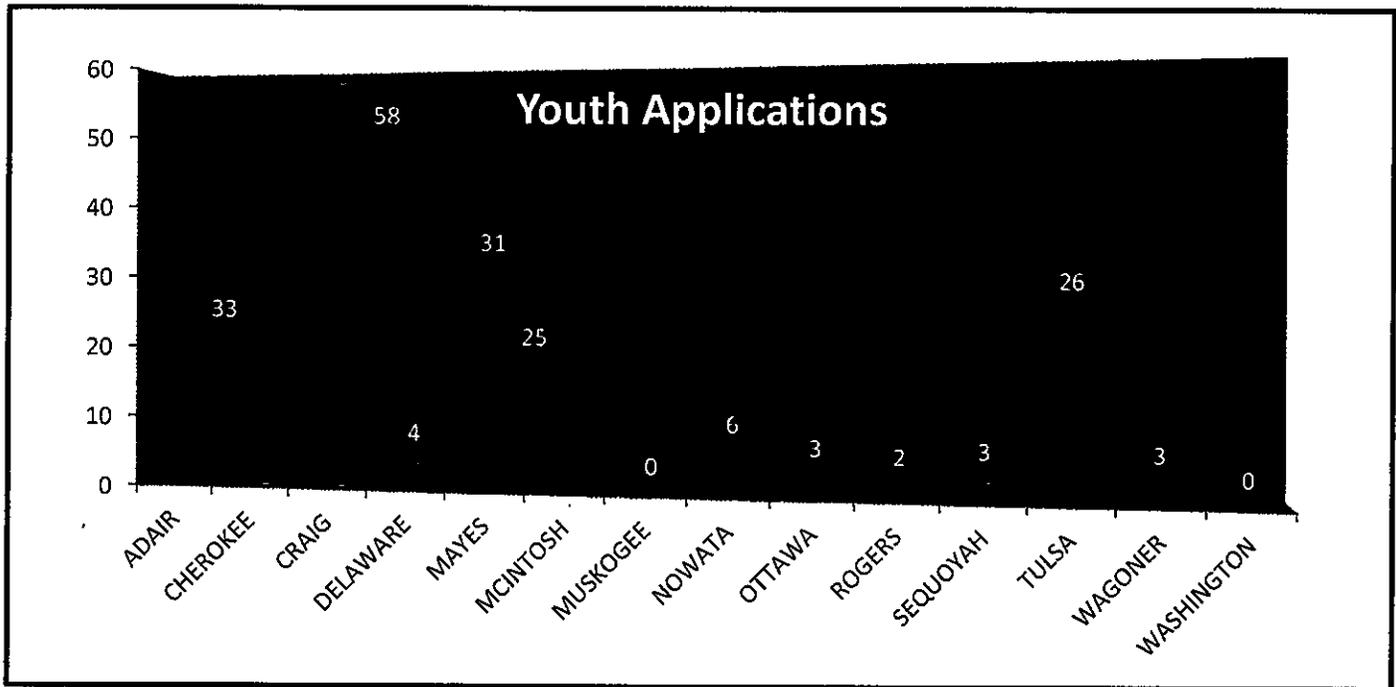
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

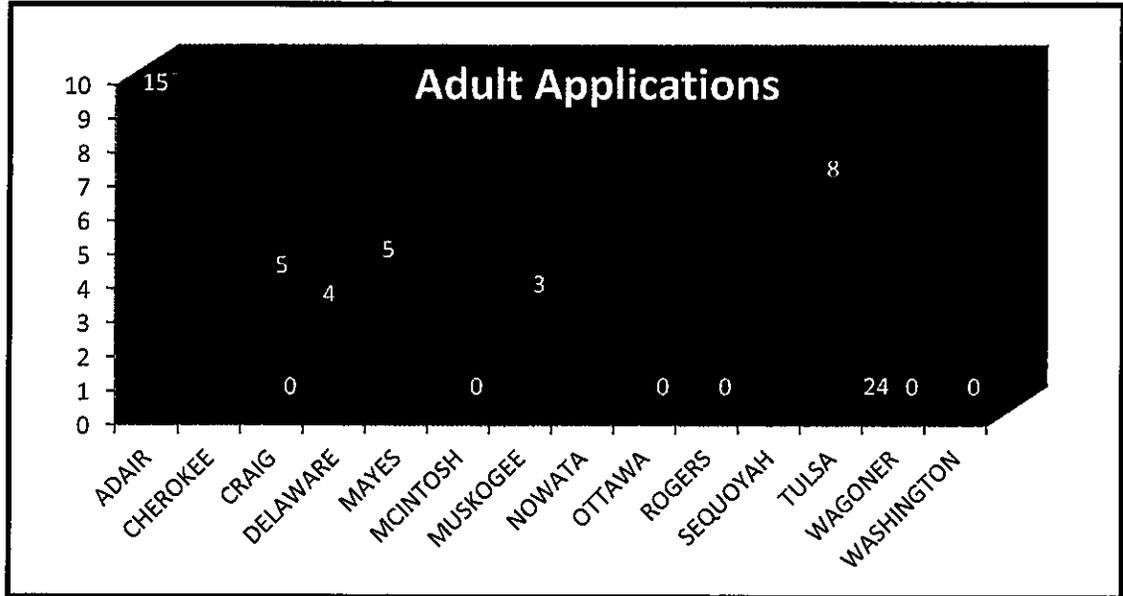
Programs
Reception
Community Youth

**Reception :**

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	940
Total Applications Taken	244

