

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

April 2018

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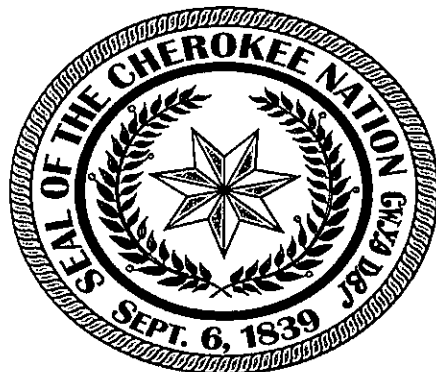
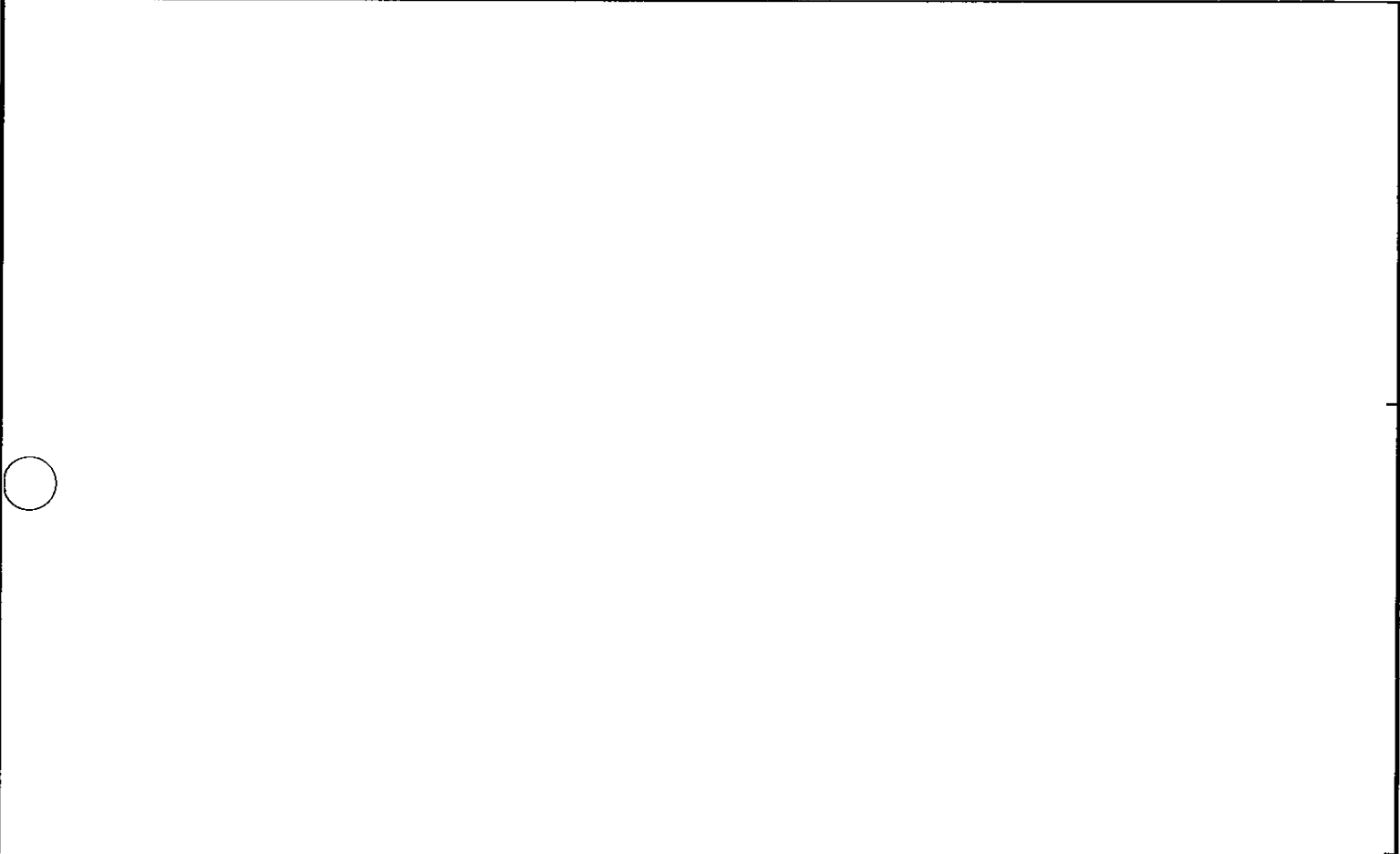


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HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	269
Number of Vacancies	37
Number of Volunteers	21

Human Services Announcements:



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

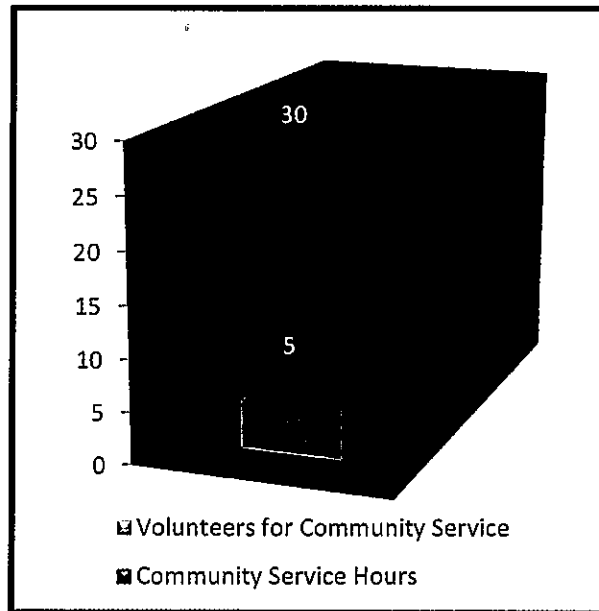
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	21
Number of Vacancies	5
Number of Volunteers	0

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

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

Young people served	11
Admissions	8

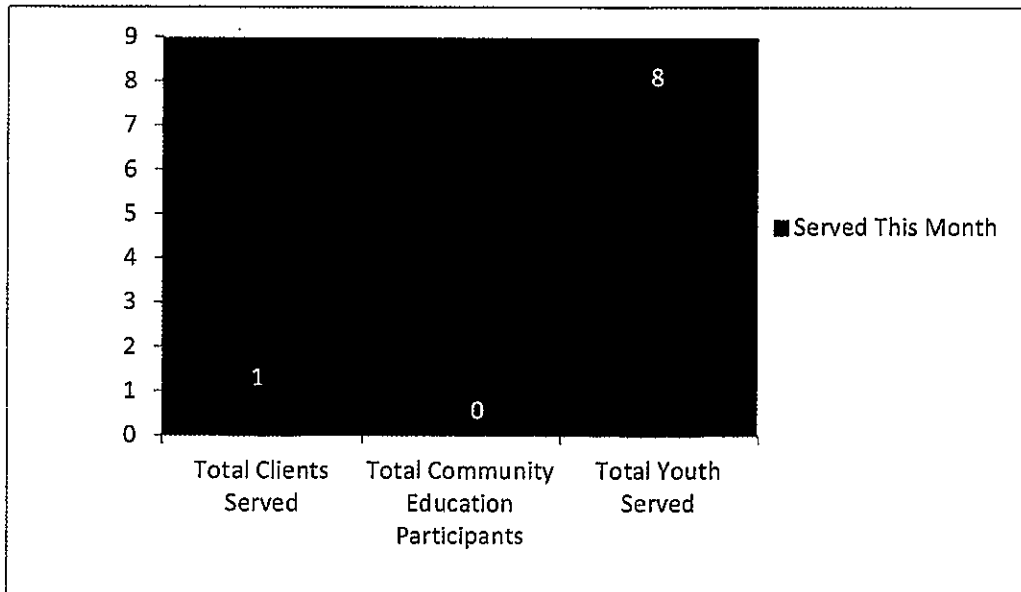
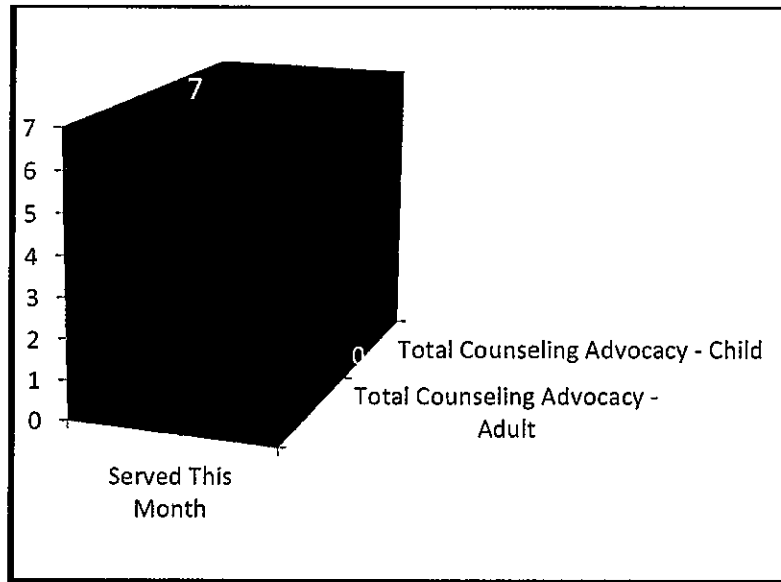


