

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

April 2017

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## HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	274
Number of Vacancies	19
Number of Volunteers	39

### Human Services Announcements:

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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Director - Jennifer Kirby

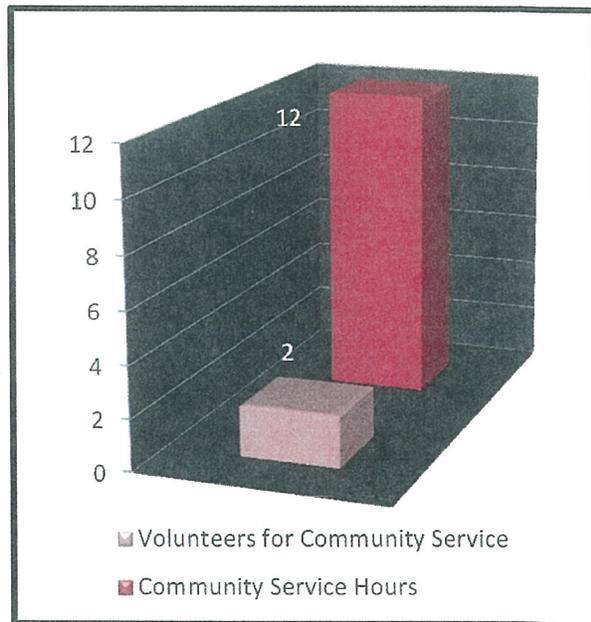
Number of Employees	30
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

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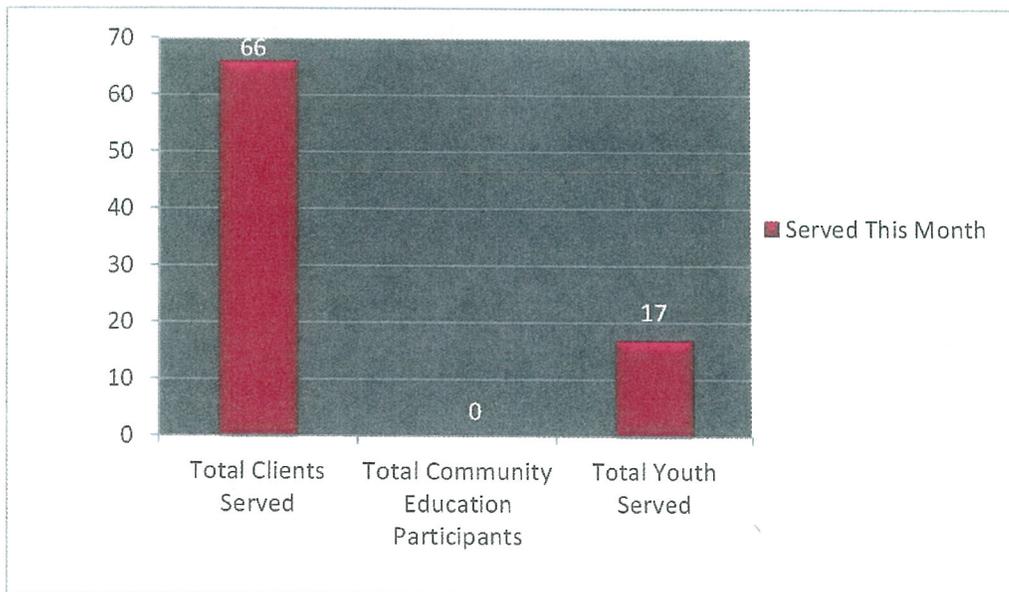
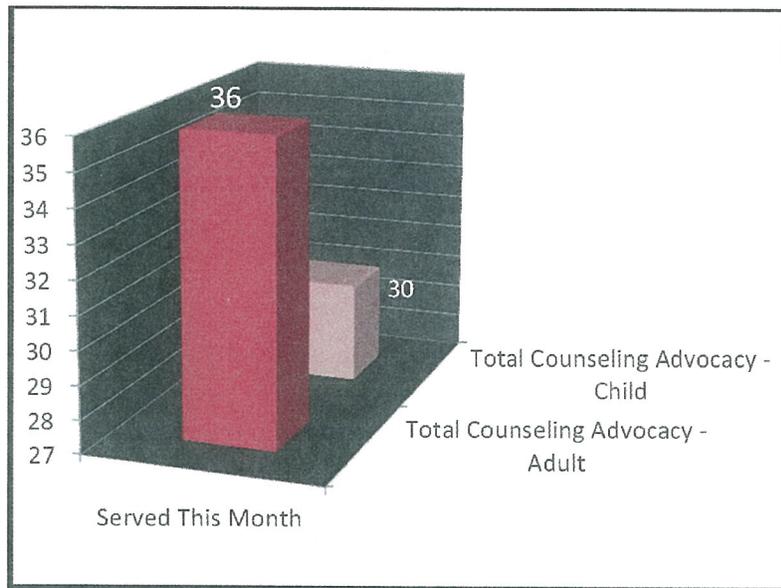
Young people served	10
Admissions	7



## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Youth Services :

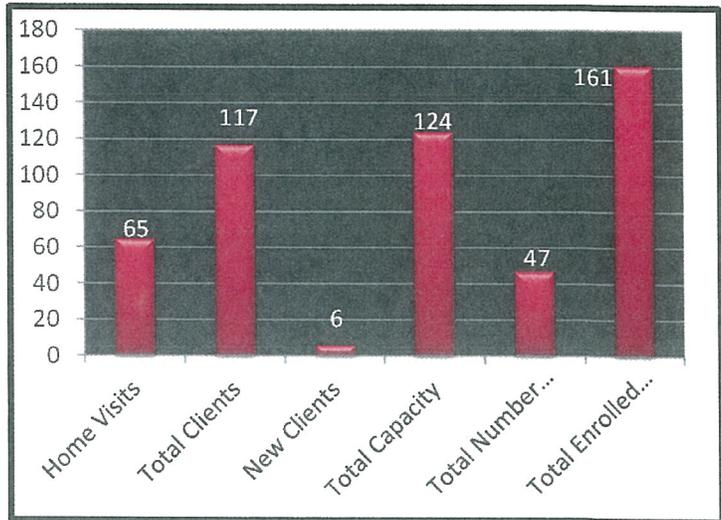
**Total Community Events & Presentations**      **0**



## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	117
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### Veteran's Center :

Calls for information	51
In Person Visits	146
Transportation	6
other services- home visits	0



## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

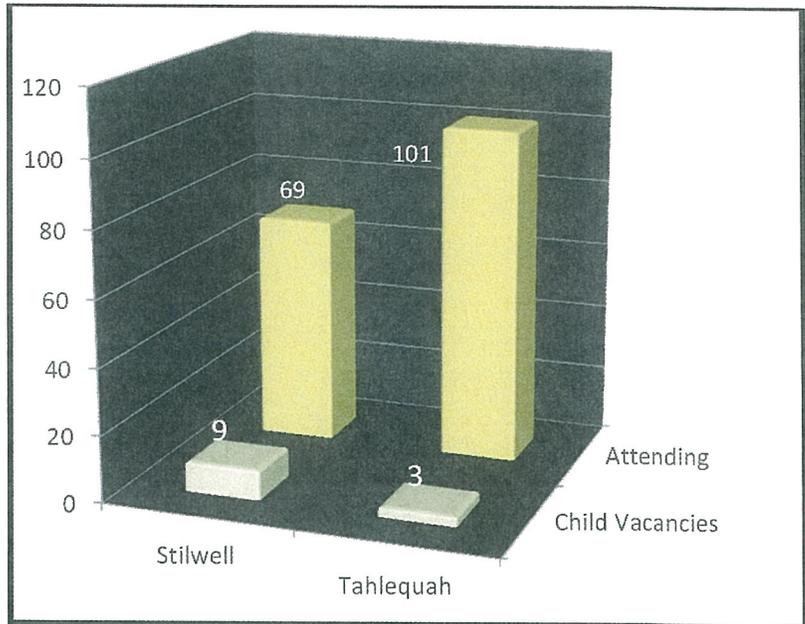
Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	109
Number of Vacancies	9
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Has 9 children vacancies with current staff. We have 3 staff openings. Every child was administered their developmental assessment. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for May 1-5, 2017. The week of the Young Child was celebrated April 24-28. A variety of activities was held.
- Tahlequah - Has 3 children vacancies at this time with current staff. We have 1 vacant positions. Center had an Easter Egg Hunt, Dirt Cups with Grands, St. Jude's Trike Athon, and Blood Drive.
- Subsidy - Updating all policies and the new software system has been fully implmented. We have added a job duty to a current staff member to assist with monthly billing forms.
- Resource & Referral - Staff members attended the following conferences, meetings, or events: JOM Conference, CASA Rally in Tahlequah and Ketchum, Native American Meeting, OSU Ext. planning meeting for training, Walk A Mile event, OCCRRA Day at the Capitol, TELI meeting, and Infant/Toddler Conference. We worked on updating the website and delivered plant to providers.
- Licensing - Staff members attended the NICCA Meeting, Infant/Toddler Conference, Rogers County Coalition, and Learn to Grow.



### Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,535
Amount Distributed	\$ 425,172.78

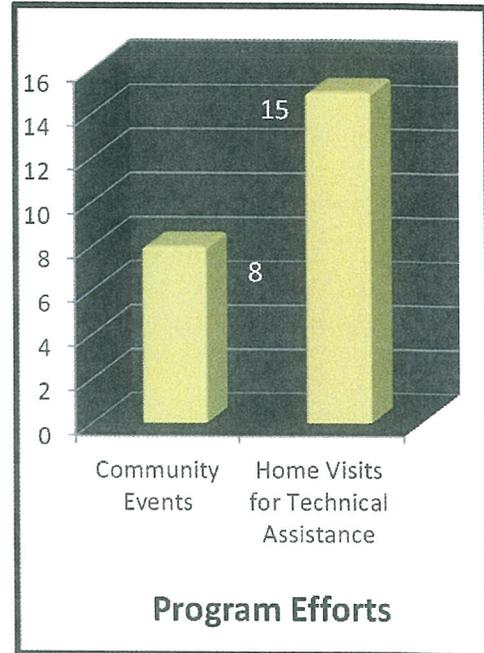
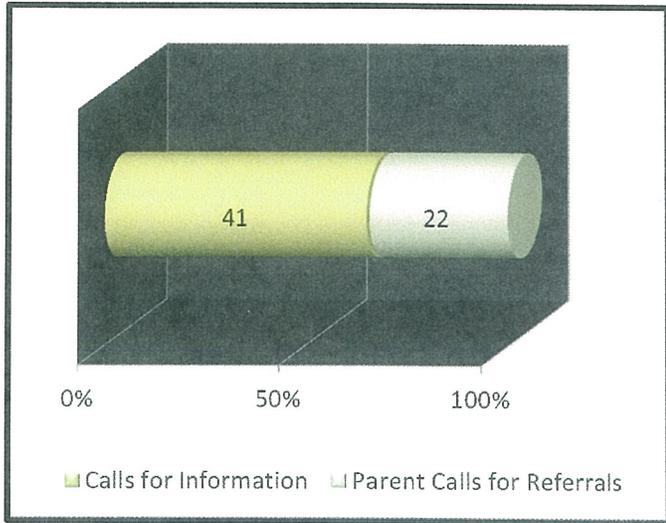