**Community Youth :**





Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	202
Total Adult	42

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

September	\$ 48,800.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Community Services      **Month/Year of Report:** November 2019 (data for September activities)

**Executive Director:** Michael Lynn      **Phone:** 453-5396      **E-mail:** michael-lynn@cherokee.org

### I. Budget Highlights

1. Preparing MOA's for FY2020.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. 19 new water/sewer installations
2. 21 water/sewer repairs
3. 127 food handlers trained
4. 59 facility inspections/investigations/technical assistance
5. 19 water analyses
6. 15 site evaluations
7. 25 soil tests

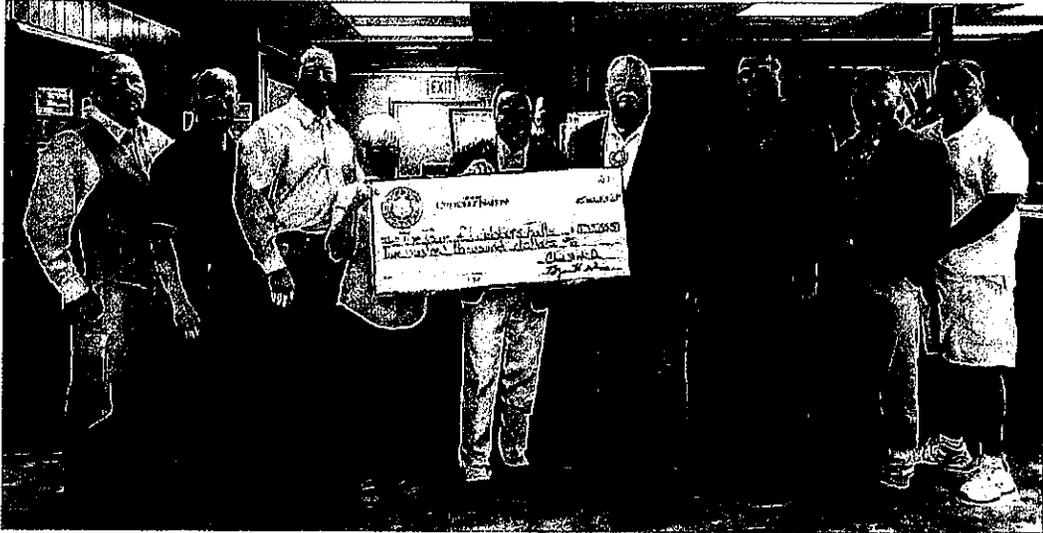
#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Held final inspection for waterline portion of Cherokee Co RWD # 7 improvement project on October 16th.
2. Held a flu shot clinic for employees on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. Stilwell Area Development Authority Wastewater Improvement project approx. 50% complete.
4. Held check presentation ceremony with Webbers Falls (ECOWA) on September 30.
5. Met with representatives of Jay Industrial Authority to discuss potential sewer line extension project.
6. Met with Public Health staff to discuss the upcoming reaccreditation process.

#### c.) Future Plans

1. Ribbon cutting for South Delaware Co Regional WTP project. Date TBA
2. EPA Webinar to discuss water system restructuring rule October 30<sup>th</sup>
3. Communities Unlimited board meeting in Fayetteville, AR on November 8th

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

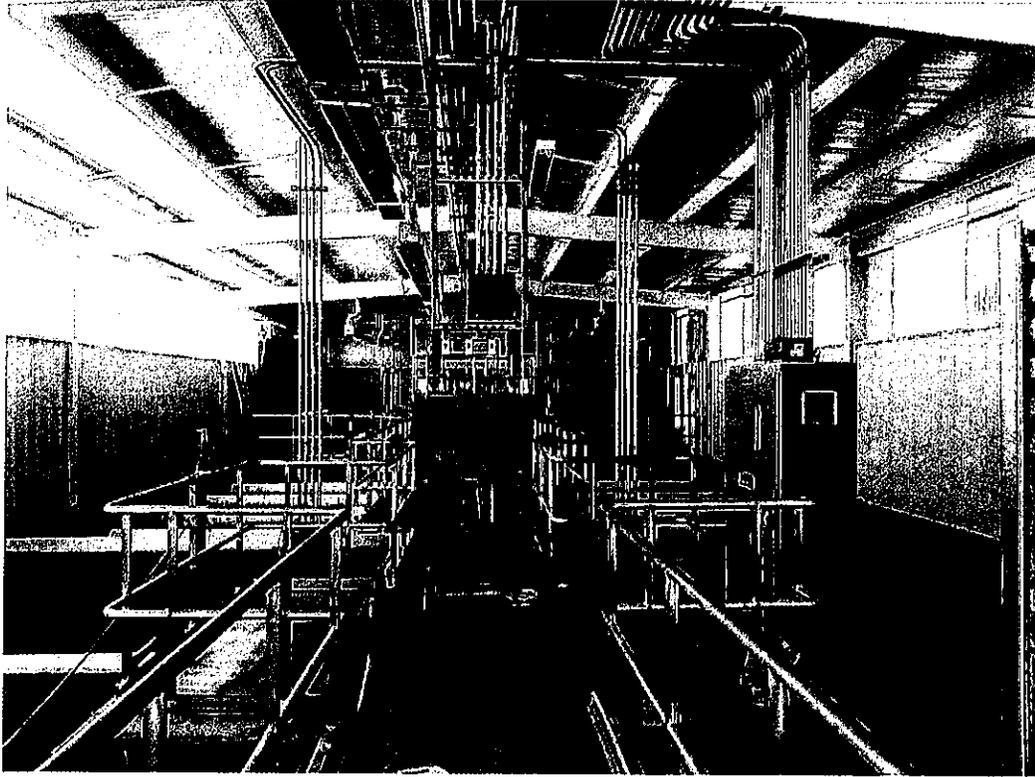


**Check presentation to Webbers Falls (ECOWA)**



**Earthwork on new basin at Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Plant**

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



**New South Delaware Co Regional Water Treatment Plant**

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
 PERFORMANCE: SEPTEMBER 2019