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

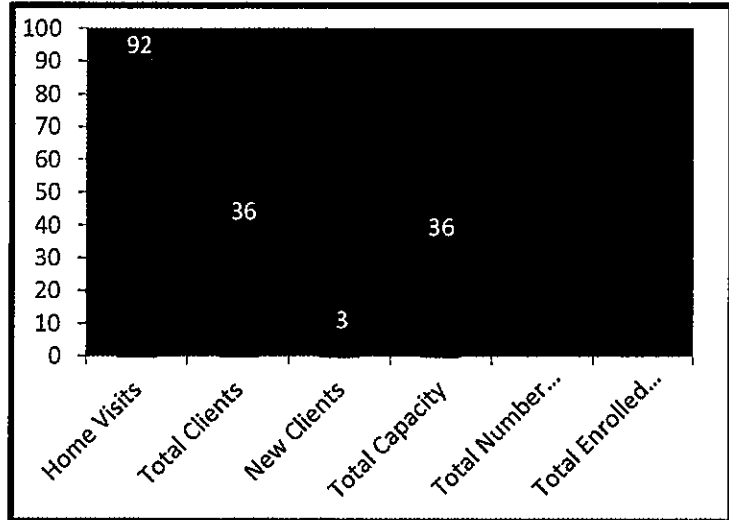
Total Community Events & Presentations 0



YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	36
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Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Parent teacher conferences were held. We had great parent response to the conferences. The drills were conducted. CN Environmental Health conducted a full inspection with no deficiencies noted. Risk Management also conducted an inspection with no deficiencies noted.

- Tahlequah - Book Fair, Week of the Young Child Celebration, St. Jude's Trike A Thon, Spring Pictures, Vision Screenings

- Resource & Referral - HERO Home visiting mtg, Children's Mental Health Awareness mtg, Children's Farmers Market mtg, OCCRRA Statewide mtg, Storytelling for Head Start, Native Am. Assoc. mtg, Grange Comm mtg, CN Comm. Meeting, S Coffeyville, CN Intertribal, Deliver plant to providers, OSU Extension, OEAFCs Friend of Extension Award awarded to Lisa Evans for her collaborations

- Licensing - 102-477 Conf, DHS req. Trg, H&S trg, NICCA Mtg, ITC, Trg. Conducted: Rogers Co. Conf, Child Abuse Reporting, Coffeyville Comm Mtg. Referrals (3)-Warm line, OEH, Cherokee Connections.



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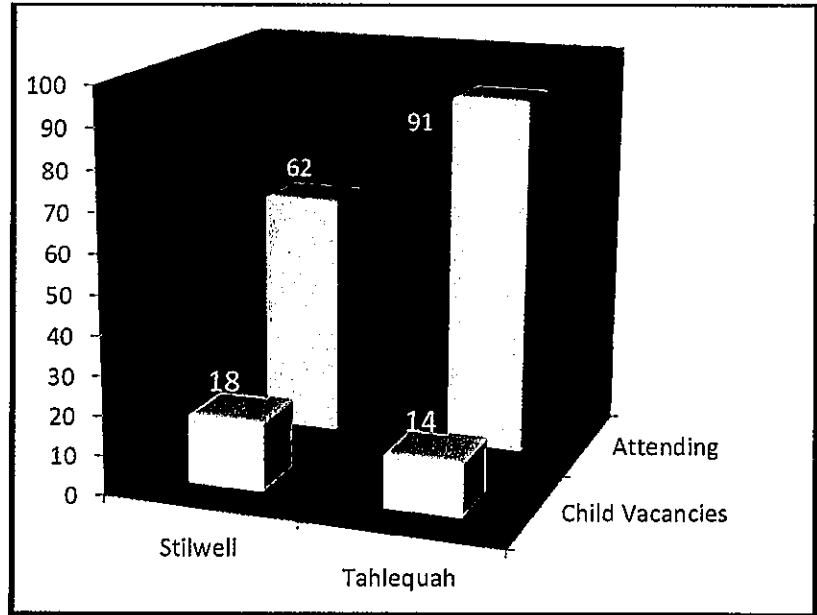
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	20
Number of Volunteers	0

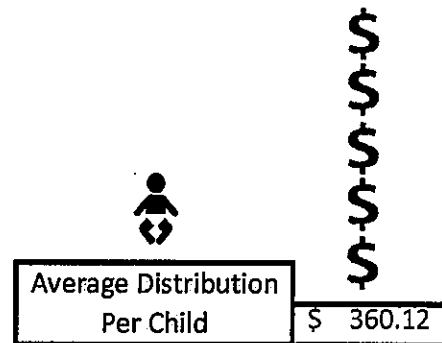
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Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

Child Care Development Centers :



Subsidy :

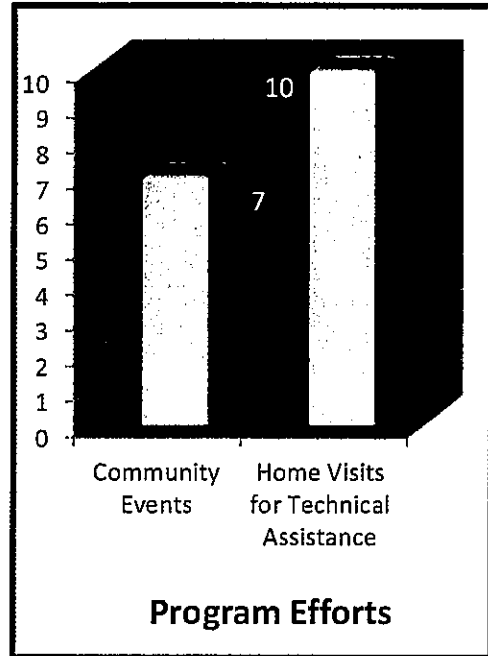
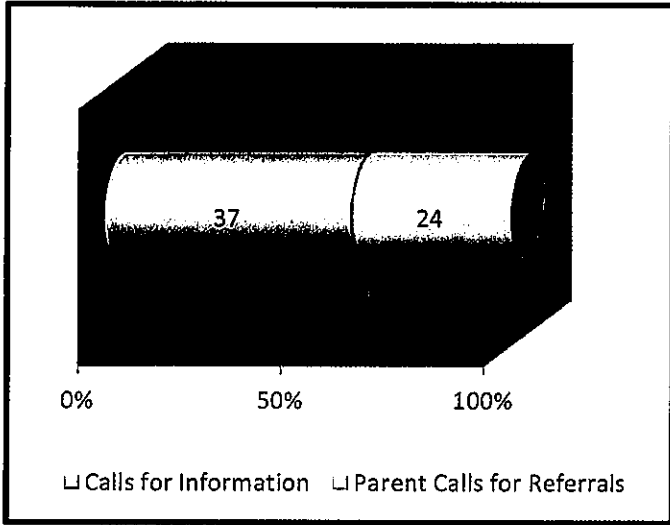
Children Receiving	1,675
Amount Distributed	\$ 603,203.00