Average Distribution Per Child	\$ 276.99
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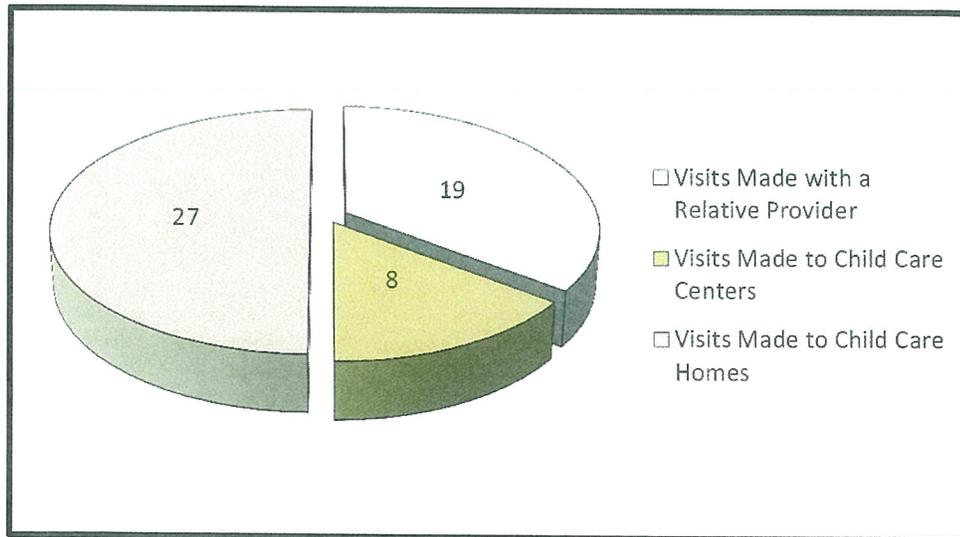
## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	2
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### Licensing & Monitoring :



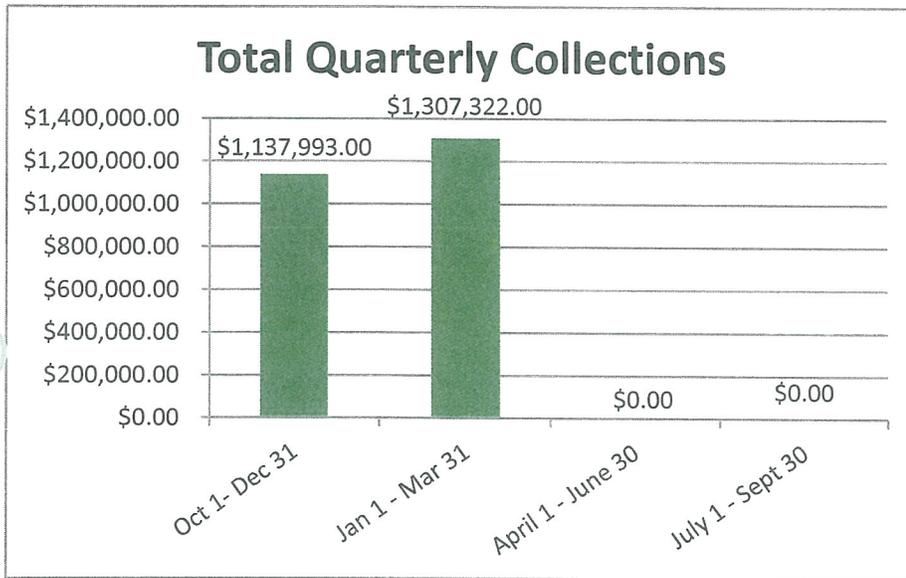
## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

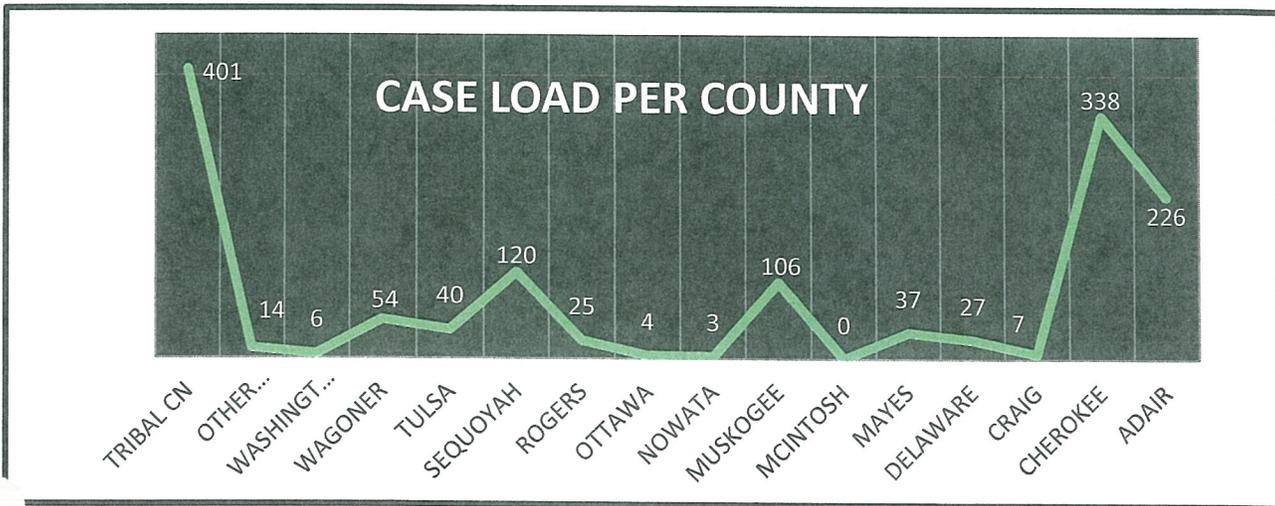
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

April Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 248,289.00
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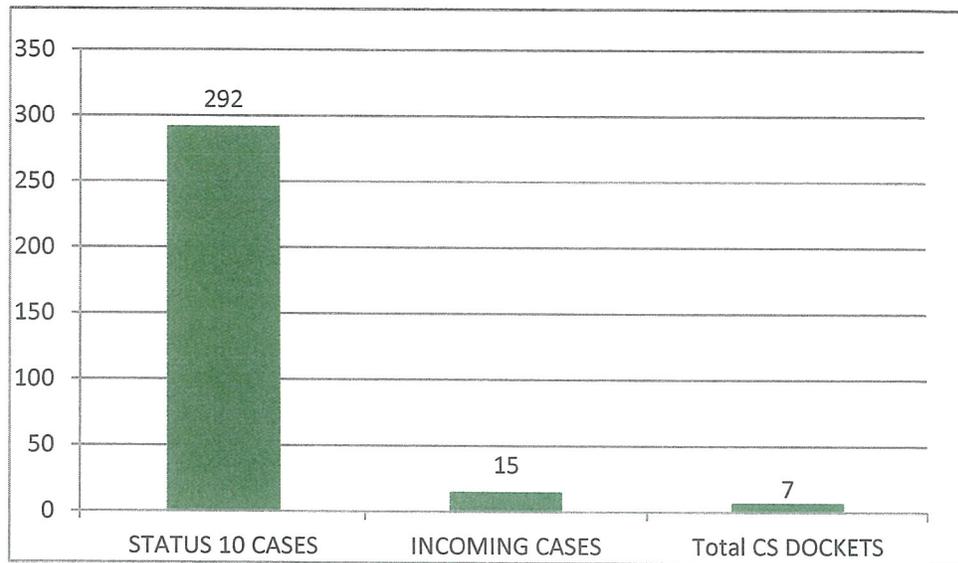
Total Client Contacts	1,877
Total Court Hearings	64
Total Active Efforts Case	722
Total Case Assessments for Service	12
Total Applications Distributed	39



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



## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support Services has been busy acclimating to the new database system. The offices payment center has seen an increase in total checks distributed by CN due to the database change. Previously, employers would send just as many payments to the state of OK, but now they are being redirected to sending them to our center. This hopefully should assist with expediency of payments in the near future. The program is still in the process of interviewing for two new positions- one will be in the Pryor Human Services field office and the other one will be in the Tahlequah main office.



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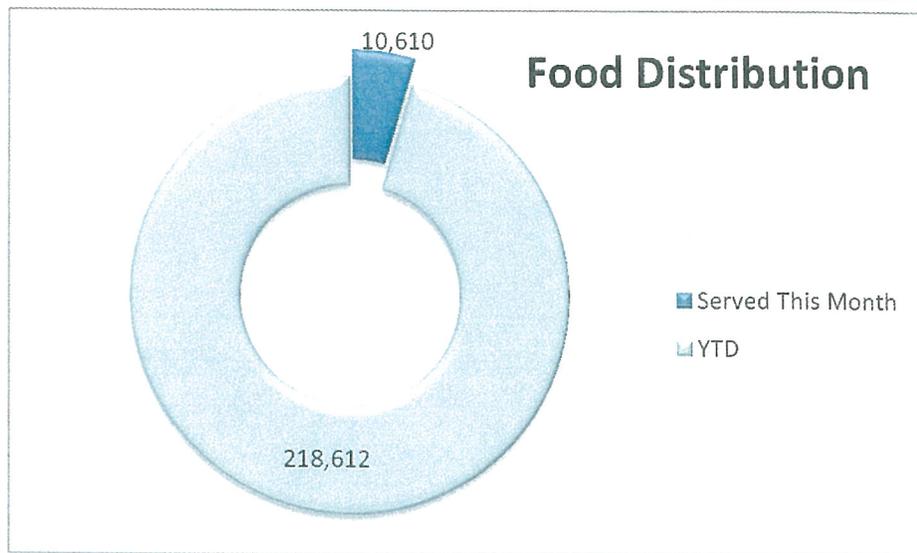
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

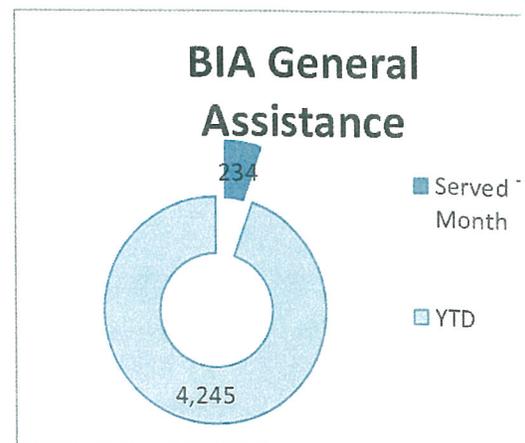
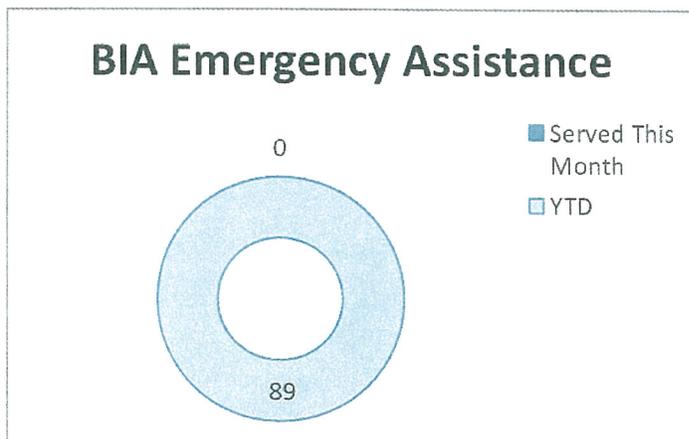
Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	39