Senior Director: Billy Hix

Phone: 453-5126

DISTRICT # & COUNTY	FACILITY DATA SYSTEM			INDOOR AIR QUALITY <small>Sampling/Investigations</small>	Water Test Completed <small>BACT/Chemical</small>	Primary Drinking Water Standards Violations	Well Assessments	Site Evals	Perc Tests	Soil Profiles
	Inspections - Referrals	Investigations - Complaints	Technical Assistance							
1, 2 & 3 Cherokee/Wagoner	21		11		8	9		3		5
4 Muskogee/McIntosh	2		2							
5 & 6 Sequoyah	3		2					3		4
7 & 8 Adair			1							
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	5		2		8	7		4		7
11 Craig										
12 Nowata/Washington			1					1		5
13 Tulsa	2	4	1					1		1
14 Rogers			1							
15 Mayes	1				3	6		3	1	1
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>ANNUAL GOAL</b>							<b>50</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>% COMPLETE</b>	<b>116%</b>		<b>96%</b>				<b>114%</b>	<b>119%</b>		<b>122%</b>

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Training - OSEHP - OKC  
 HACCP - Stillwater
- Meetings - Infection Prevention  
 Elder Summit Volunteer

Misc. - Volunteered for the Elder Summit  
 Dug for well crew - 09/9/19

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.

**CHEROKEE NATION**  
**ENGINEERING & SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION**

MONTHLY REPORT FOR **AUGUST 2019** – COMMUNITY WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee Co. RWD #3 – N. 510 Road WL Extension  
DESCRIPTION: Construction of approximately 5,000 l.f. of 2-inch water line along 510 Road.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 10 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation  
STATUS: In-Progress. Construction Phase.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee RWD #7 System Improvements  
DESCRIPTION: Installation of 2 Booster Pump Stations, 2 Water Storage Tanks and 23,500 l.f. of 6-inch and 2-inch water line.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 351 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / USDA / Rural Water District #7  
STATUS: In Progress. Construction Phase.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2 / DIST 3

PROJECT NAME: Cherry Tree Wastewater Force Main to Stilwell  
DESCRIPTION: Construction of 21,500 l.f. of 6-inch force main to City of Stilwell Wastewater Collection System. Develop Closeout plan for existing lagoons at Cherry Tree Industrial Park.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 68 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / E.P.A.  
STATUS: Preliminary Phase  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 7 / DIST 8

PROJECT NAME: Delaware County RWD #11 Phase II  
DESCRIPTION: Installation of 8 miles of 8-inch, 6-inch, 4-inch and 2-inch waterline to serve tribal homes in the Leach/Rose/Teresita areas.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 75 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation / DEQ DWSRF  
STATUS: In Progress. Connecting Tribal Homes to Project.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 9 / DIST 2

PROJECT NAME: Delaware PWA – Wastewater System Rehabilitation  
DESCRIPTION: Replacement of approximately 4,000 l.f. of sewer main along with 14 manholes and service connections.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 39 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation / Municipality  
STATUS: Preliminary Phase  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 12

PROJECT NAME: Town of Inola AMR Installation  
DESCRIPTION: Assist the Town of Inola with new water meters to help with water loss.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 40+  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): Town of Inola / CN Community Water & Sewer  
STATUS: In-Progress  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 15

PROJECT NAME: Kenwood Water District – Water Loss Reduction Phase I  
DESCRIPTION: Install route meters and additional valves to isolate leaks and prioritize worst areas for replacement projects.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 174 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / EPA  
STATUS: In-Progress  
CN DISTRICT IMPACTED: DIST 9

PROJECT NAME: Locust Grove PWA – Distribution System Rehabilitation  
DESCRIPTION: Replacement of 4,000+ l.f. of 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch water line in the Town of Locust Grove along with 176 meters.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 307 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Bureau of Reclamation / Locust Grove PWA / EPA SDWA  
STATUS: In-Progress  
CN DISTRICT IMPACTED: DIST 9 / DIST 15

PROJECT NAME: Ottawa County RWD #6 – New Tower and Well  
DESCRIPTION: Installation of a new 120 ft. Water Storage Tower and new Community Well to address water availability issues during peak demand periods.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 127 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / RWD  
STATUS: Preliminary Phase  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 10

PROJECT NAME: Pine Ridge WL Extension – Cherokee RWD #3  
DESCRIPTION: Construction approximately 6,500 l.f. of 2-inch waterline along Pine Ridge Road and 525 Road in Cherokee County.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 7 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation  
STATUS: Preliminary Phase  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2 -

PROJECT NAME: Sequoyah County Water Association / Water Main Replacement  
DESCRIPTION: Replacement of SCWA 12-inch main distribution line with a new 24-inch main.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 956 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCES: I.H.S. / USDA  
STATUS: In Progress.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 5 / DIST 6