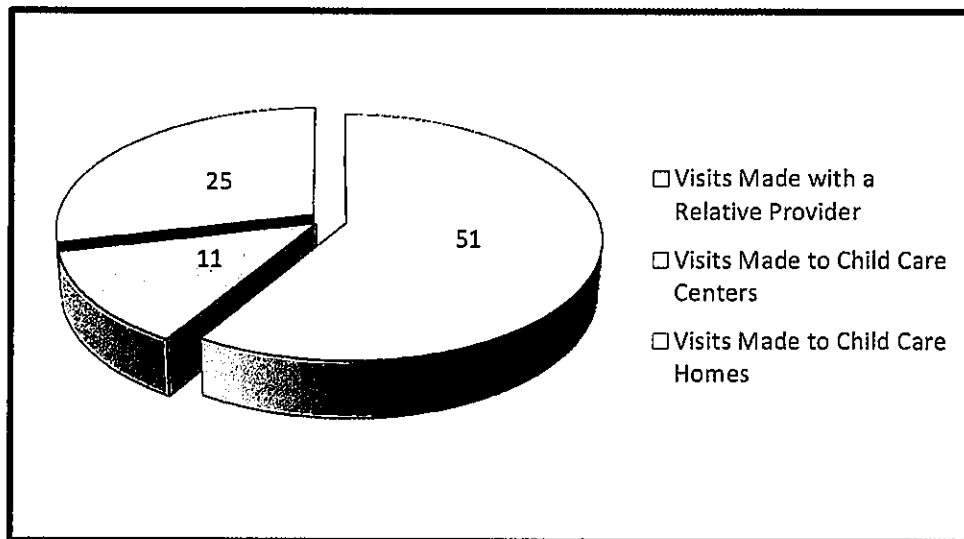
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	13
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Licensing & Monitoring :



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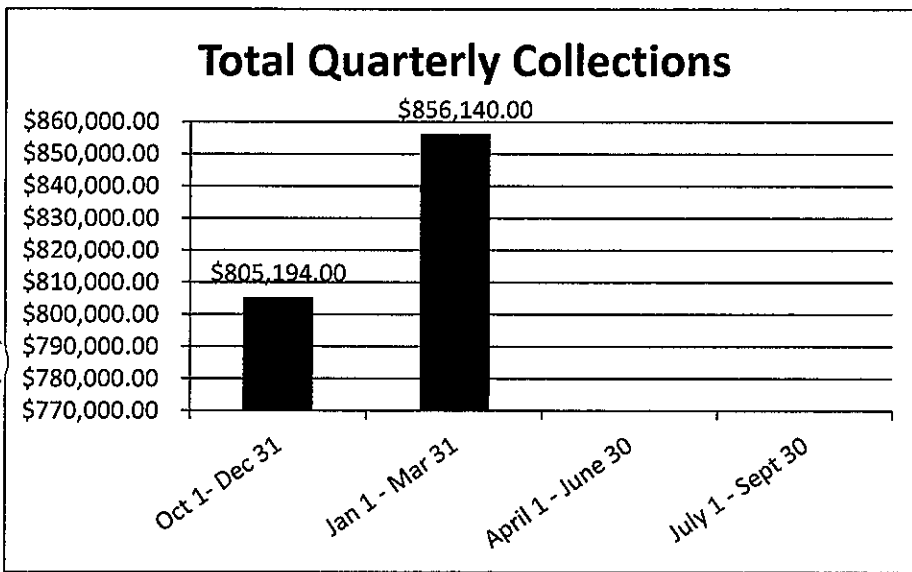
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

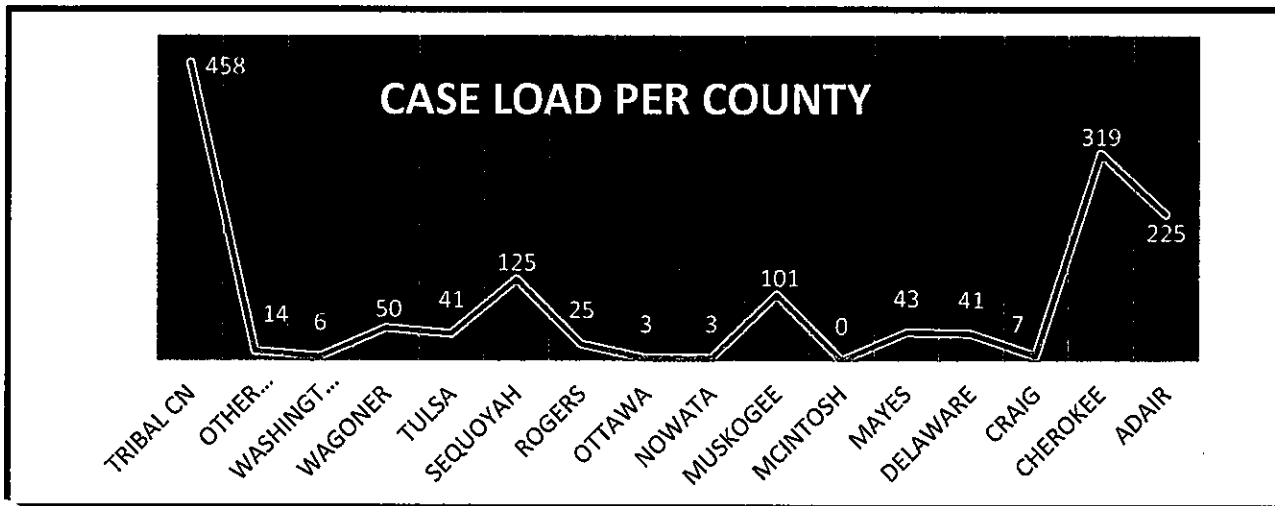
Number of Employees	33
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	

April Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 314,862.00
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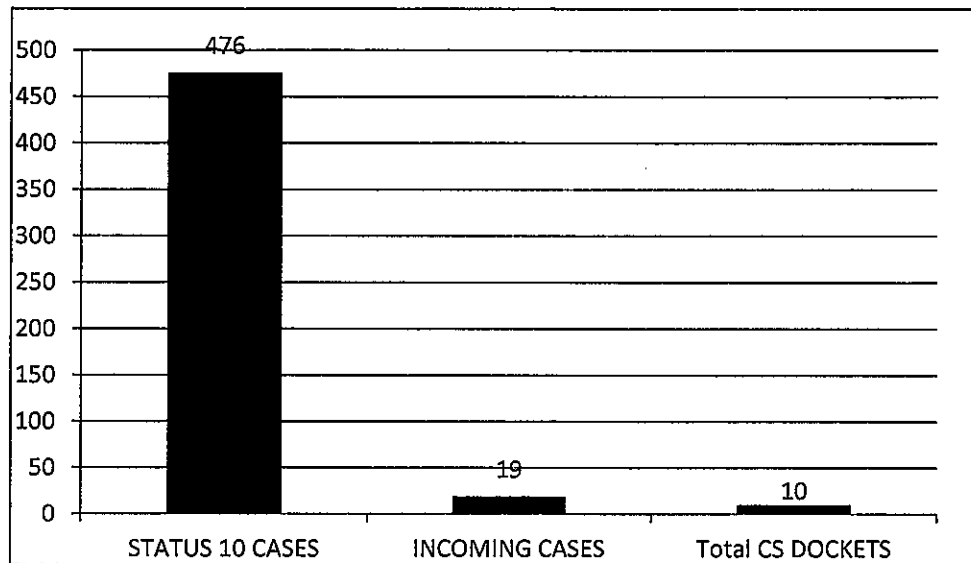
Total Client Contacts	2,765
Total Court Hearings	62
Total Active Efforts Case	1,494
Total Case Assessments for Service	30
Total Applications Distributed	67



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The office of Child Support Services has continued to be busy for April. The office distributed 67 requested applications and received 52 new application for new cases- this is considered an all time record of new applications to process. Also, the following success stories were recorded by casemanagers as the program works to provide quality customer services that are in the best interest of the children and families that are served: 1- Had a Case manager successfully intercept a personal injury payment of \$2800 to pay of past arrears on a case! 2- The payment center staff processed and distributed over \$300,000 in a month to clients or other IVD agencies for distribution. This is the first time that the unit has processed over that amount in a single month! The Director attended the Tribal CS directors Association biannual meeting in which federal represenatitives were also present. There are approximately 59 IVD tribal child support programs and some of the tribal child support programs have recommended looking at certain issues that could ultimately affect all child support programs so will be in attendance to followup on the initiatives as Cherokee Nation may need to lend support to them. The program currently has one position open for child support specialist at this time. Hoping to have that position filled in the next 60 days.