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

### Food Distribution :

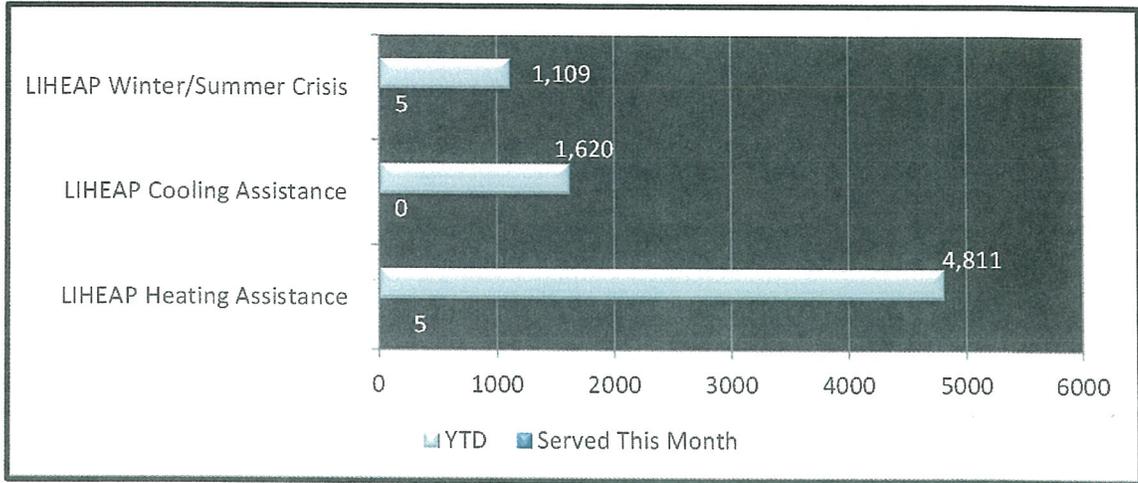


### BIA Social Services :



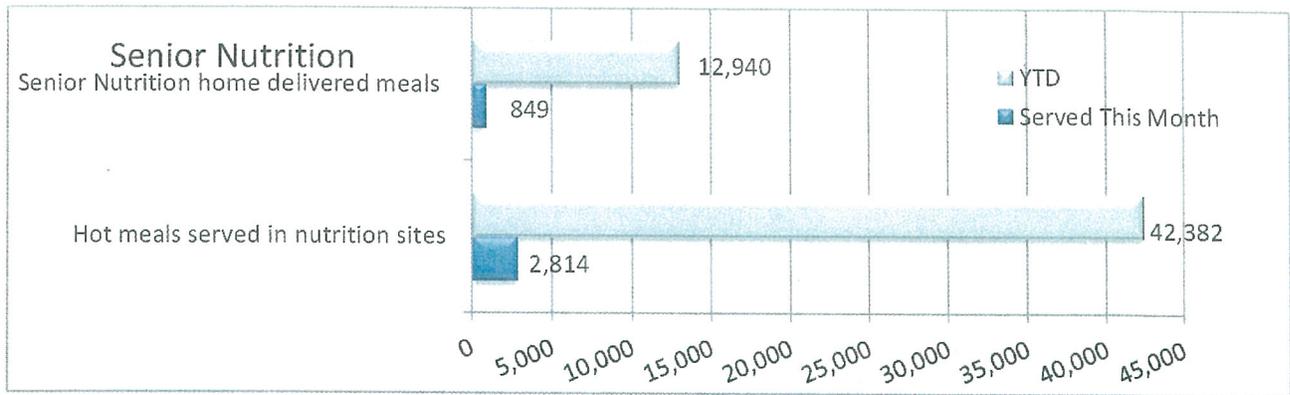
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### LIHEAP:

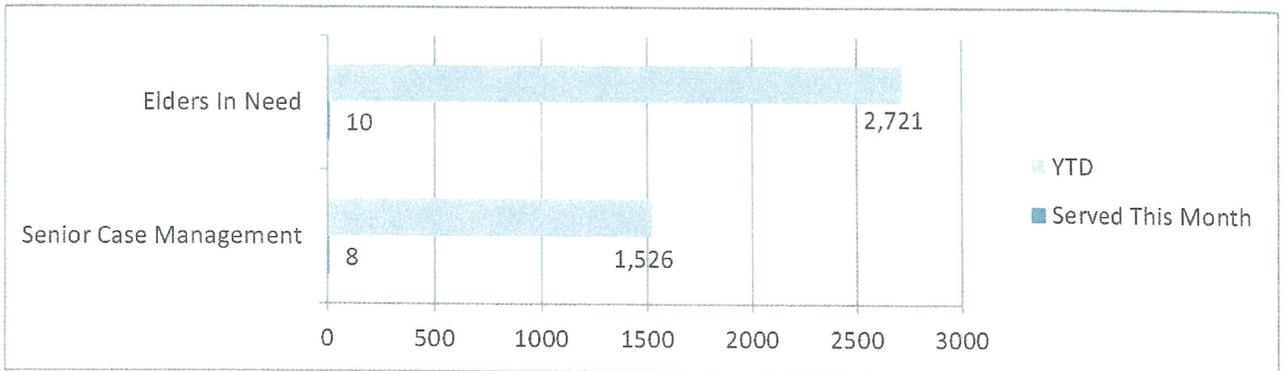


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

### Elder Services :



\*Program starts in April

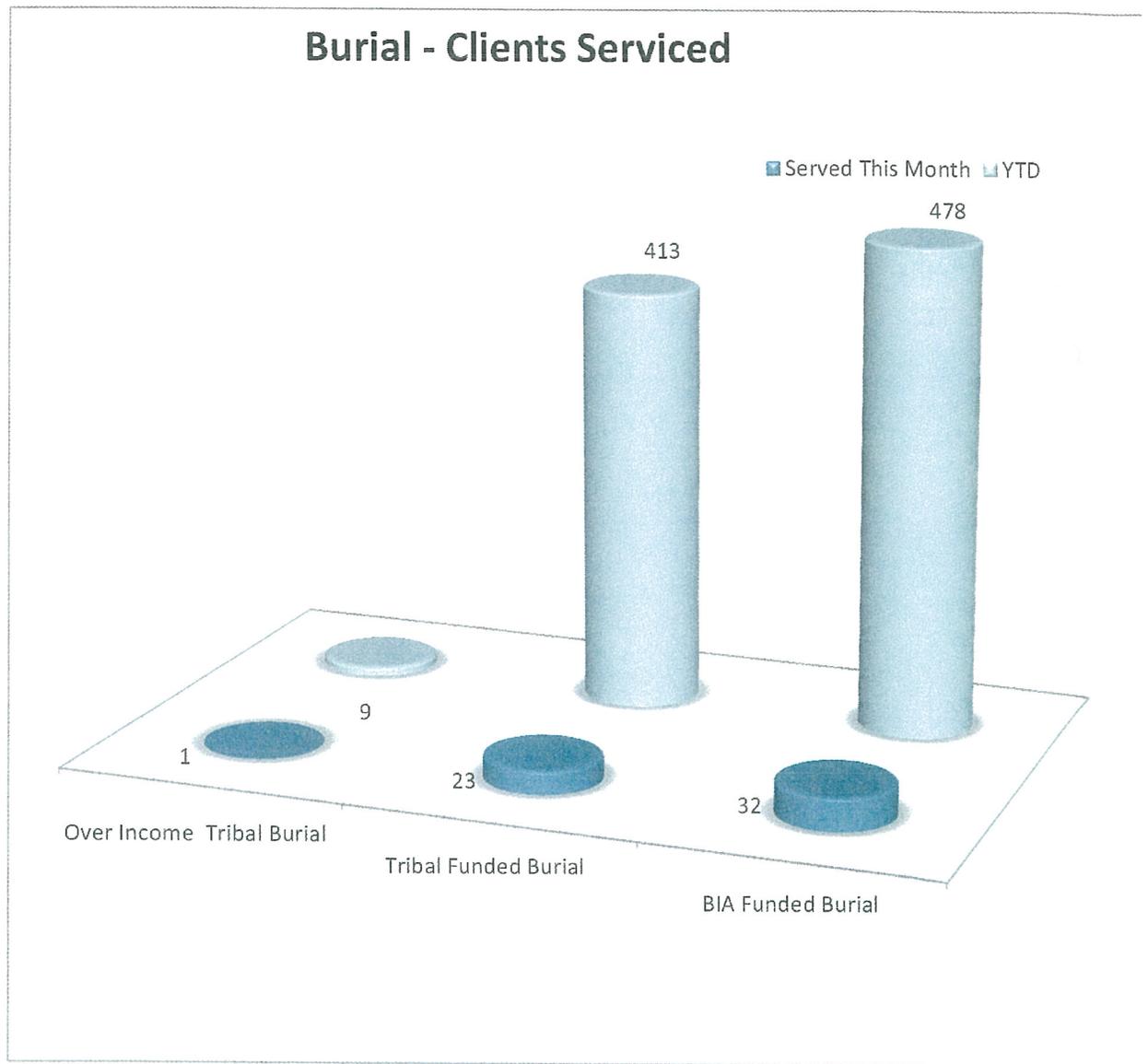


\*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



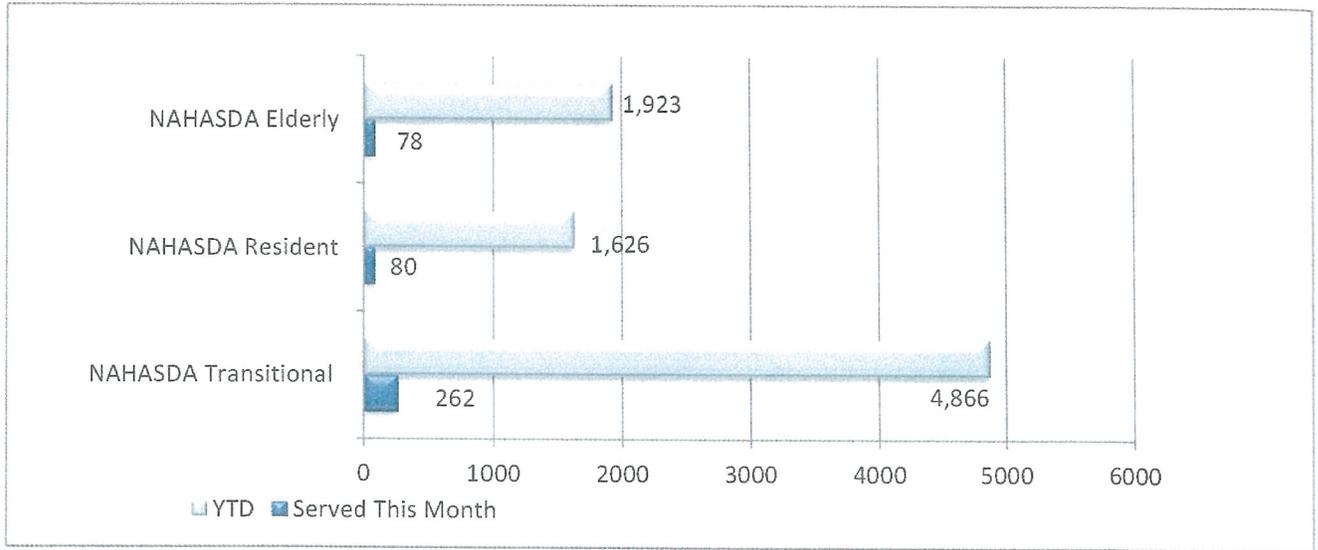
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Burial Assistance :**