PROJECT NAME: Southern Delaware County Regional Water Authority  
DESCRIPTION: Formation of Water Authority to serve Southern Delaware County.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 617 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation  
STATUS: In Progress.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2 / DIST 7 / DIST 8 / DIST 9

PROJECT NAME: Stilwell Area Development Authority – WWTP Improvements  
DESCRIPTION: Upgrades and improvements to Stilwell's Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 676 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): EPA CWA Set-Aside / USDA - RD  
STATUS: In Progress.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 7 / DIST 8

PROJECT NAME: Webbers Falls Emergency Project  
DESCRIPTION: Bore under river to restore full water service to town.  
TRIBAL HOMES: 94 +/-  
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Other  
STATUS: Preliminary Phase.  
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 5

# Service Spotlight

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This newsletter is intended to provide a spotlight on a service recently provided through the Cherokee Nation Engineering & Sanitation Facilities Construction program.

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Mr. Parsons applied to the Sanitation Facilities Construction program in April 2019 for water and septic services. Mr. Parsons purchased property near Porum and planned on moving in a mobile home for his residence.

The site evaluation was completed in May 2019 and the soil test was completed in June 2019. A permit to construct the septic was requested in July 2019 and issued by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality in August 2019. The CN SFC Force Account Crew based in Tahlequah moved on site on September 4<sup>th</sup> and completed the project on September 6<sup>th</sup>.



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## **Applicant:**

Michael Parsons

Porum, OK

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## **Funding Source:**

IHS Scattered Housing Funds  
OK18E94

## **Total Cost of Service:**

\$11,093

## **Mitigating factors/challenges overcome:**

None

## **CN Council District**

District 4

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Community Youth Development and Adult Resident Services

September 2019 Monthly Report

**Youth Activities:**

**We held 8 youth activities in September due the Labor Day Holiday and 2 sites not having any youth come to participate. Total attendance at September youth activities was 139 youth, 33 Parents/community members/B&G club staff/ & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 3 – 6 staff members went to each site.**

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities on Tuesdays, September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, where they had a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt and made miniature gourd masks. There were 12 youth at each meeting for a total of 24 youth, 2 adult community members & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, where they had a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt. There were 8 youth, 9 parents/adult community members, & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, where they had a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt. There were 18 youth, 3 B&G club staff, & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Zion Boys & Girl Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, where they had a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt. There were 18 youth, 2 Boys & Girls Club staff, & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Briggs Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, where they had a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt. There were 41 youth, 4 Boys & Girls Club staff & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, where they had a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt. There were 20 youth, 3 Boys & Girls Club staff & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Talking Leaves Job Corp had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, where they were supposed to make gourd rattles. There were 0 youth & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 youth activity on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> where they were supposed to have a drug free presentation and did a drug free scavenger hunt. There were 0 youth, 12 parents/adult community members, & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Youth MOVE, Sequoyah High School – no youth activity due to Labor Day Holiday.

Mailed & handed out 119 copies of flyers about October youth activities to residents, community organizations, & participants in Cherokee Heights and 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 11 adult resident activities in September, due to 1 site not having any participants show up. Total attendance at September Adult Resident activities was 90 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, September 19<sup>th</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 7 adult residents and 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 7 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 8 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 7 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 9 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 5 adult residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Sallisaw/ Tsalagi Apartments had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 17 adult residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Gregg Glass Community building, where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 5 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 11 adult residents and 3 CYD&ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 12 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cherokee Heights had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, where residents made and decorated gourd rattles. There were 2 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 438+ copies of flyers about October 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, Cherokee Heights residents and Lost City Community Organization and participants at both Elder Summits 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 9 youth activities scheduled for October 2019 due to one of groups no having any place to meet.**

We will have activities at:

Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School --- cancelled due to no place to meet;  
Cherokee Heights on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;  
Chewey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;  
Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the second Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;  
Maryetta Boys & Girls Club on the second Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;  
Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;  
Oaks Community on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;  
Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;  
Talking Leaves Job Corp, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm. – 5:30 pm.

**We have 11 adult resident activities scheduled for October 2019, due to the Indigenous People's Day Holiday.**

We will have activities at:

Cherokee Heights, Pryor, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;  
Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;  
Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, October 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, canceled due to the Indigenous People's Day Holiday;  
Jay Senior Housing, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am. – 11:30 am.;  
Chewey, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;  
Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;  
Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;  
Oaks Family Support Center, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;  
Houston Johnson Heights, Warner, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm.;  
Lost City, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3:00 pm.;  
Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm. – 4:00 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:** Community Services/ Dept. of Trans. **Month/Year of Report:** November 2019

**Executive Director:** Michael Lynn **Phone:** 918-453-5248 **E-mail:** Michael-Lynn@cherokee.org

**Comments:**

**ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Dahlenegah South – Received Right of Entry on all CN Trust and restricted land parcels. Utility easements will be staked so that relocation plans may be finalized.
2. Malloy Hollow – Right of Way is in the appraisal and right of way staking phase.
3. Bell School South Bridge – A Pre-Bid was held October 8, 2019 at 10:00 am with 17 potential contractors and sub-contractors. The bid Opening will be on October 29, 2019 at 10:00 am.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Construction of Phase I is -31% complete. The contractor is clearing and grubbing, excavating, placing cross drains, hauling borrow pit material, and working on the bridge pier caps. The fencing crew is working onsite.
2. Ross Street-Final payment has been made and a ribbon cutting was held October 16, 2019. The final construction cost is \$2,768,241.87.

**CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. NS4340 White Oak Road – The utility relocation is complete. Bid documents are ready for fall bid letting.

**SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Dwight Mission Road – The utility relocations are underway. Road construction is set to start on January 6, 2020 and the pre-work meeting is scheduled for December. A day has not be determined as of yet.

**CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

Cherokee Nation was awarded \$281,250 through an FTA competitive grant. This grant along with Tribal matching will purchase 5 American Disability Act (ADA) compliant vans. Three of these new vans will replace aging vehicles that have exceeded their useful life and two will be new additions.

Ridership on all routes for the month of September 2019 were:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 156 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 576 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 30 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 148 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 142 rides
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 124 rides

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7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 132 rides
  8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 304 rides
  9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 81 rides
  10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,920
- Total Rides: 8,613

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Ross Street located in the City of Tahlequah



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Housing Authority Month/Year of Report: November, 2019  
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 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.

Nathan Kirk, mother is Jennifer Kirk of CN Tribal Council Office  
Cenia Hayes, mother is Sharon Hayes of CN Human Services  
Tavor Hammer, grandmother is Cora Hammer of HACN  
Chayton Hall, sister is Neeley Hobbs of HACN  
Amber Starr, employee of HACN  
Alexandrea Berry, father is Vann Berry of CN ICW

**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.

Brenda Phillips, niece is Shellie Shankle of HACN



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## **Announcements**

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

- Nov 14 November Regular BOC Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 6 December Regular BOC Meeting at 10:45 a.m. (Choata Center)

### **Office Closures:**

- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 6 Annual HACN Staff Development Day & Christmas Dinner
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Holiday
- Dec 25 Christmas Holiday

### **Other Info:**

- Dec National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)
- 9-10 Annual Legal Symposium

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

**918-456-5482**

**800-837-2869**

**Employee Email is:**

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

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

**Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation  
Month Ending: September, 2019**

**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 Under Mgmt	New Construction Homes Under Mgmt	Title VI / Other Mortgage Programs	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants
Adair	297	141	102	3	10	101	76	19	749	14%
Cherokee	279	181	349	7	31	207	182	62	1,298	24%
Craig	24	51	31	0	5	9	28	2	150	3%
Delaware	197	112	71	1	17	62	111	25	596	11%
McIntosh	13	N/A	1	0	0	3	3	0	20	0%
Maries	151	114	45	0	15	49	58	12	444	8%
Muskogee	80	49	35	0	9	45	57	14	289	5%
Nowata	19	39	12	0	1	11	27	1	110	2%
Ottawa	11	N/A	2	0	3	6	7	4	33	1%
Rogers	78	63	158	4	7	67	41	46	464	9%
Sequoyah	328	N/A	163	5	15	135	140	57	843	16%
Tulsa	30	N/A	89	1	4	25	9	3	161	3%
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**Current Applications:**

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## **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.**

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS  
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Tribal HUD/VASH Case Manager for Cherokee Nation  
1011 Honor Heights Drive  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401  
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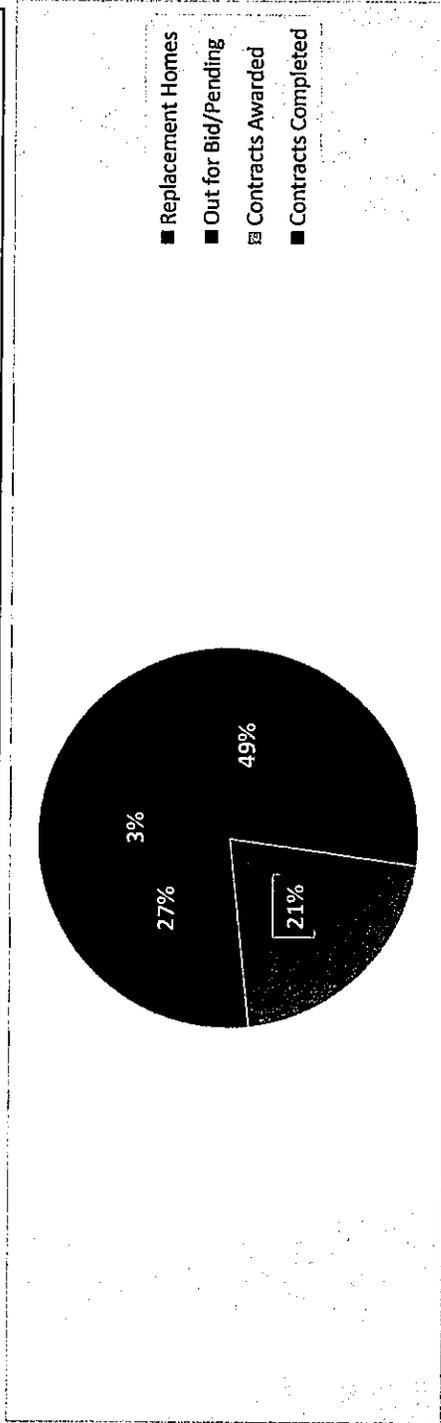
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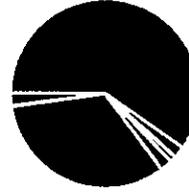
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# Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Replacement Homes	6
Out for Bid/Pending	88
Contracts Awarded	38
Contracts Completed	48