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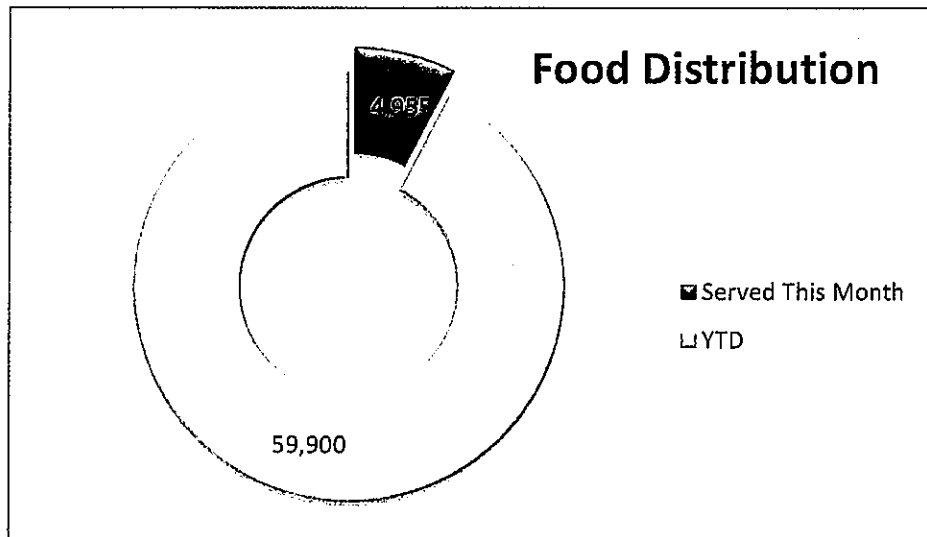
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

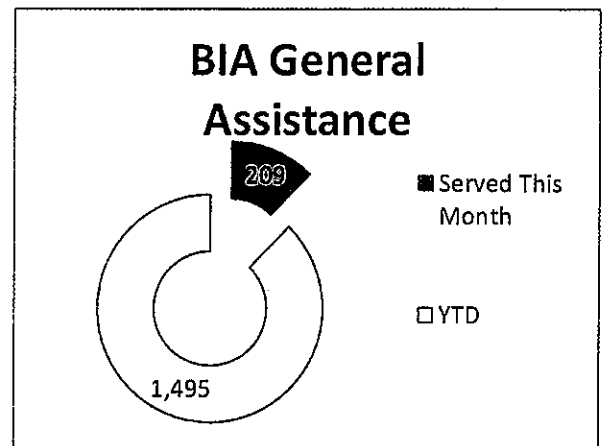
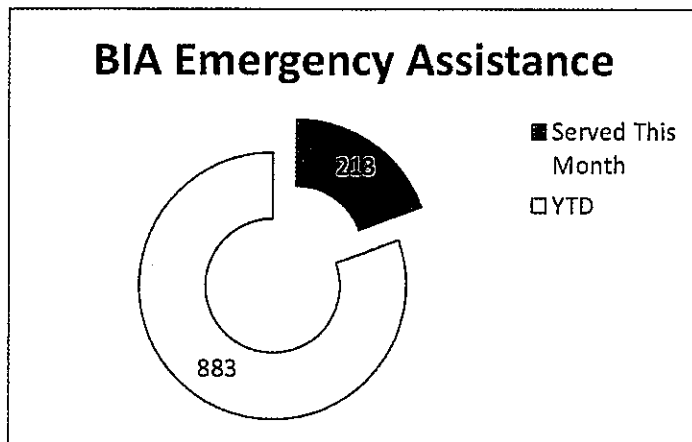
Number of Employees	112
Number of Vacancies	11
Number of Volunteers	21

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

Food Distribution :



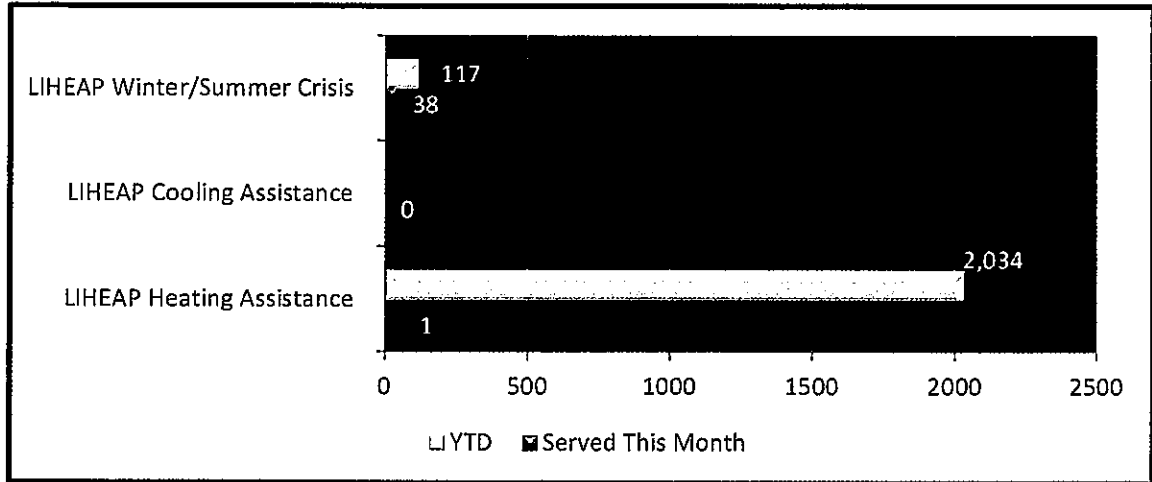
BIA Social Services :



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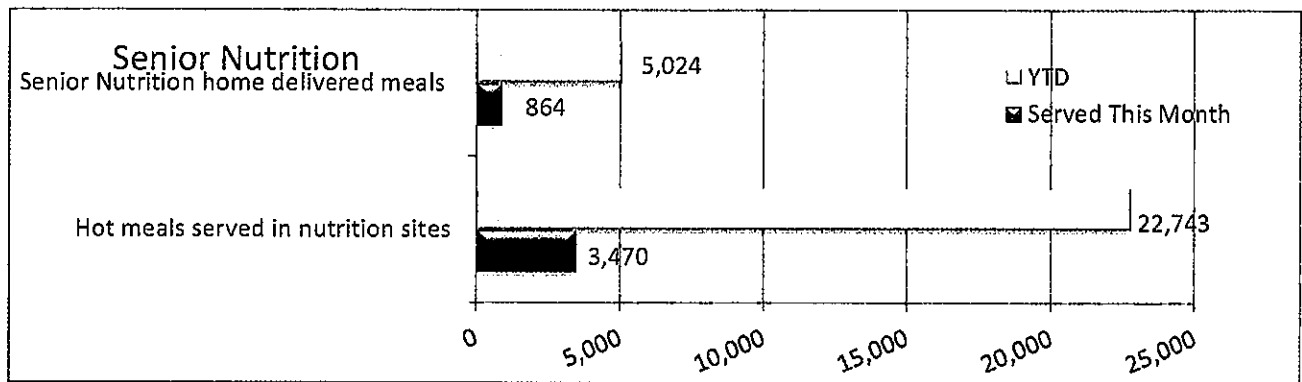
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LIHEAP:

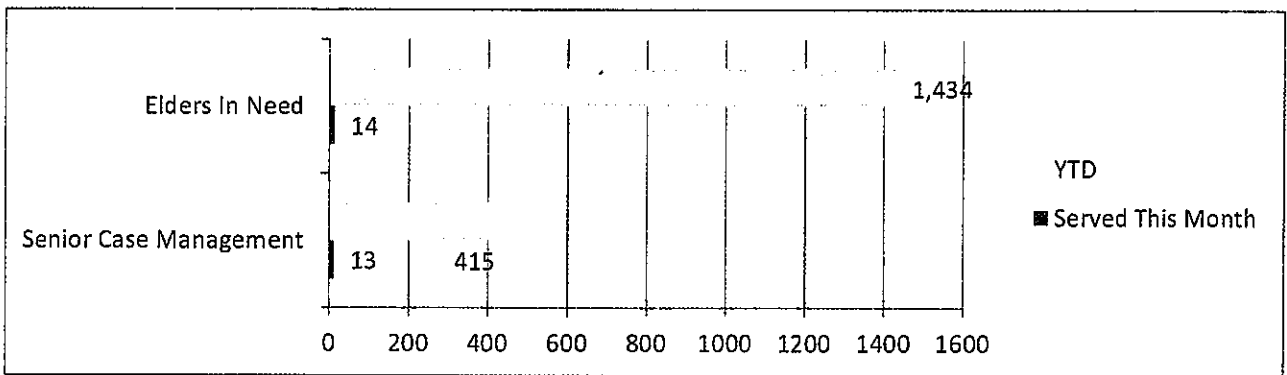


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April

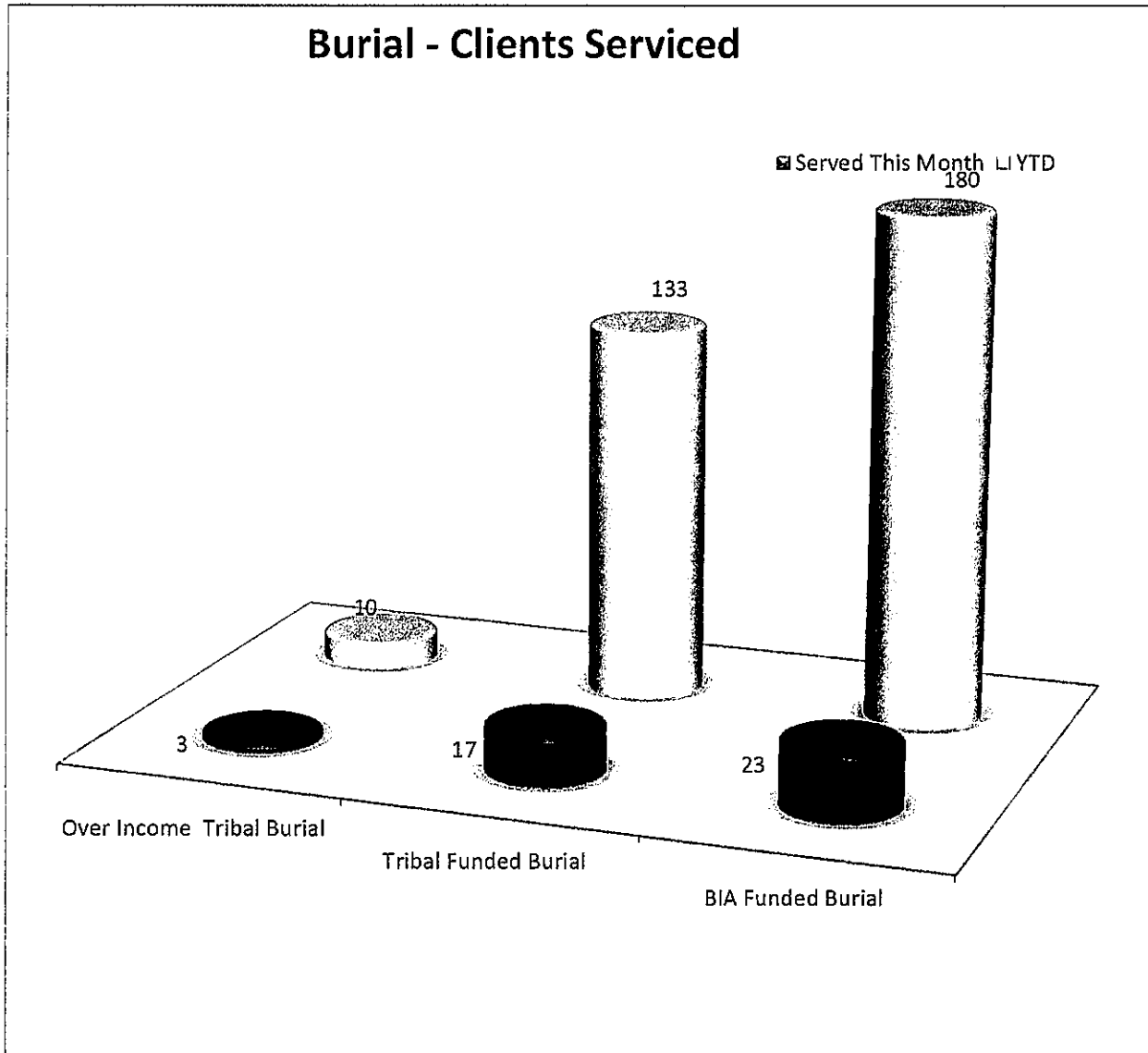


*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



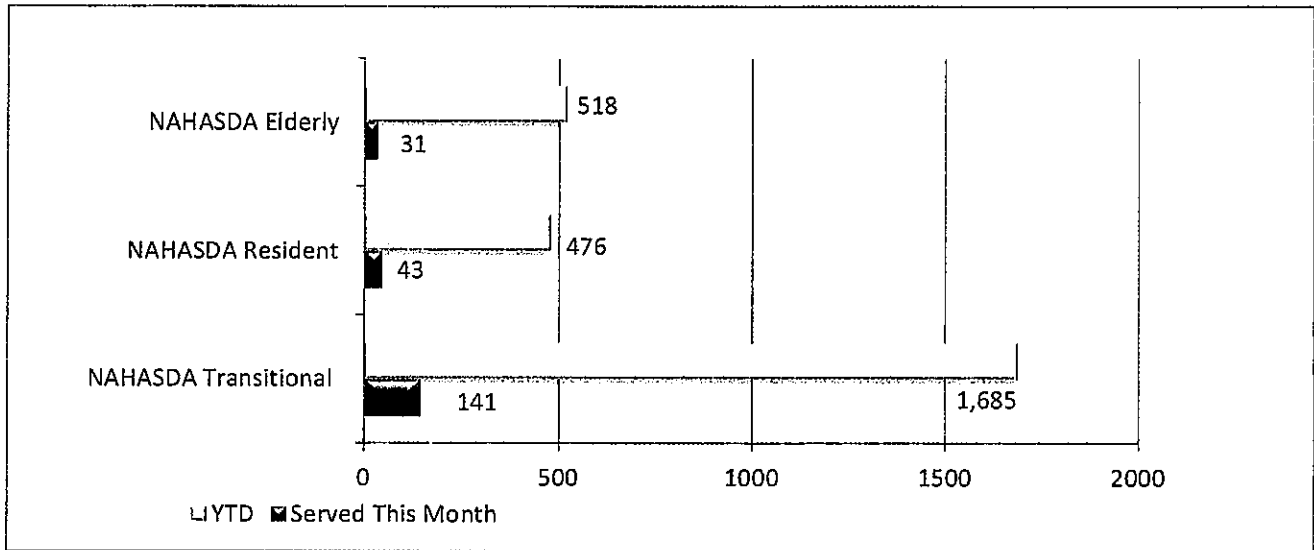
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Burial Assistance :