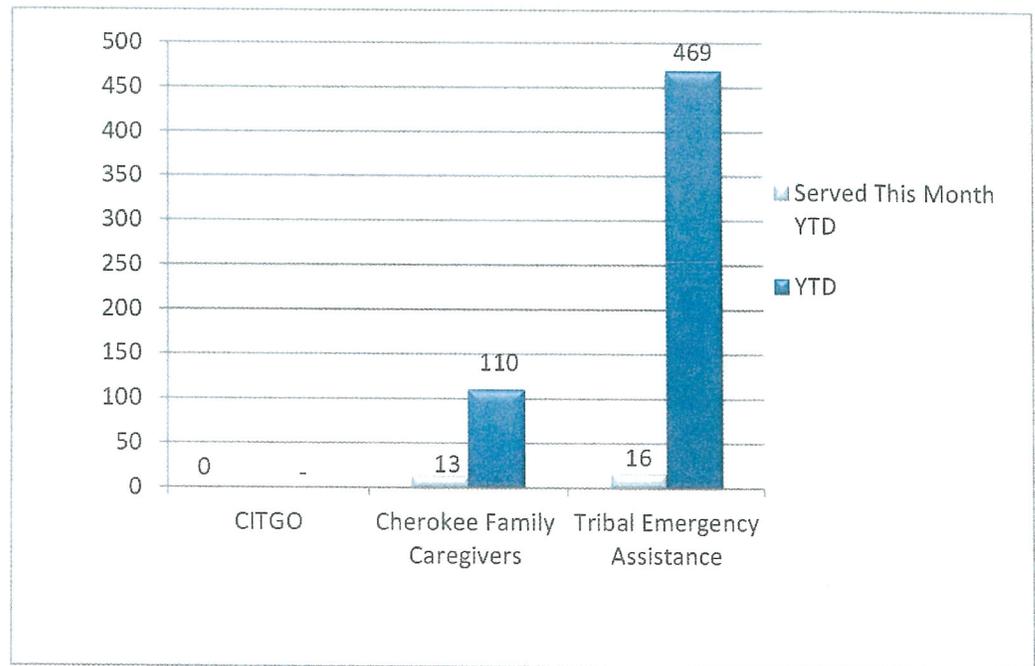


## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### NAHASDA :

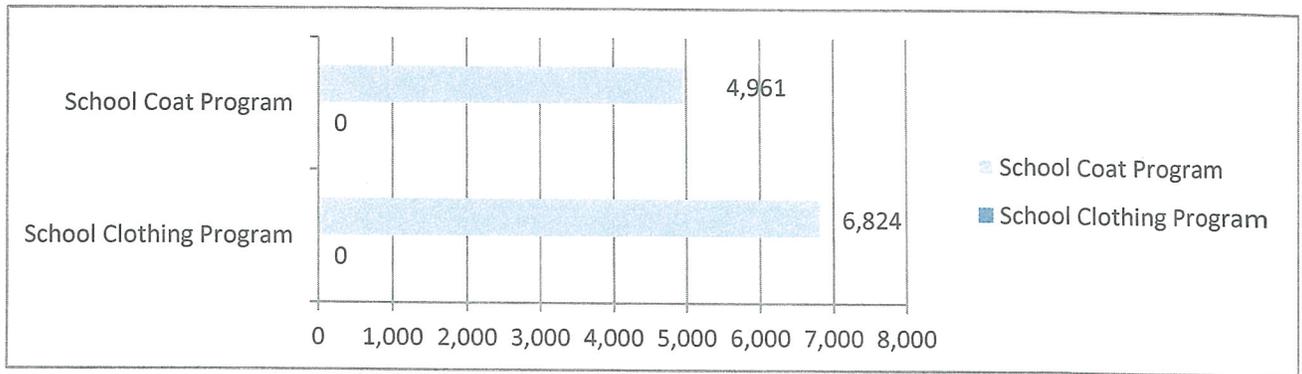


### Family Assistance :



FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



## CHEROKEE FIRST

Deputy Executive Director - Barbara Foreman

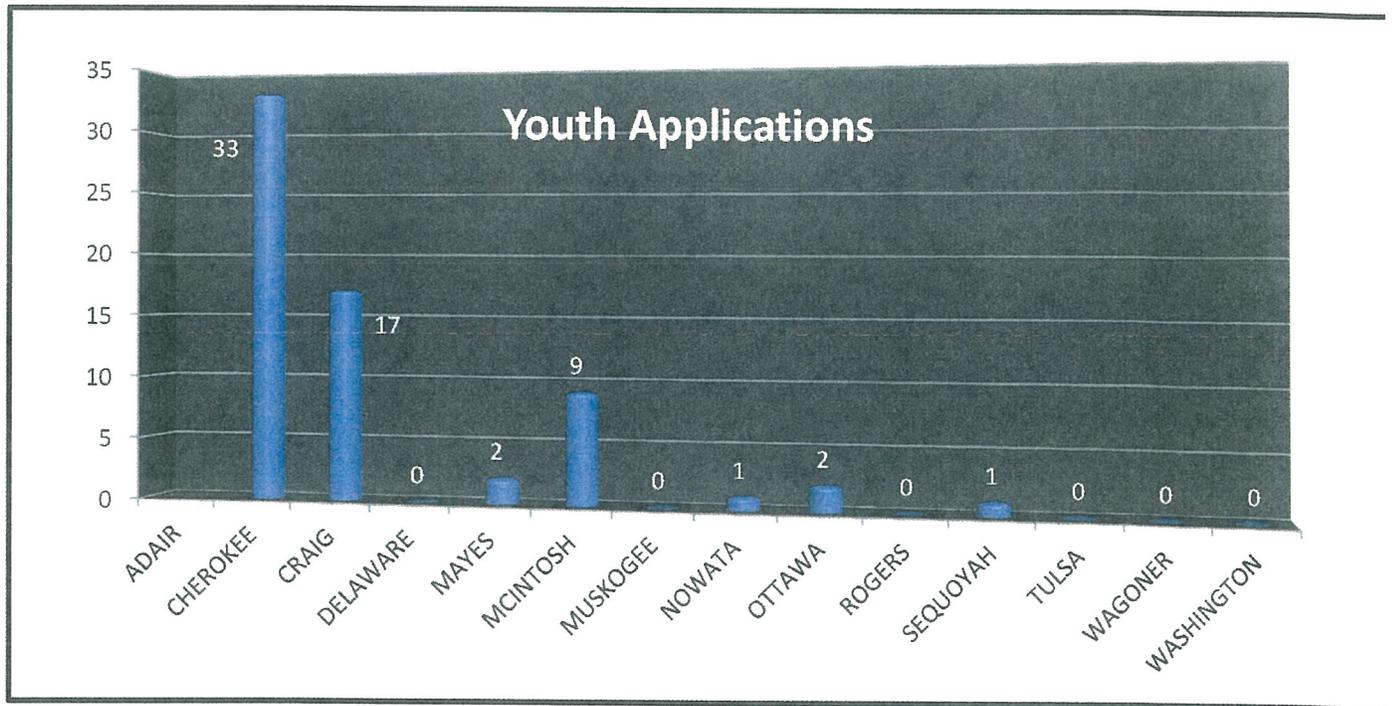
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

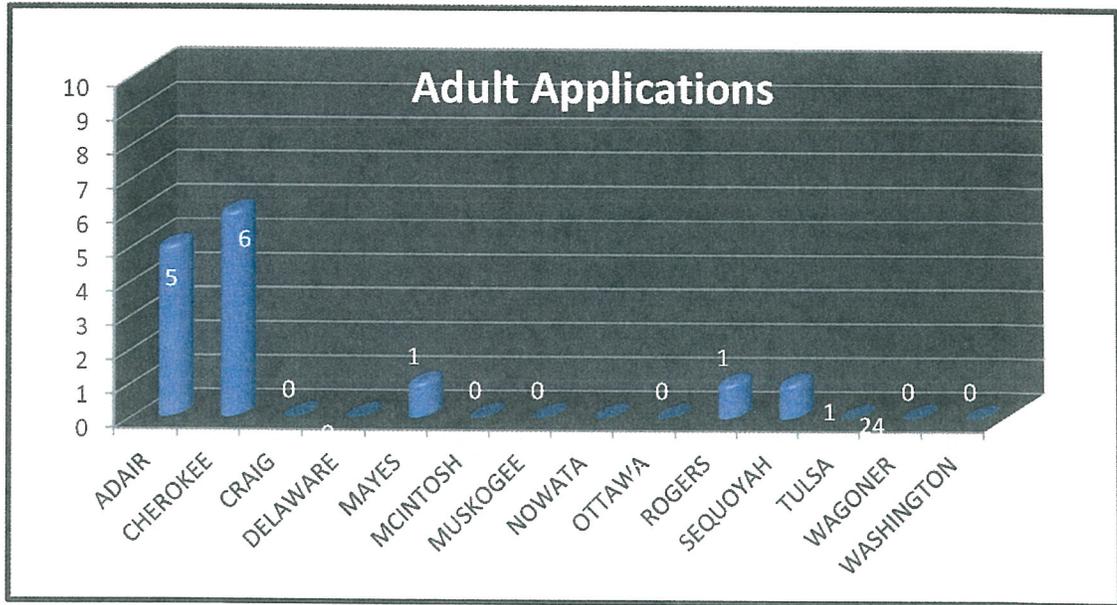
Programs
Reception
Community Youth

### Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,079
Total Applications Taken	79

### Community Youth :





Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	65
Total Adult	14

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

April	\$ 15,800.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Community Services      **Month/Year of Report:** May 2017

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

### I. Budget Highlights

1. Finally received funding from IHS for Housing Support Funds for new and like new homes. Total award \$1,100,000 for 75 homes. CPA signed by Chief Baker and send to IHS for processing.
2. Awaiting funding notification for IHS Regular project funding for existing homes.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

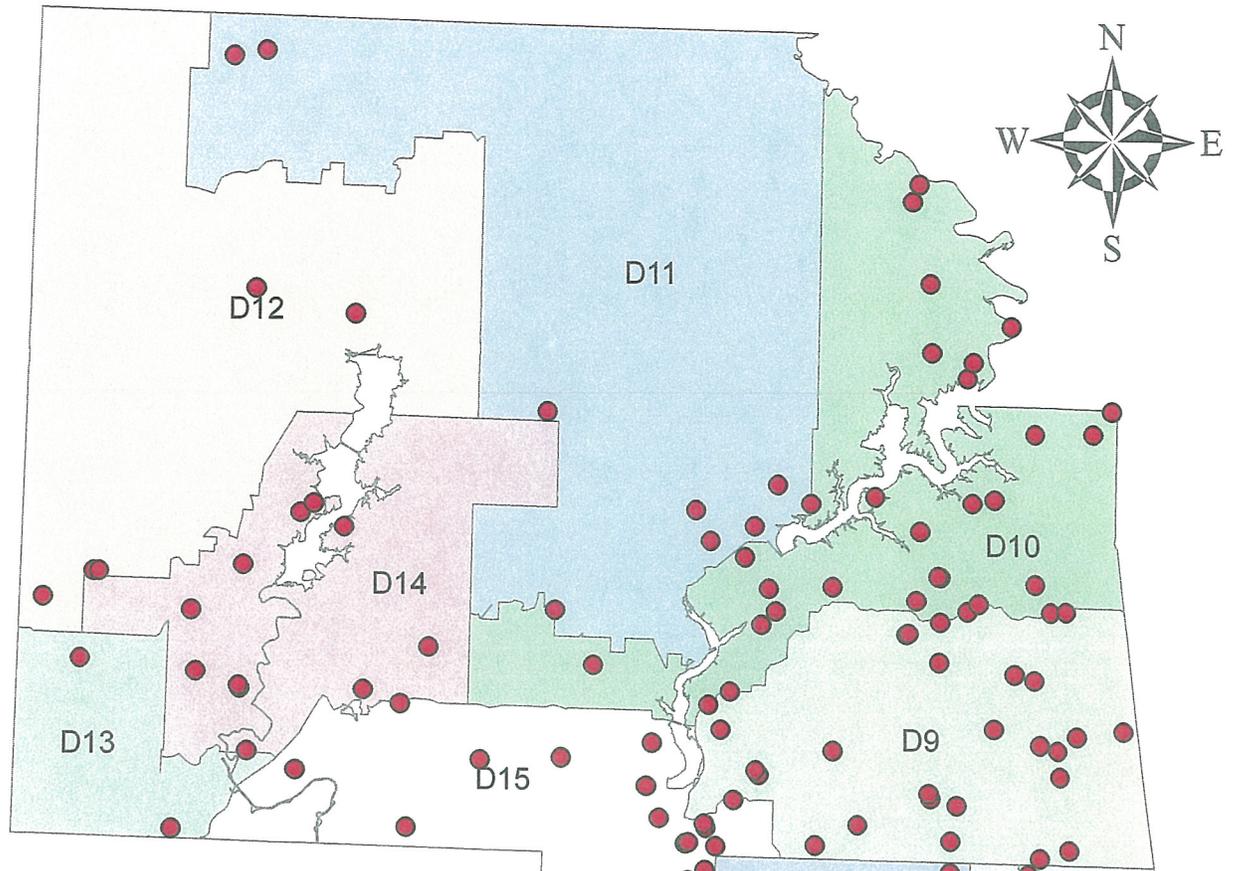
1. Trained 67 food handlers
2. Repaired 14 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 11 sewer and/or water facilities

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Held preconstruction meeting for Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Treatment Plant. Project is being funded by OWRB/DEQ State Revolving Funds, USDA Rural Development, Indian Health Service and Cherokee Nation.
2. Started construction on Osage WL in Mayes Co.
3. Started construction on Lowrey Phase II in Cherokee Co.
4. Attended final inspection for the Gore/Sequoyah 5 connection project
5. Received completed preliminary engineering report for the Snake Creek area in Mayes Co.
6. Prepared MOA's for Muskogee RWD # 7 Improvement project and Mayes Co RWD # 5 Carbide Rd WL Replacement
7. Delaware Co RWD # 11 Phase II is ready to go to bid.