## Rehab



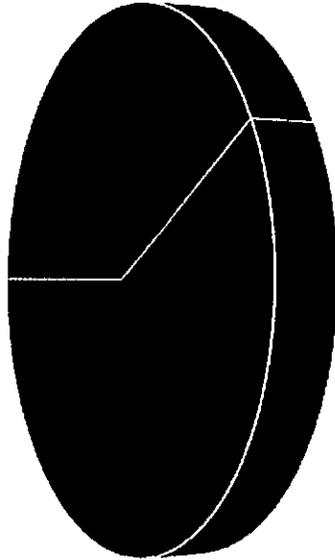
- Emergency
- Replacement
- Weatherization
- Lead Based Paint
- Rehab
- Storm Shelters
- BIA - HIP Program

Classification	Monthly Activity	Year to Date
Emergency	42	447
Rehab	2	15
Replacement	0	8
Storm Shelters	1	15
Weatherization	0	248
BIA - HIP Program	0	1
Lead Based Paint	2	16
<b>All Rehab jobs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>750</b>

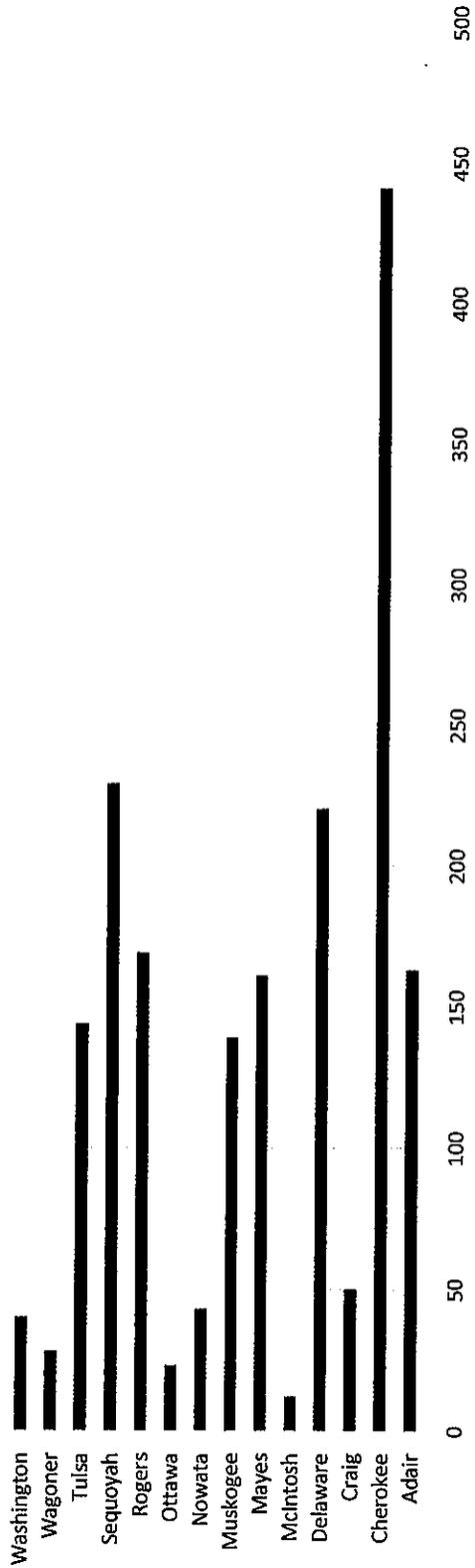
**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Application Data**

**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
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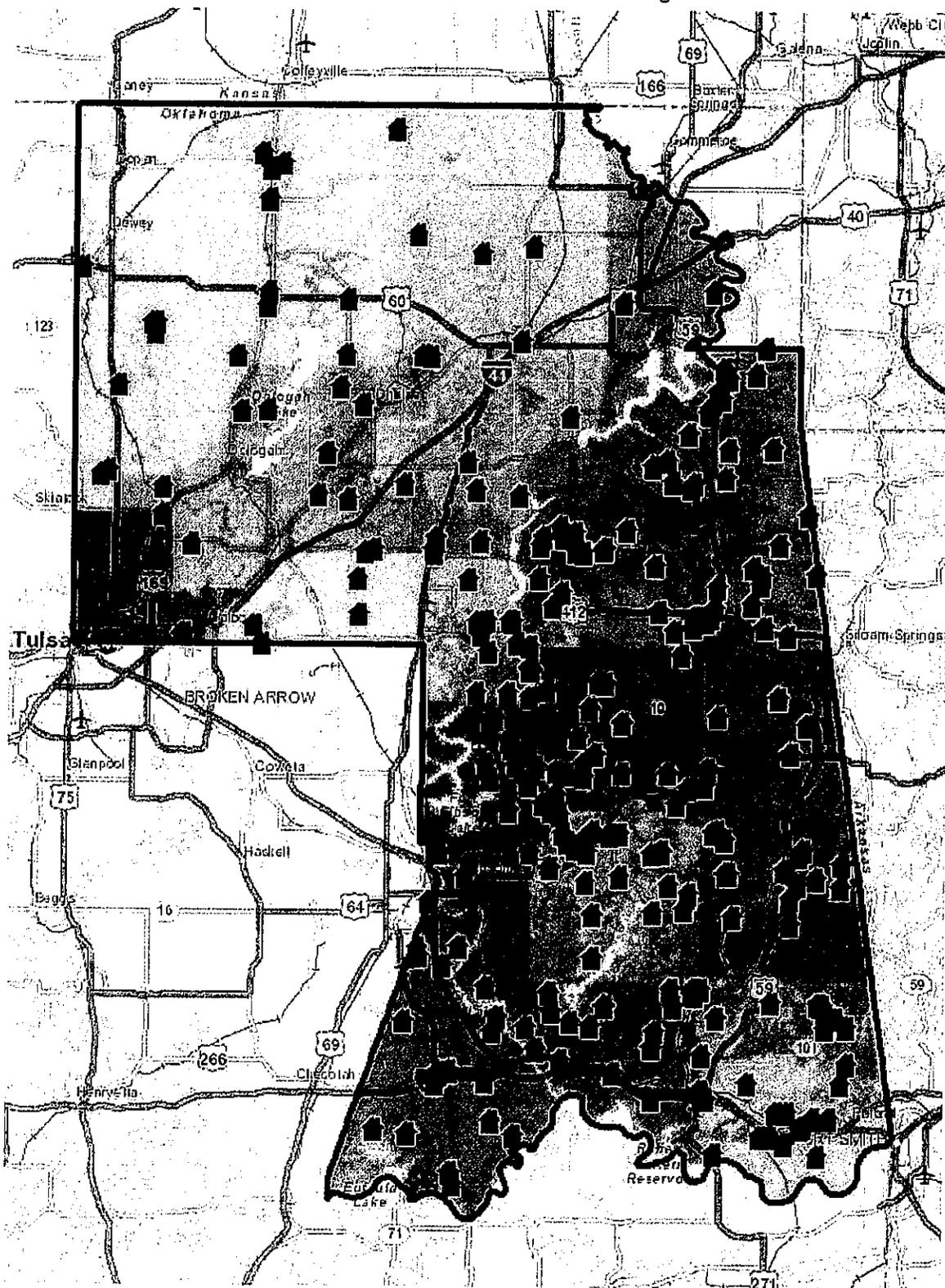