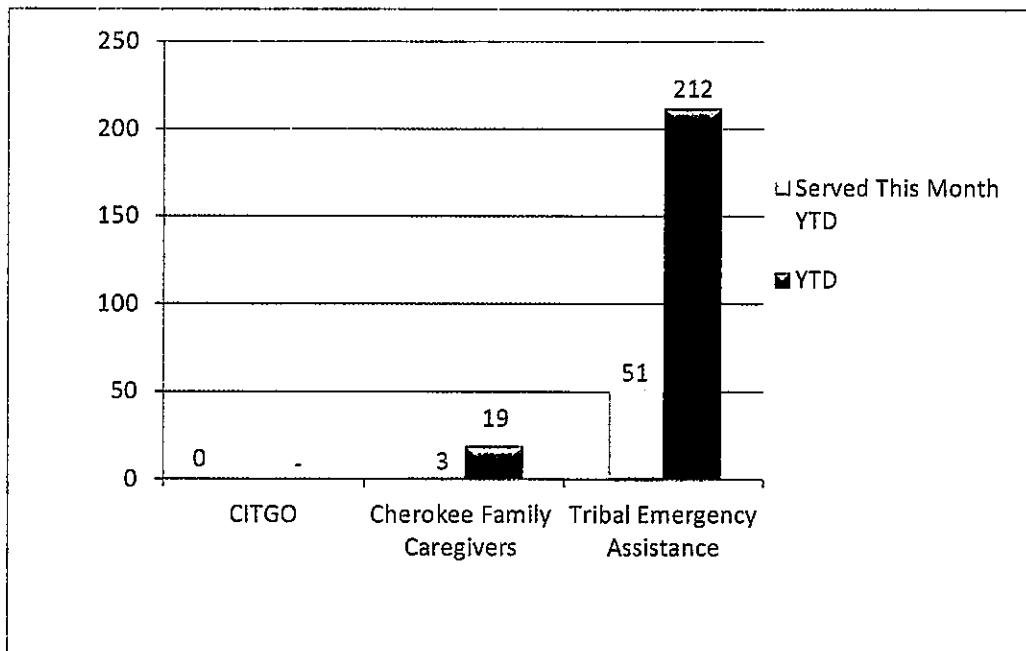


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NAHASDA :

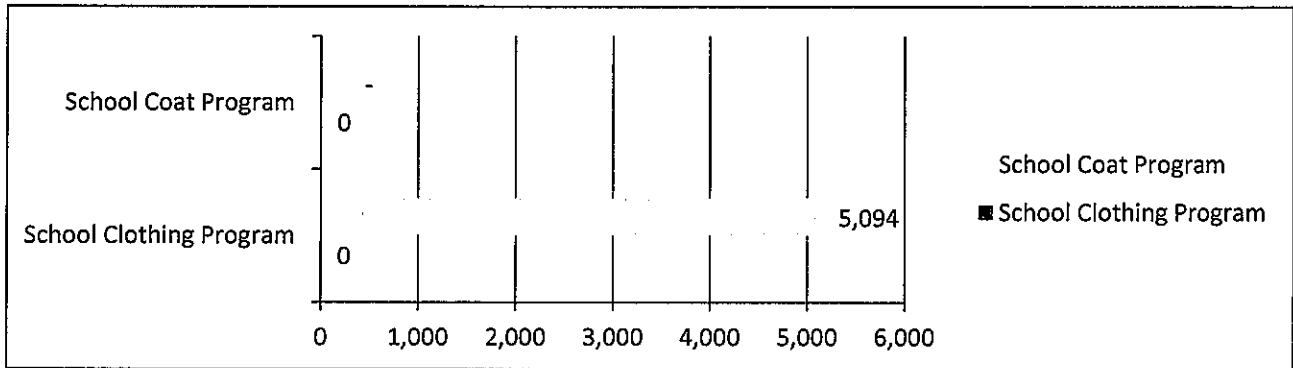


Family Assistance :



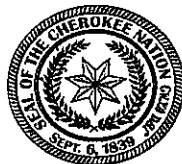
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



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Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

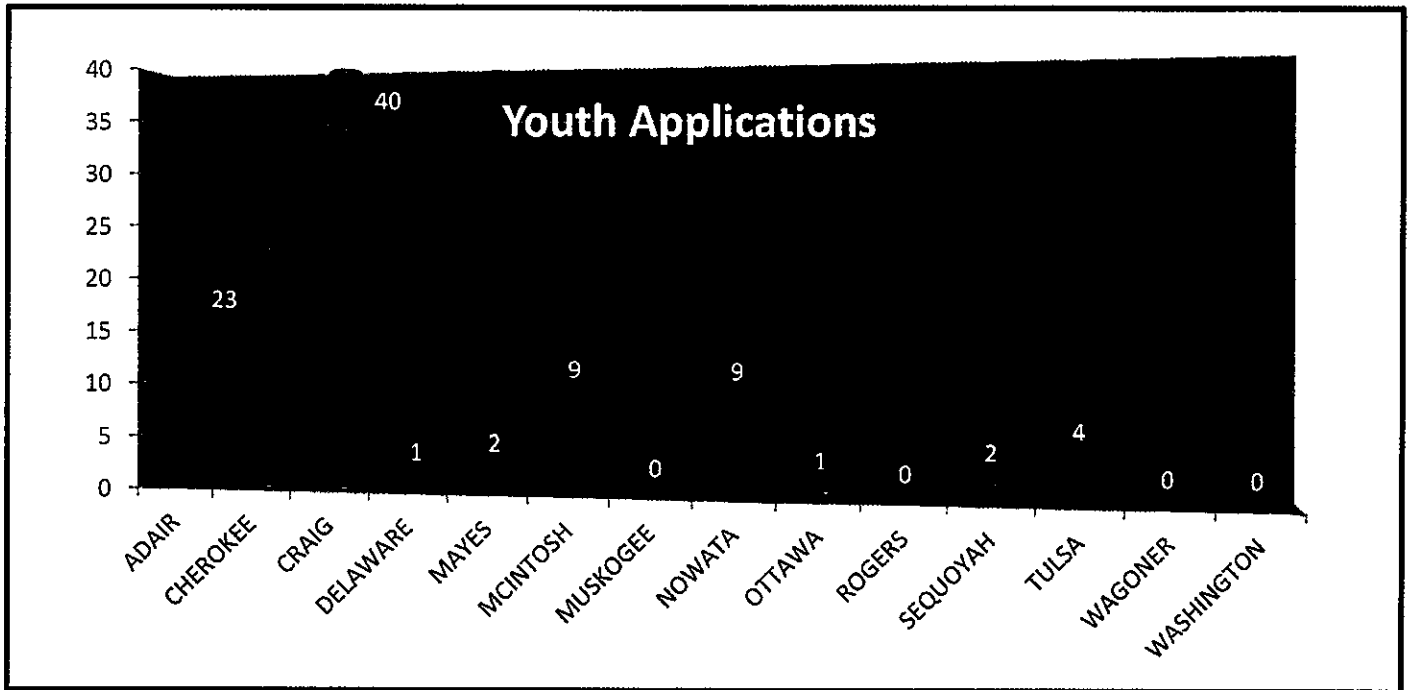
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Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

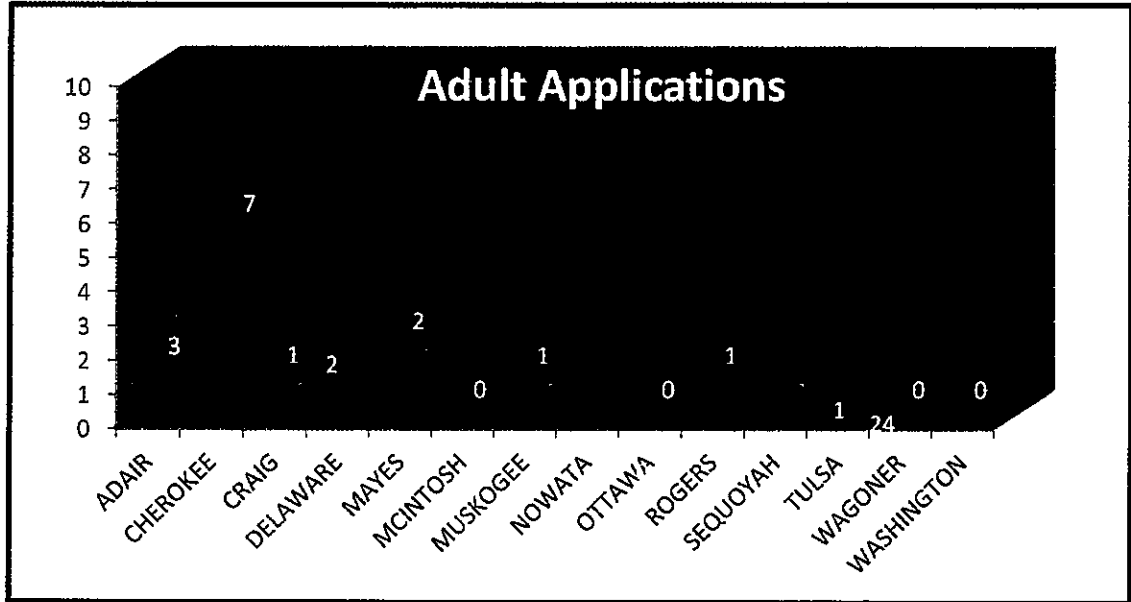
Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,654
Total Applications Taken	111