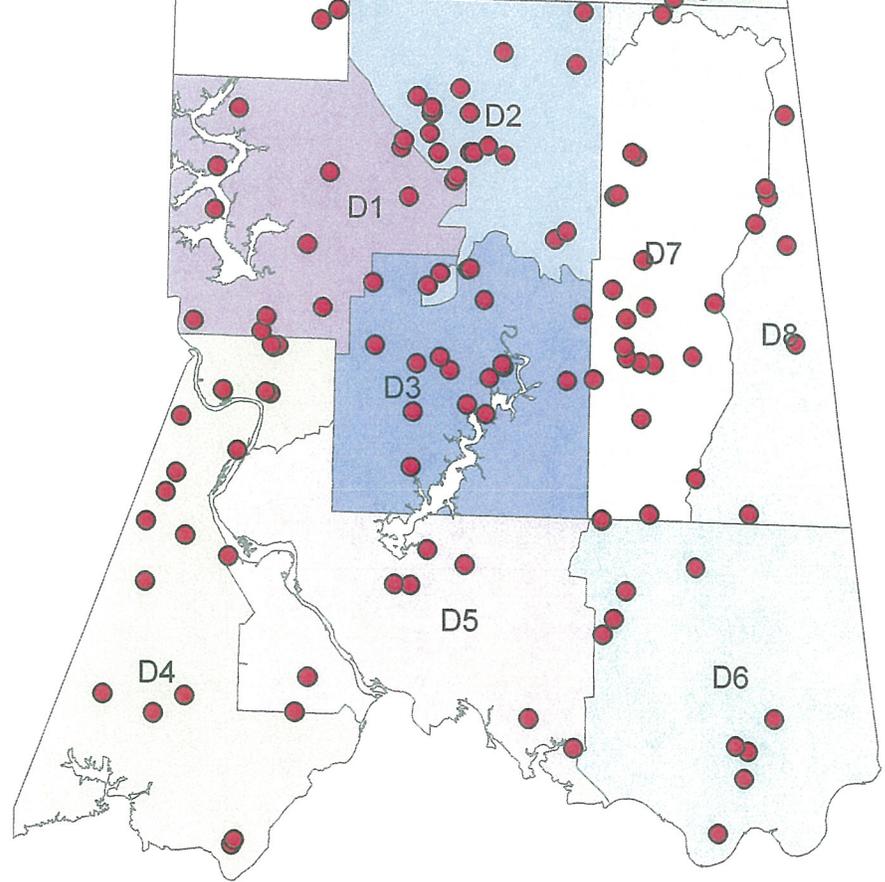
#### c.) Future Plans

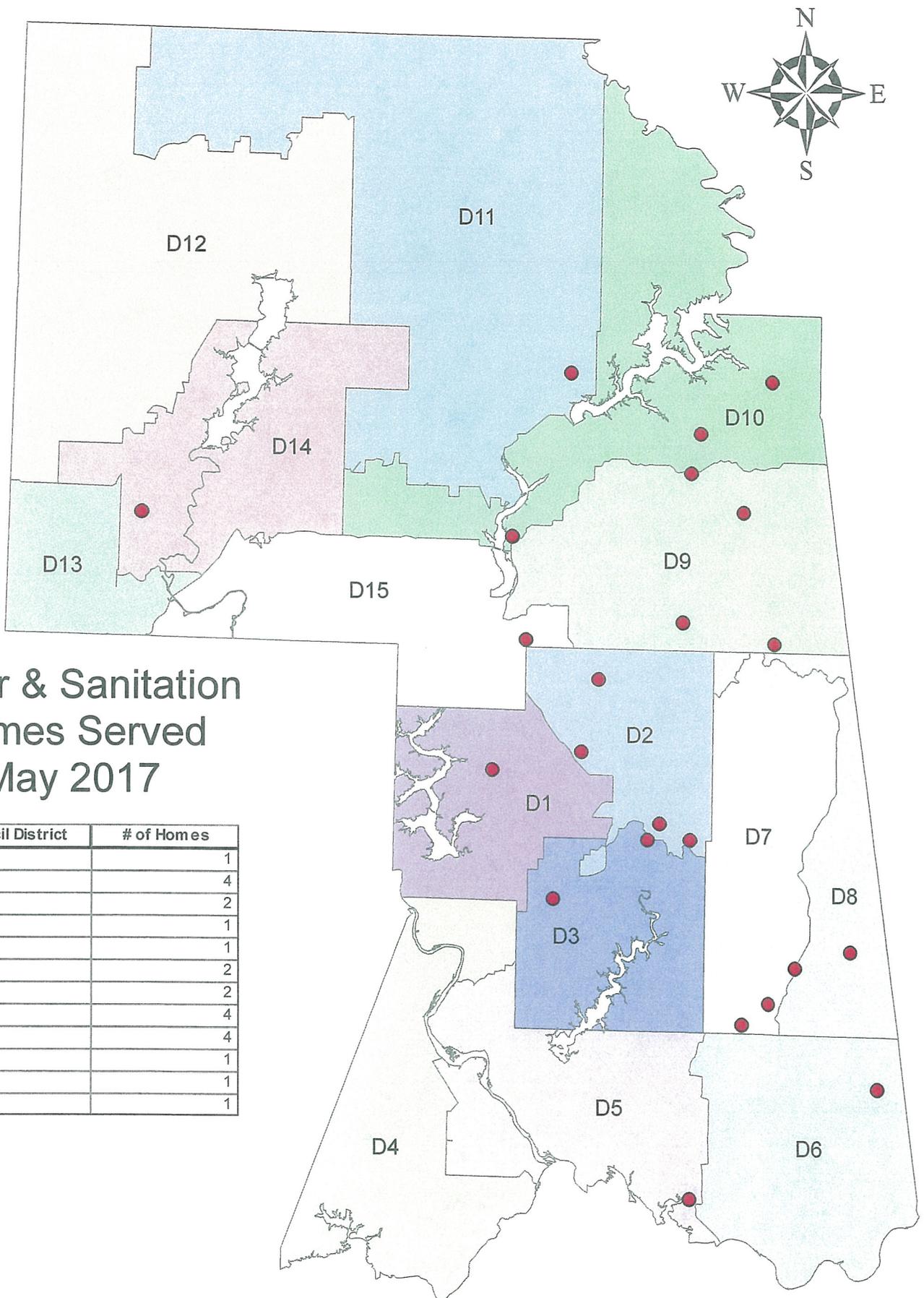
1. Submit Cherokee Mission WL Ext to purchasing for bid solicitation. Project is with Stick Ross Mountain Water Company
2. Prepare FY17 SDS submittal to IHS for FY18 Funding
3. Working with CDC, Public Health Foundation and National Tribal Water Center on sampling for Snake Creek/Iron Post Area.



## Water & Sanitation Open Applications May 2017

Council District	# of Applications
D1	14
D2	19
D3	17
D4	19
D5	9
D6	11
D7	21
D8	6
D9	27
D10	28
D11	8
D12	5
D13	2
D14	11
D15	16





## Water & Sanitation Homes Served May 2017

Council District	# of Homes
D1	1
D2	4
D3	2
D5	1
D6	1
D7	2
D8	2
D9	4
D10	4
D11	1
D14	1
D15	1



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>June, 2017</u>
Executive Director:	<u>Gary J. Cooper</u>	Phone:	<u>918-456-5482</u>
Deputy Director:	<u>Erna Reeves</u>		

**Public Disclosures:**

As required by 24 CFR Part 1000.30, services provided to Cherokee Nation Housing Services Employees and Employee relatives from funds received pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), shall be publicly disclosed.

*The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.*

**LOW RENT APARTMENT:**

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Low Rent Apartment pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

**HOMEOWNERSHIP:**

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Homeownership program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

**RENTAL ASSISTANCE/TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING:**

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for Rental Assistance program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

**NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM: (Non-NAHASDA Program)**

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services for the New Construction Homeownership program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

None to report

**HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The following employee and/or relatives were approved to receive services from the Housing Rehabilitation program pursuant to guidelines set forth in the HACN Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Richard Soldier, uncle to Cheryl Pritchett of HACN



*Keys to a brighter future*

## Announcements

### Board of Commissioners Meeting:

June 20 May Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

### Office Closures:

July 4 Independence Day

### Other Info:

June 27 NAIHC Annual Convention, Nashville, TN

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)

**Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation  
Month Ending: April, 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	491	152	118	8	9	113	59	21	3	974	15%	
Cherokee	592	177	331	7	15	241	131	61	2	1,557	23%	
Craig	42	60	37	0	6	11	11	2	0	169	3%	
Delaware	336	112	99	2	10	75	89	25	5	753	11%	
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	23	0%	
Mayes	233	125	65	2	10	59	36	11	1	542	8%	
Muskogee	132	51	83	4	2	55	42	13	0	382	6%	
Nowata	29	40	26	0	0	10	23	2	0	130	2%	
Ottawa	21	N/A	2	0	3	6	7	4	1	44	1%	
Rogers	150	74	196	4	12	81	31	49	3	600	9%	
Sequoyah	537	N/A	195	23	13	167	103	57	4	1,099	16%	
Tulsa	61	N/A	106	1	5	27	7	4	1	212	3%	
Wagoner	10	N/A	5	0	1	59	3	1	1	80	1%	
Washington	30	43	40	0	0	27	9	3	0	152	2%	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,717</b>	<b>100%</b>	
			1,440			1,490			274			

**Current Applications:**

County	Rehab Programs	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	161	7	39	242	233	157	9%	839	13%
Cherokee	161	1	43	352	675	427	23%	1,659	25%
Craig	47	3	1	23	48	56	3%	178	3%
Delaware	163	26	15	110	156	216	12%	686	10%
McIntosh	10	0	2	N/A	4	12	1%	28	0%
Mayes	122	12	19	66	161	160	9%	540	8%
Muskogee	73	25	4	33	86	141	8%	362	5%
Nowata	36	5	1	44	24	41	2%	151	2%
Ottawa	12	2	1	N/A	15	25	1%	55	1%
Rogers	64	25	4	14	320	166	9%	593	9%
Sequoyah	182	24	25	N/A	256	231	13%	718	11%
Tulsa	72	24	5	N/A	292	144	8%	537	8%
Wagoner	18	1	3	N/A	24	28	2%	74	1%
Washington	47	21	1	96	73	40	2%	278	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,698</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Housing Rehab programs transferred to HACN on March 7, 2016.*