■ Has Land  
■ Without Land



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.*

# Commerce Services

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

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## Asset Building



### Mortgage Assistance Program

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

1 family used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

#### MAP Household Averages

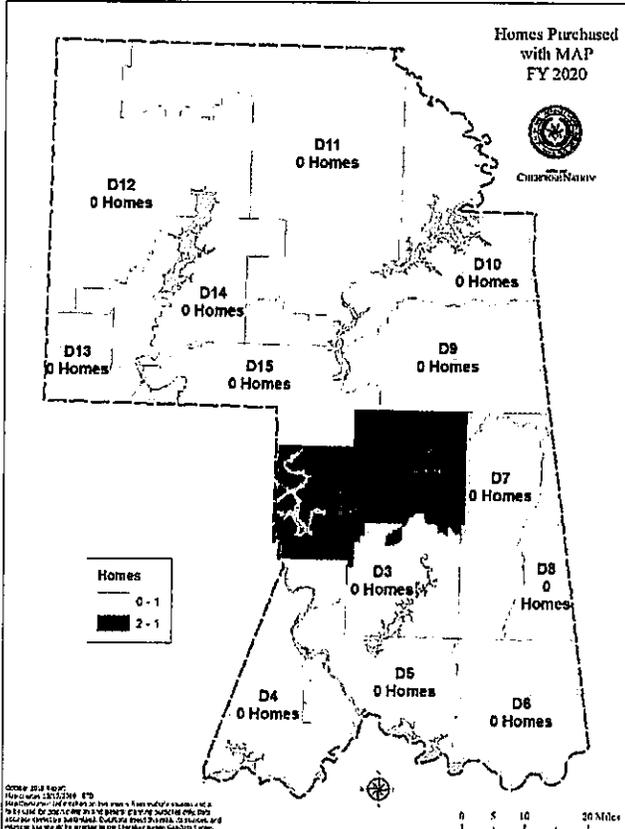
Household Income	\$74,223.50
Home Price	\$139,950.00
Equity Created	4.82%

Since FY2009, **1,799 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

### iSave

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. **130 families** are actively saving in iSave for home rehabilitation.

Matching funds can be used for anything that increases the value of the primary residence, for example, a storm shelter, flooring, fencing, sidewalks, major appliance replacement, roofing, plumbing, etc.



## Financial Empowerment Program

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The **Financial Empowerment Program** is in full swing. This is a three year grant targeted at increasing the self-sufficiency of Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation residents through financial coaching, financial education, and linkage to supportive services such as GED attainment, post- secondary education, access to state and tribal benefits, improving job prospects, and much more. Three counselors are on board to provide services to the 14 county area.

Jill Taylor, located in Tahlequah, 918-456-5482 ext. 1140, [jill-taylor@cherokee.org](mailto:jill-taylor@cherokee.org)

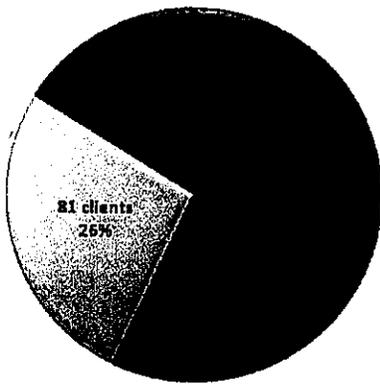
Amy Henry, located in Jay 918-456-5482 ext. 1145, [amy-henry@cherokee.org](mailto:amy-henry@cherokee.org)

Cynthia Young, located in Claremore, 918-456-5482 ext. 1279, [cynthia-young@cherokee.org](mailto:cynthia-young@cherokee.org)

## Financial Counseling

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### 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

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

Since FY07, **942 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

**1 family this year has finished counseling to obtain a non-predatory mortgage.**

**299 families** have participated in financial and credit coaching this year; 271 of them are still actively pursuing their goals.