Community Youth :





Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	93
Total Adult	18

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

April	\$ 22,200.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. Still awaiting official funding letter from IHS although we have been given the preliminary figure of \$2,660,000 in housing support funds.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 94 food handlers
2. Repaired 20 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 23 sewer and/or water facilities
4. Signed 1 new MOA for improvements to the water distribution system in Oaks.

b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 95% complete. WTP is making water and the grand opening is tentatively scheduled for June.
2. Started construction on the 2 Mile Rd Waterline (Muskogee Co RWD # 7) approximately 40% complete.
3. Construction on the Delaware Co RWD # 11 Phase II waterline is approximately 35% complete.
4. Construction on the Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP is approximately 50% complete.
5. Awarded bid for Kenwood north waterline project to Mahan Construction
6. Attended annual Rural Community Assistance Partnership conference in New Orleans
7. Attended Home Baking Act training in Stillwater
8. Attended Pool Operator Training in Muskogee
9. Attended the CN Environmental Festival in Chouteau/Pryor
10. Prepared FY19 budgets for submittal to Administration and Council

c.) Future Plans

1. Working on projects to submit to IHS for FY19 funding
2. ICDBG Project for Cherry Tree Lagoons
3. Disposal of surplus equipment

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Public Disclosures:

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

The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.

LOW RENT APARTMENT:

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

Amanda Ketcher, cousin is Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden

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.

Anita Wildcat, daughter is Loni Wildcat of CN ICW
Leona Walker, niece is Charleisa Smith of HACN

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.

Faye Teehee, daughter is Amy Davis of CN-ICW



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

June 19 June Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Office Closures:

May 28 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

Other Info:

Jul 17 Southern Plains Indian Housing Association
to Jul 18 Summer Quarterly Meeting, Durant, OK

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

www.hacn.org



Tribal HUD - VASH

VA Supportive Housing Program

County	Applications			Assistance		Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List	Housed Veteran	Total	% of Participants	
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Cherokee	1	1	0	5	7	44%	
Craig	0	0	0	1	1	6%	
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	6%	
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Mayes	0	0	0	1	1	6%	
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Rogers	0	0	0	4	4	25%	
Sequoyah	0	0	0	2	2	13%	
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Total:	1	1	0	14	16	100%	



TRIBAL HUD-VASH HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION AND THE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN
AFFAIRS ARE OFFERING A HOUSING VOUCHER
PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS WHO
ARE HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF BECOMING
HOMELESS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR AN
APPOINTMENT TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THIS
PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT LISA LOOK AT THE
JACK C. MONTGOMERY VAMC.**

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**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
April, 2018

County	Waiting List	Applications		Processing										Construction		In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
		App Problem	App Processing	Stg I			Stg II			Stg III		Stg IV		Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete				
				Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing										
Adair	135	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	12	10	66	0	22	10	66	
Cherokee	416	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	31	153	1	15	31	153	
Craig	45	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	15	14	0	3	15	14	
Delaware	160	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	11	103	0	12	11	103	
McIntosh	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	3	
Mayes	102	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	13	45	0	6	13	45	
Muskogee	65	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	10	48	6	6	10	48	
Nowata	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	0	0	2	26	
Ottawa	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	
Rogers	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	35	0	2	3	35	
Sequoyah	113	0	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	8	15	126	15	9	15	126	
Tulsa	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	1	8	
Wagoner	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	1	2	4	
Washington	41	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	12	
Total:	1,537	0	23	16	3	0	4	3	0	0	53	79	113	650	23	79	113	650	
			23											763					

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

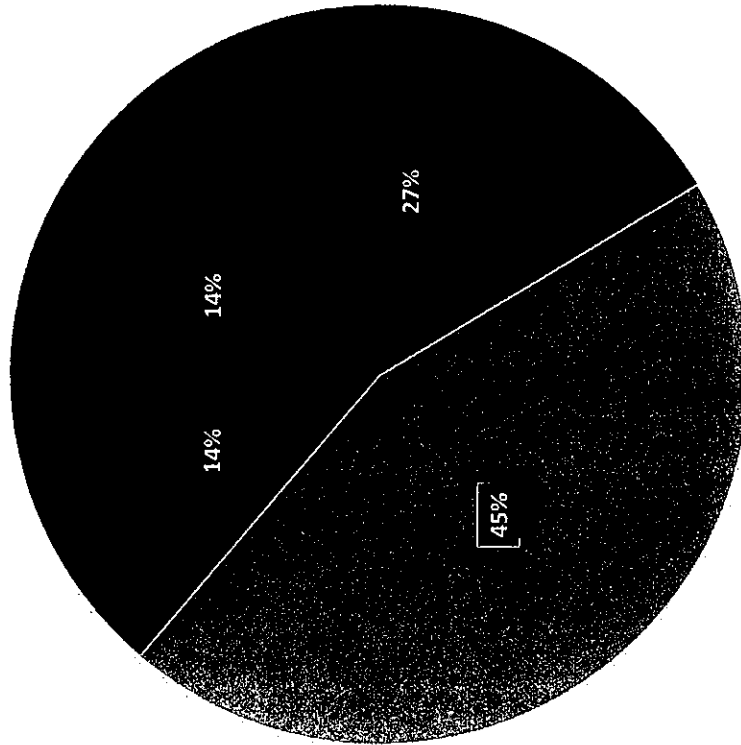
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Month Ending:
April, 2018

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Replacement Homes	12
Out for Bid/Pending	24
Contracts Awarded	39
Contracts Completed	12

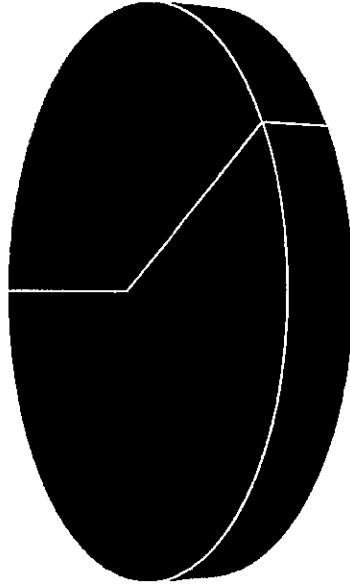


- Replacement Homes
- Out for Bid/Pending
- Contracts Awarded
- Contracts Completed

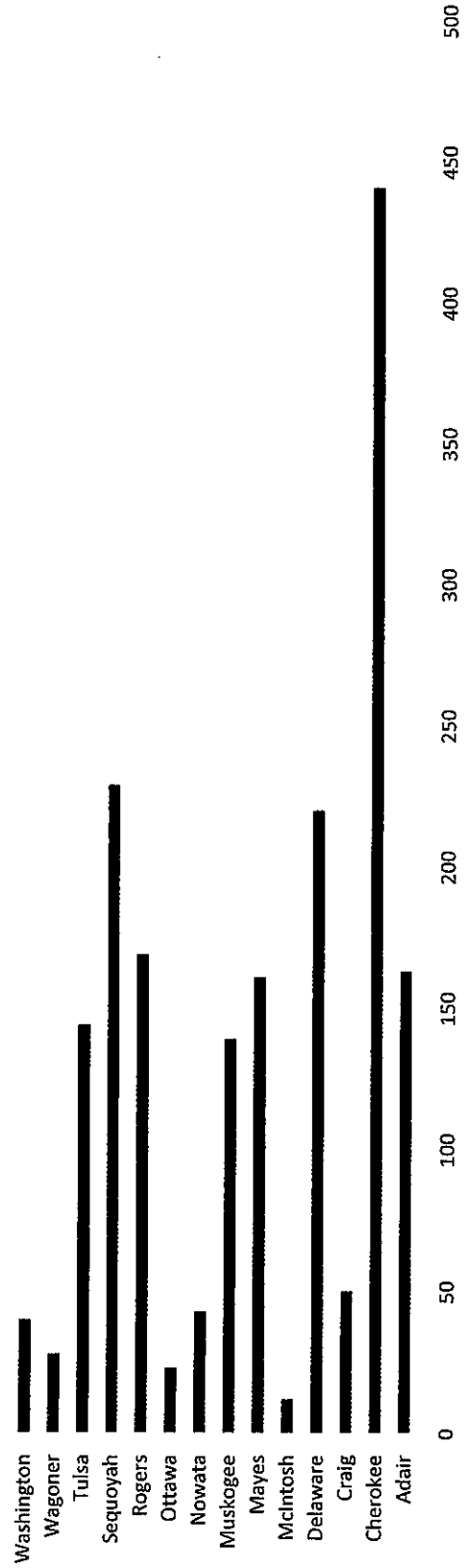
New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