**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Development Files Processing**

Month of:  
April, 2017

County	Waiting List	Applications		Processing							Construction		Land Development	In Processing	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	99	0	0	5	0	0	4	8	8	21	59	0	25	21	59	
Cherokee	335	0	0	4	2	0	4	3	24	50	131	0	37	50	131	
Craig	44	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	5	11	0	6	5	11	
Delaware	155	0	2	6	0	0	1	3	24	15	89	2	34	15	89	
McIntosh	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	2	3	
Mayes	118	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	9	17	36	0	14	17	36	
Muskogee	117	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	16	42	1	6	16	42	
Nowata	34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	23	0	3	3	23	
Ottawa	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	7	
Rogers	153	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	31	2	3	5	31	
Sequoyah	170	0	5	8	0	0	2	1	19	24	103	5	30	24	103	
Tulsa	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	0	2	1	7	
Wagoner	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	3	2	3	
Washington	36	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	4	0	9	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>554</b>	
			<b>10</b>				<b>168</b>				<b>716</b>					

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

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

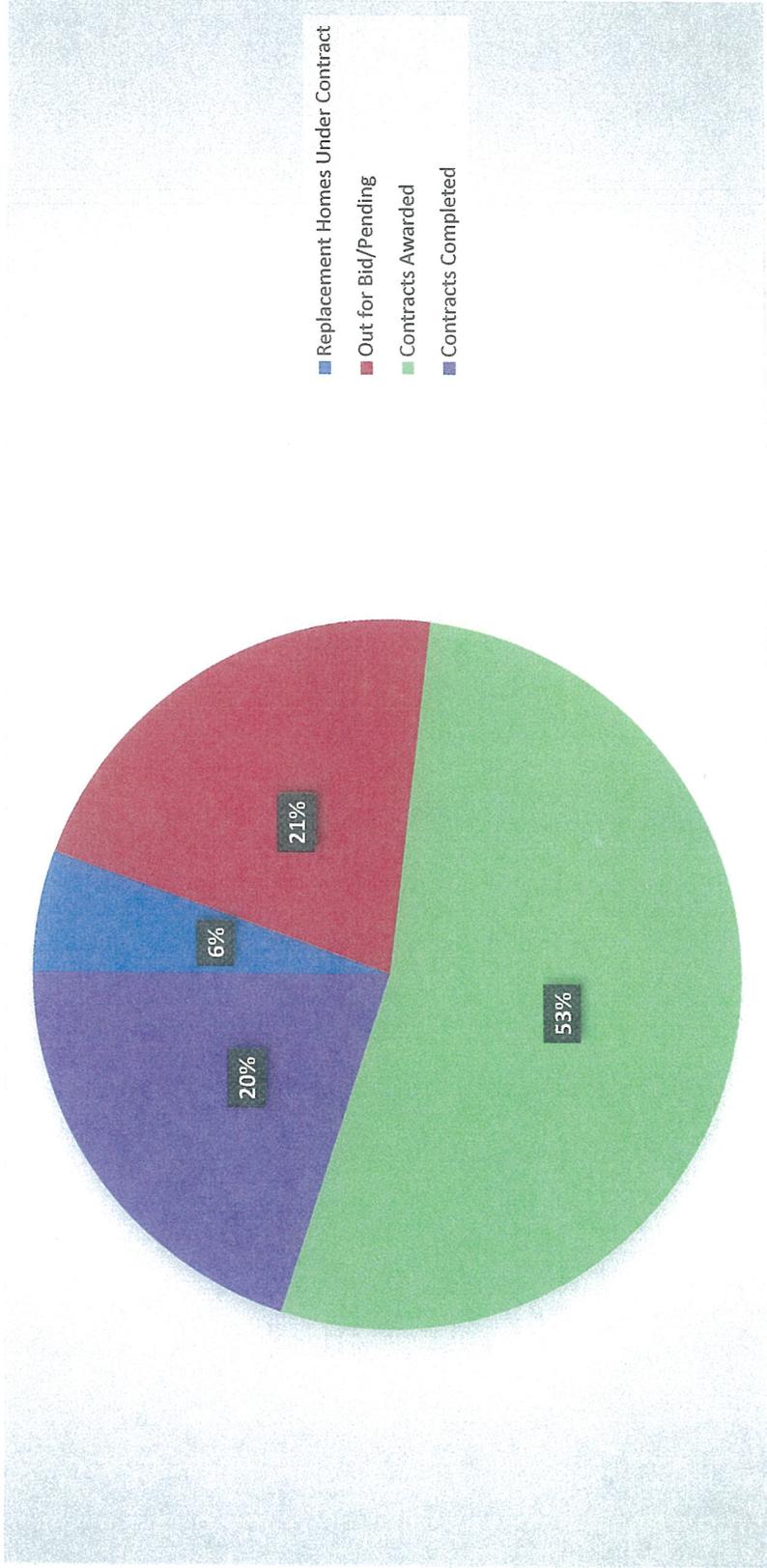
**STAGE III:**  
Order/Receive Survey  
Order/Receive Perc Test  
Receive Utility Assurance  
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Month Ending:  
April, 2017

## Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

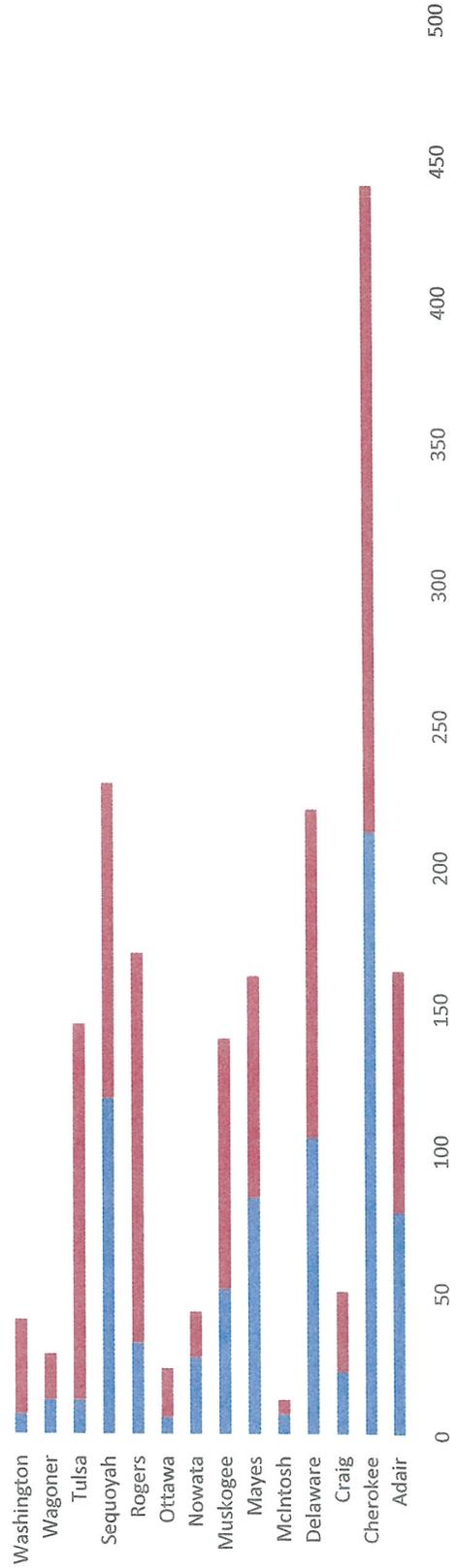
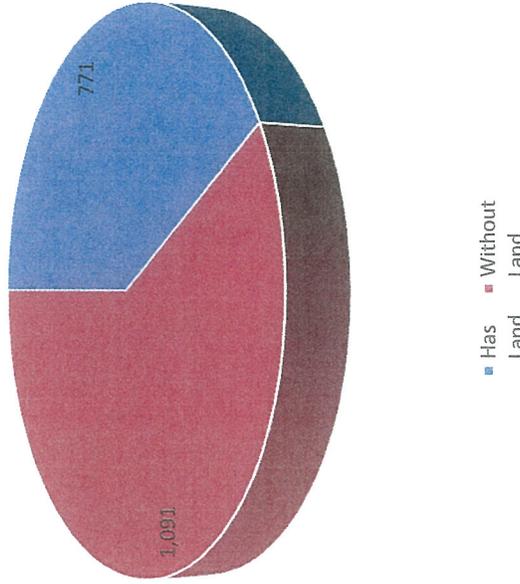
Replacement Homes Under Contract	8
Out for Bid/Pending	31
Contracts Awarded	77
Contracts Completed	29



## New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

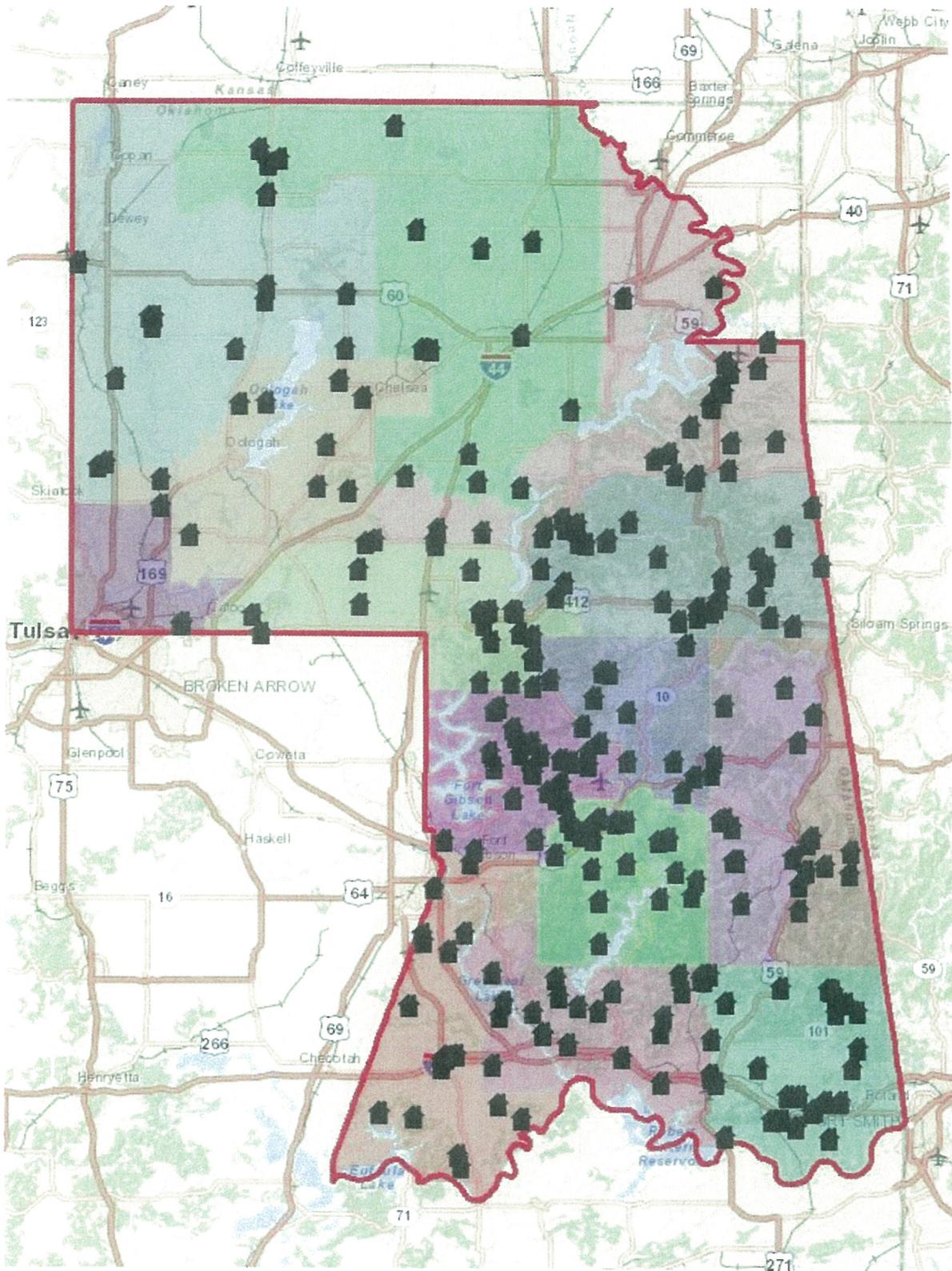
By Has Land/Does not have land:

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
Maries	83	78	52%	48%	161
Muskogee	51	88	37%	63%	139
Nowata	27	16	63%	37%	43
Ottawa	6	17	26%	74%	23
Rogers	32	137	19%	81%	169
Sequoyah	118	111	52%	48%	229
Tulsa	12	132	8%	92%	144
Wagoner	12	16	43%	57%	28
Washington	7	33	18%	83%	40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>1,862</b>



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

# HACN New Construction Program



*The above map is a representation of locations that the HACN has inspected sites for and/or built new homes on the New Home Construction Program.*

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

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

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

**Comments:** The Federal Highway Administration visited the CNDOT May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Bell North – Right of Way sent the revisions to be made back to Red Plains March 8, 2017.
2. Bell School South – Design is complete. Right of Way is waiting for the appraisals to be completed. NEPA is complete, received floodplain permit, still need the Section 404 permit.
3. Bidding Springs Road - Aerials have been received to begin design. Survey is currently in progress.
4. Bunch Road – Held meeting with Engineer. Decided to design a 4-span bridge to replace low water crossing.
5. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts will start there acquisition process after appraisals are complete.
6. Dahlongeah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process November 1, 2016.
7. Dahlongeah West- Working on 60% plans.
8. Lyon South Road - Received aerials to begin design. Received traffic counts. Began preliminary vertical and horizontal alignments. The survey is completed and submitted to 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.
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.
13. Sally Bull Hollow – We should have the Level III Archeological Report by June so we will know how to proceed in design. We will also conduct a GPR study around two cemeteries to ensure there are no graves outside the cemeteries. We are getting permission from the landowners to enter their land to do the GPR study.
14. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

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

**CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 68% (28 parcels out of 41 acquired).
2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design.
3. Northeast Fort Gibson- We have purchased credits from the conservation bank and have received the biological opinion. The NEPA process is complete. We are moving forward with coordinating utility relocations.
4. Ross Street- Monthly meeting for Engineering and Utility Coordination will be held on May 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. Identified utility companies along the project as LREC, AT&T, TPWA, and NOPFA. OG&E easement conflicts with roadway easement. Meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 1:30 p.m. to hopefully resolve the issue.
5. Tenkiller School – Construction is -99% complete. Project contract currently in liquidated damages. Final inspection is scheduled for May 31.

**CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. NS-4340 Road – Right of Way sent AT&T's packet to Real Estate Services October 22, 2016. Last check, March 10, 2017 AT&T's packet has not been submitted to the BIA. We are still waiting for PSO to complete their paper work and return it to us.

**DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Leach/Kenwood Road –Clearing is completed. Construction is 28% complete. Liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.
2. Whitewater Bridge (Br. 27) – Project completed.

**MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- We have purchased credits from the ABB conservation bank and received the biological opinion. The NEPA process is complete. We are moving forward with coordinating utility relocations.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed. Pavement borings being performed. Preliminary design underway.

**SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – Bid Opening will be May 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Moonshine Road –Plans are complete. Utility relocations are in progress.

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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY PROJECTS:**

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

**III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

There are currently three van orders: order #1 – two bi-fuel conversion vans with an expected delivery date of late May and order #2 – one gasoline conversion van. This van was delivered to CNDOT and will be assigned to a provider once some issues have been addressed. Bids on 6 additional gasoline vans are due May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 146 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 817 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 86 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 2 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 188 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 40 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 344 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 239 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 18 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,125

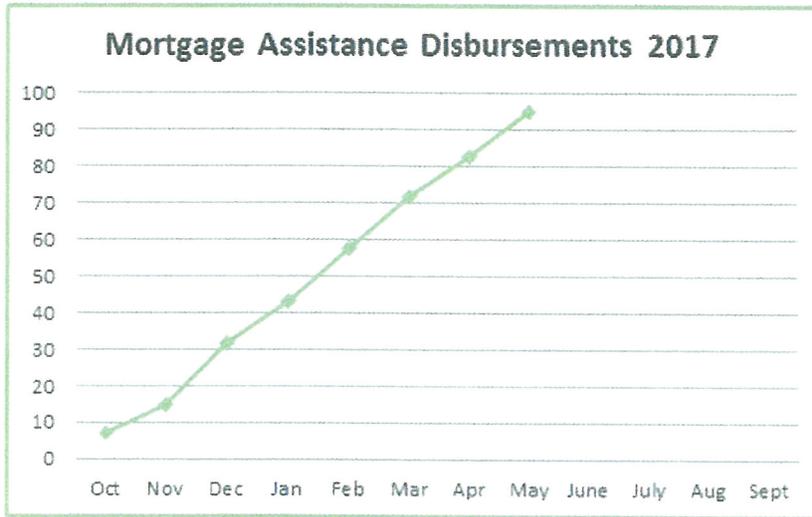
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

# Commerce Group

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

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## Mortgage Assistance Program

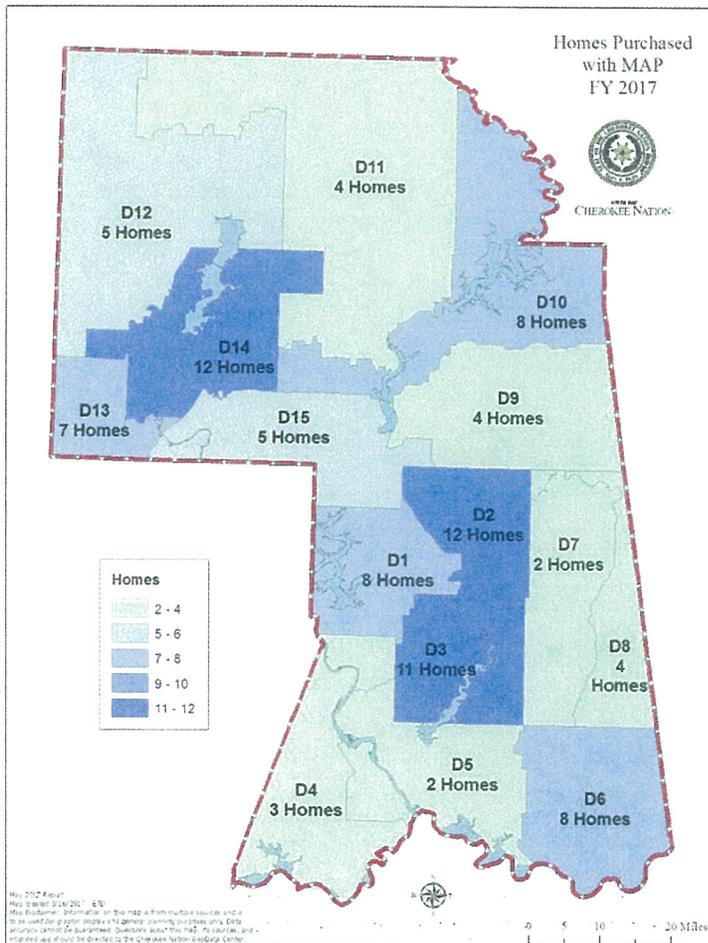


95 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

66 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

### MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$37,537.49
Home Price	\$103,388.46



Cherokee Nation's partnership with the IRS **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** is off to a great start. **1,622 tax returns** were filed with total refunds of **\$2,408,599**.

Average adjusted gross income of VITA user: \$24,855

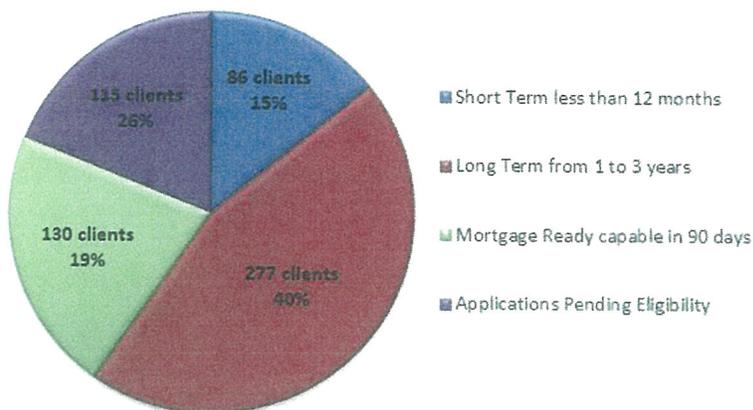
Average tax refund: \$1,485

*The homebuyers education classes were very informative; I didn't know most of the mortgage information that was given. The program counselors were very supportive and helpful.*

**D. Chandler, Cherokee County Mortgage Assistance recipient**

## Home Buying and Financial Counseling

### MAP Applications and Financial Counseling

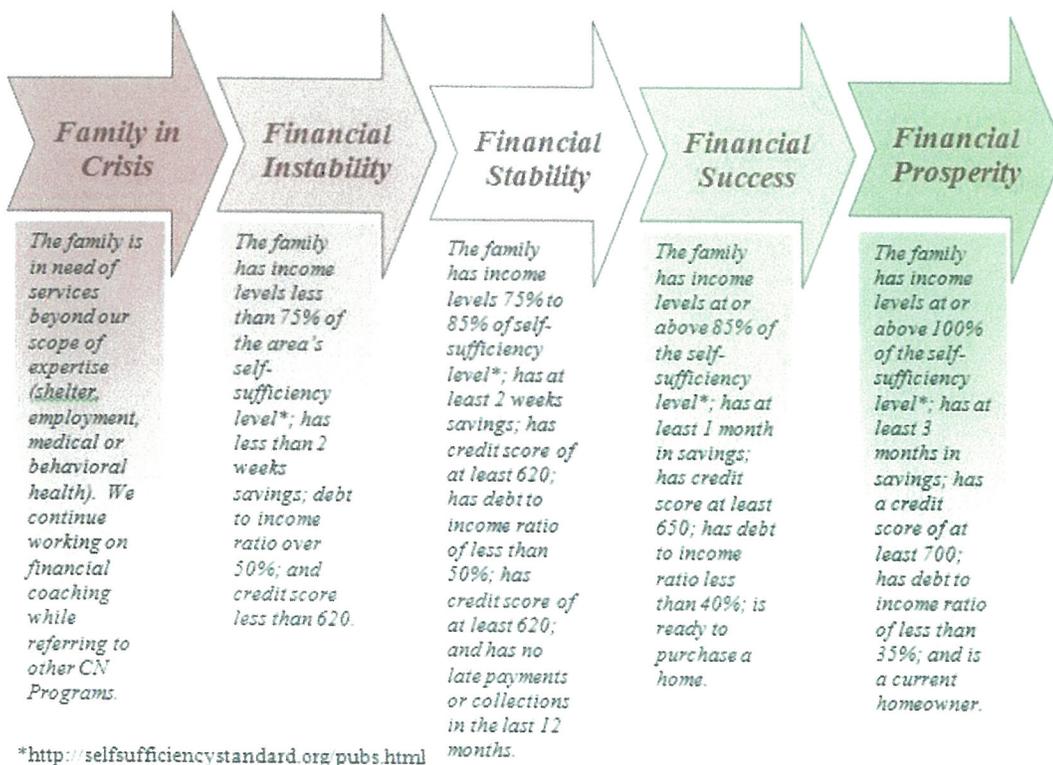


608 families are in the home buyers' pipeline, either having completed or active in financial counseling.

Since FY07, 764 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

42 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.



The Mortgage Assistance Program is absolutely worth the wait and effort. The education is just as valuable as the funding.