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### Financial Counseling Impact

Debt to Income with Mortgage	21.60%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5.50%

**59 consumer loans totaling \$64,378.69** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of October 15th. Self Sufficiency staff members are currently working with **1 family facing foreclosure**.

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **14 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, **28 people have attended community and work based financial education classes**.

### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

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The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides free tax preparation and filing services for families in Cherokee Nation.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Returns Prepared/Filed</b>	<b>\$ Amount of Tax Refunds Received</b>
2019	1,966	\$2.5 M
2018	1,589	\$2.3 M
2017	1,609	\$2.4 M
2016	1,799	\$2.2 M
2015	1,652	\$1.9 M
2014	1,270	\$2.1 M
2013	1,577	\$2.0 M
2012	1,553	\$2.2 M
2011	2,681	\$3.6 M
2010	2,118	\$2.7 M

### **The more you know:**

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In one of the latest tactics used by con artists, a caller or mailer threatens to suspend or cancel an individual's social security number because of overdue taxes. A legitimate government agency will never threaten to cancel or suspend your social security number. If this kind of threat is made, or any threats related to arrest, or requests for payment in a specific method (gift card, prepaid debit card, wire transfer), immediately discontinue the communication.

Assistance can be provided by Cherokee Nation Commerce Services staff. Contact us at 918-453-5536.

## Training Schedule

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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			
November 1	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 6	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
November 8	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 2	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 3	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 4	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
December 16	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training

*The Mortgage Assistance Program helped me learn how to manage my money, make sure I was able to make a house payment each month and increased my credit score.*

*T. Holloway, MAP Recipient,  
Cherokee County*



# Community Report for **October 2019** Kevin Stretch – Interim Director

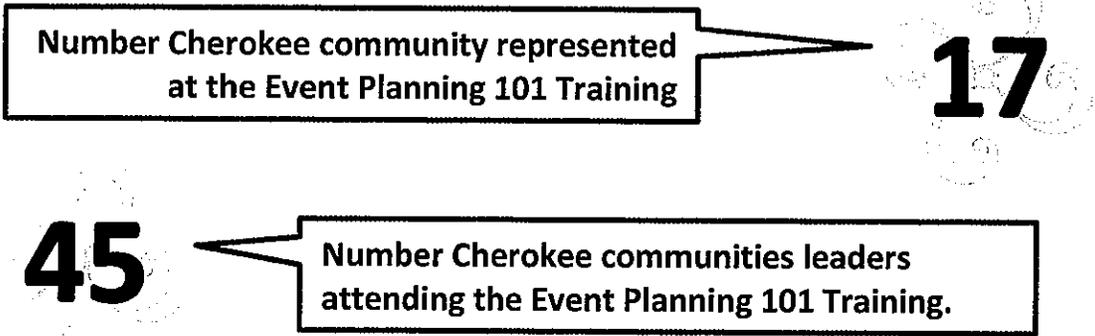
The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program staff for the month of October 2019. With the beginning of a new fiscal year, the CCO Program began its reorganization. Tammy Miller remains as the manager of Administrative Operations. However, Community Organization Training and Technical Assistance, Community Work/Building and the Volunteer programs now report to Brad Wagnon. At the end of October, we also lost one of our Technical Assistance Specialists, Kenlea Henson to another Cherokee Nation department. We wish all these great people good luck in their new positions.



## Community Organization Training & Technical Assistance

### Capacity Building in October

The Leadership Training hosted by COTTA centered on planning community events. The training was led by staff member Kenlea Henson.



On October 12<sup>th</sup> COTTA staff hosted community organization at a 1 on 1 Grant writing workshop. Community Organization could bring their COTTA Capacity Building Grant ideas to the workshop and receive help in transforming their ideas into a grant application.



## Organization requesting Technical Assistance

Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County (D7&8)	Indian Women's Pocahontas Club
Cherokee Black Indian Hist Preserv (D1)	Marble City Activity Organization
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	Oaks Senior Center
Cherokee Historical Society (D1)	Potluck Society
Comfort Closet*	Safe House Foundation*
Community Betterment League	Southern Cherokee Helpers (D4)
Evening Shade Community Resource Org	Stilwell Public Library Friends (D7&8)
Fairfield Comm Org (D7&8)	Tailholt
Family Support Center of Oaks	Victory Cherokee Org
Friends of the Hulbert Library	Washington County Cherokee Asso (D12)
Greasy Community Fellowship (D7)	White Oak Community (D11)
Illimois River Area Community Org (D2)	

(D) Council District, \* New organization to the COTTA Program

**23**

Number Cherokee community organization requesting assistance in October

Number hours of technical assistance received by Cherokee community leaders in October

**166**

**VP**

### Volunteer Program

In October the Volunteer Program hosted the Missouri Methodist Missions group. This group consists of older men with building trades skills and their wives from across Missouri. They worked three days and completed three large handicap ramp projects for our disabled citizens. The women of the group brought with them hundreds of hand crocheted infant, child and elder blankets, hats and socks. These they delivered to Hastings Hospital Neonatal unit, Indian Child Welfare and our Elder Care facility.

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Number of Volunteers

512

Number of hours worked

Major projects completed

8

The Cemetery Preservation/Restoration program wrapped up its annual funding with the start of October. During fiscal year 2019, we were able to assist 90 Cherokee cemeteries within the TJSA. We would like to thank the Council for providing this funding.