**C. Ogden, Adair County Mortgage Assistance recipient**

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

537 families still actively pursuing goals

- 2% financial prosperity
- 24% financial success
- 17% financially stable
- 56% financially instable

**Financial Counseling Impact**

Increase to Credit Score	25 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	31.30%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5%

**950 consumer loans totaling \$1,099,335.67** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Three of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$76,358.93**.

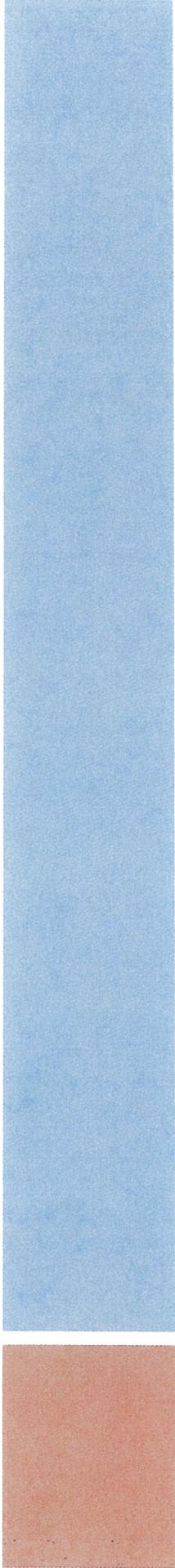
**430 families are actively saving in iSave** for home rehabilitation or home purchase. iSave is a *matched savings program* wherein income eligible families save a certain amount of money over a period of time and the iSave program matches the families' savings to build financial assets.

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **294 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Citizens, Cherokee Nation employees and CNB employees have the opportunity to attend financial education classes on topics ranging from spending plans, balancing checkbooks and couponing. Year to date **642 people have attended community and work based financial education classes**.

**Training Schedule**

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
June 5-7	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 12-14	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 14	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
June 19-21	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 21	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 10-13	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 12-13	Jay	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 17-19	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 19	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 24-26	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 26	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
August 7-9	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 14-15	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 16	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
August 21-23	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 23	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class



**CHEROKEE NATION  
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**April 2017**

**Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director**

# Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of April:  
1,917 Children  
with Assigned ICW Workers

## Programs with court interaction

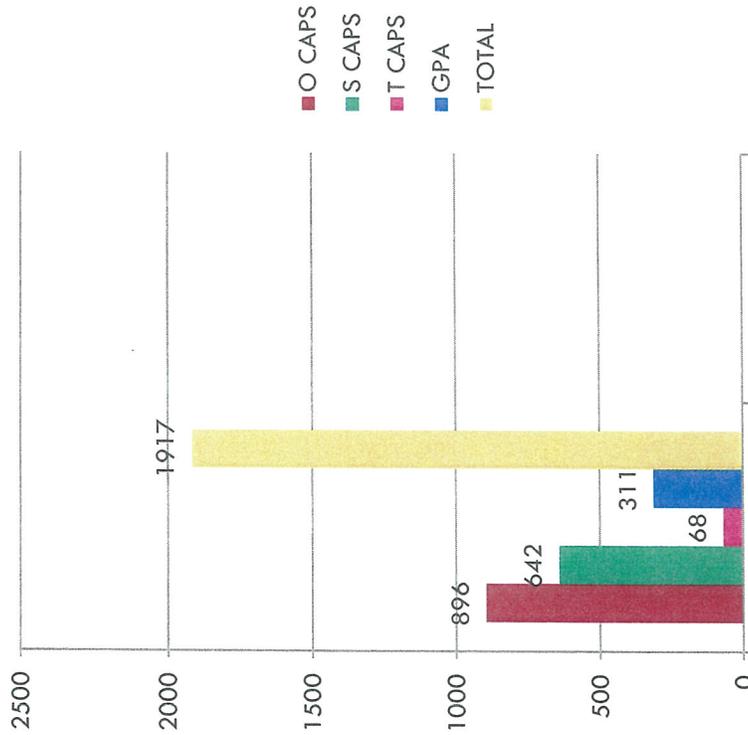
- **OCAPS: Out-Of-District Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
  - Involved in child welfare cases in non-jurisdiction counties in Oklahoma and all 50 states.
  - Most work is done telephonically or electronically.
  - Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring States 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.

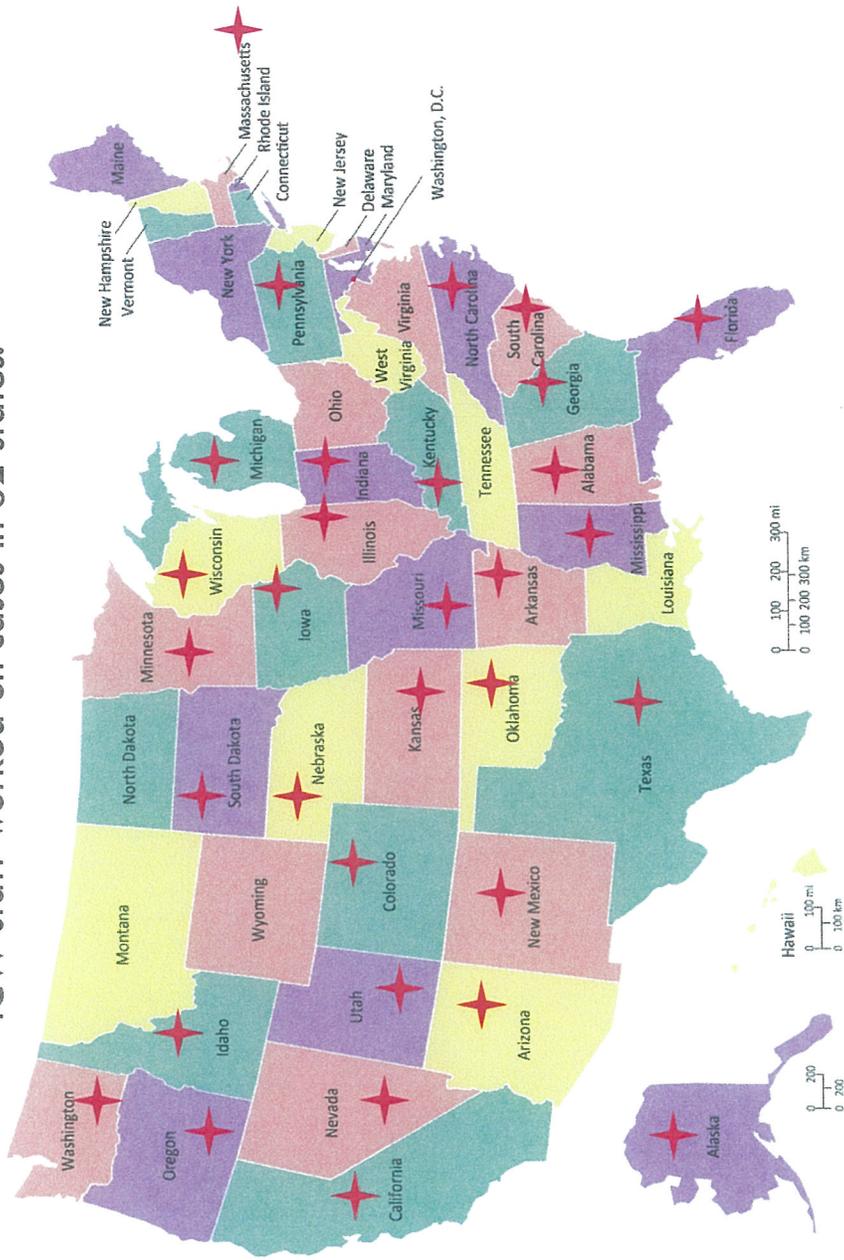
- **GPA: Guardianships and Private Adoptions**
  - Involved in voluntary adoptions when the birth parents wish to place their child for adoption.
  - Monitors Guardianships and Private Adoptions for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and the best interests of children.
  - Serves Cherokee children 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.

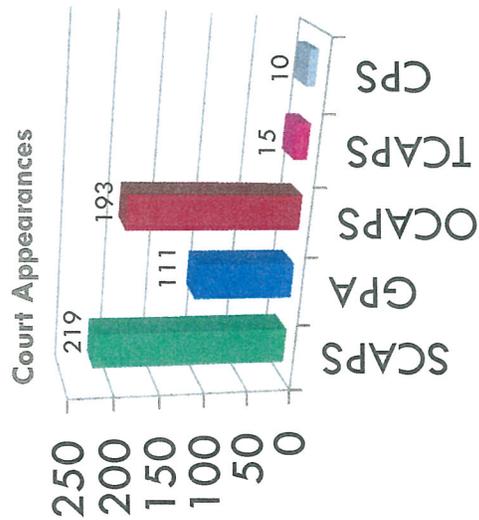


# Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

ICW staff worked on cases in 32 states.



**In April:**  
 Indian Child Welfare workers  
 went to court 548 times on  
 behalf of Cherokee children  
 and families.



■ SCAPS ■ GPA ■ OCAPS ■ TCAPS ■ CPS

# Efficient & Effective Work

## Eligibility Notices

When a County or State's child welfare agency gets involved in the life of a family that they suspect to be Cherokee, they're required by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to send Notice to the tribe. The tribe must then reply to confirm or deny whether the children are members of (or eligible to become members of) the tribe. The tribe has 30 days to respond.

### Month of April

Cherokee Nation received:

- CN Jurisdictional area – 26 notices involving 44 children
- Outside of CN Jurisdictional area – 628 notices for 1,084 children.
- Totalling – 1,128 children.
- The longest Response-to-Notice time this month was 33 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 April

FPS served 43 children and 29 families.

# Child Protective Services



During the month of April, ICW was “going live” with our new database system and because of some technical difficulties in the implementation we do not have accurate CPS numbers to report. We hope that May reporting will be right back on track for this portion of our report.

# CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

## (Foster & Adoptive Homes)

### CERTIFICATION SERVICES

#### Homes by Type

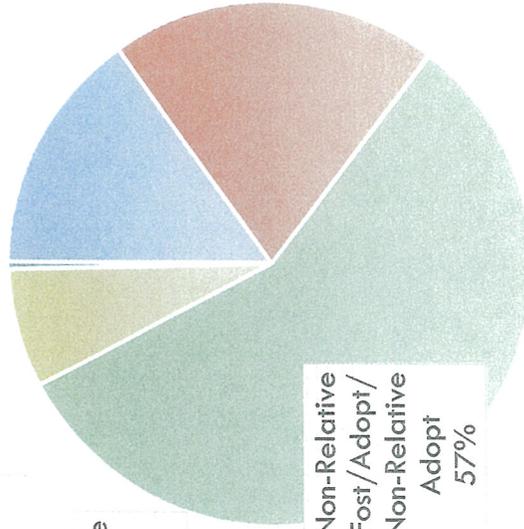
Emergency/R  
espite  
1%

Adoptive  
Only  
7%

Non-Relative  
Foster Only  
15%

Relative  
Foster and  
Adopt  
20%

Non-Relative  
Fost/Adopt/  
Non-Relative  
Adopt  
57%



#### Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

**Non-Relative Adoptive:** Families who hope to adopt children when the children's parents' rights are terminated. These homes do not take foster placements.

**Non-Relative Fost/Adopt:** Families who take foster placement of children knowing their parental rights are not terminated and they could return home, but if they don't the placement family will have the first chance to adopt them.

**Non-Relative Foster:** Families who are willing to take in children they do not know on a temporary basis, but may last years. These families usually do not adopt children.

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

**Emergency/Respite:** Families that take very short-term placement of children while more permanent placements are sought or when only a short-term placement is needed.

#### Certification Homes by Type

168 Total Homes — note many are in multiple categories

- 35 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
- 47 Relative Foster and Adoptive
- 132 Non-Relative Fost/Adopt, Non-Relative Adoptive
- 17 Adoptive Only Home
- 1 Emergency/Respite