By Has Land/Does not have land:

County	Has Land	Without Land	% With Land	% W/O Land	Total Apps
Adair	78	85	48%	52%	163
Cherokee	212	229	48%	52%	441
Craig	22	28	44%	56%	50
Delaware	104	116	47%	53%	220
McIntosh	7	5	58%	42%	12
Mayes	83	78	52%	48%	161
Muskogee	51	88	37%	63%	139
Nowata	27	16	63%	37%	43
Ottawa	6	17	26%	74%	23
Rogers	32	137	19%	81%	169
Sequoyah	118	111	52%	48%	229
Tulsa	12	132	8%	92%	144
Wagoner	12	16	43%	57%	28
Washington	7	33	18%	83%	40
Total:	771	1,091	41%	59%	1,862

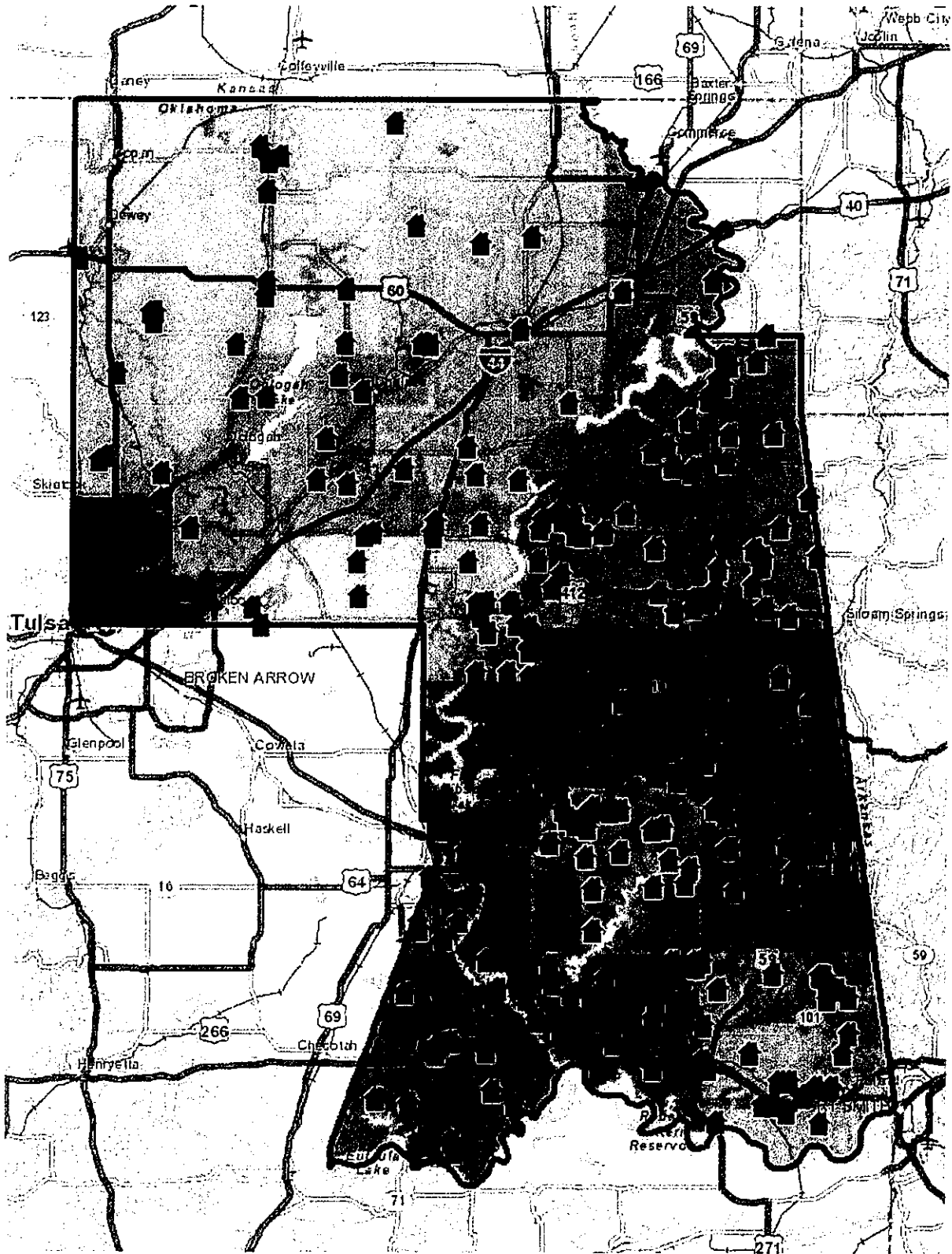


■ Has Land
■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

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 2018

Executive Director: Michael Lynn **Phone:** 918-453-5396 **E-mail:** Michael-lynn@cherokee.org

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell School South – Windstream was issued a Notice to Proceed with their relocations. A meeting was held May 4th with Cherry Tree RWD, it was discovered that a 6” waterline will need to be relocated. This will delay the bridge replacement 90-120 days.
2. Honey Hill Phase I –T. McDonald Construction has been awarded the contract. Construction is 90% complete and on schedule at this time. Asphalt is complete and awaiting seed, sodding, signs, and stripe.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) – Two parcels needed for right-of-way have been submitted to the County Commissioner to condemn for title. Restricted parcels have been submitted to RES.
2. Northeast Fort Gibson- The NEPA process is complete. Cherokee County RWD 1 is nearing completion of the mainline. Muskogee County RWD 7 and HPWA are making service crossings.
3. Ross Street- Construction plans are at 90% stage and have been reviewed by the second level engineer (CGA Engineers). CGA has submitted the Traffic Signal Control Plans to incorporate into our plans. Two remaining parcels needed for right-of-way have been submitted for condemnation. Reviewing final utility relocation plans and bid documents.
4. Dreadfulwater Road – Utility easement corridors were submitted to impacted utility companies for review and approval.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road –Craig County RWD #2 has awarded the waterline relocation to Cross-Bo Construction, a start date has not been set.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is at 60% complete. Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017. As of April 30, 2018 the number of days have accumulated to 444 days over the contract time at \$1000.00 per day. There is no work being performed.

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

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

1. Chimney Rock – A material order for 6” pipe has caused a delay for the waterline relocation.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS: No updates at this time

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SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Moonshine Road – A ribbon cutting has been scheduled for June 14th at 1:30pm. The ribbon cutting will be at the Zion Holiness Church located by the water tower.

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

The application for Federal Transit Administration funds in the amount of \$1,793,972 is in the final stages. This application is for funding requested for FY 2016 (\$934,016) and FY 2017 (\$959,956). These applications were delayed by failed negotiations with the United Keetoowah Band.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 169 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 752 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 93 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 100 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 93 rides
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 106 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 320 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 304 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 76 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,838

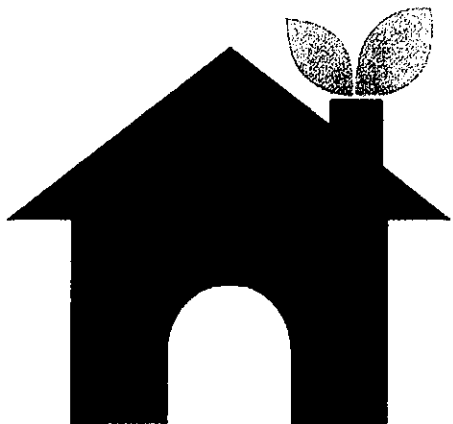
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Commerce Group

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

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Mortgage Assistance Program

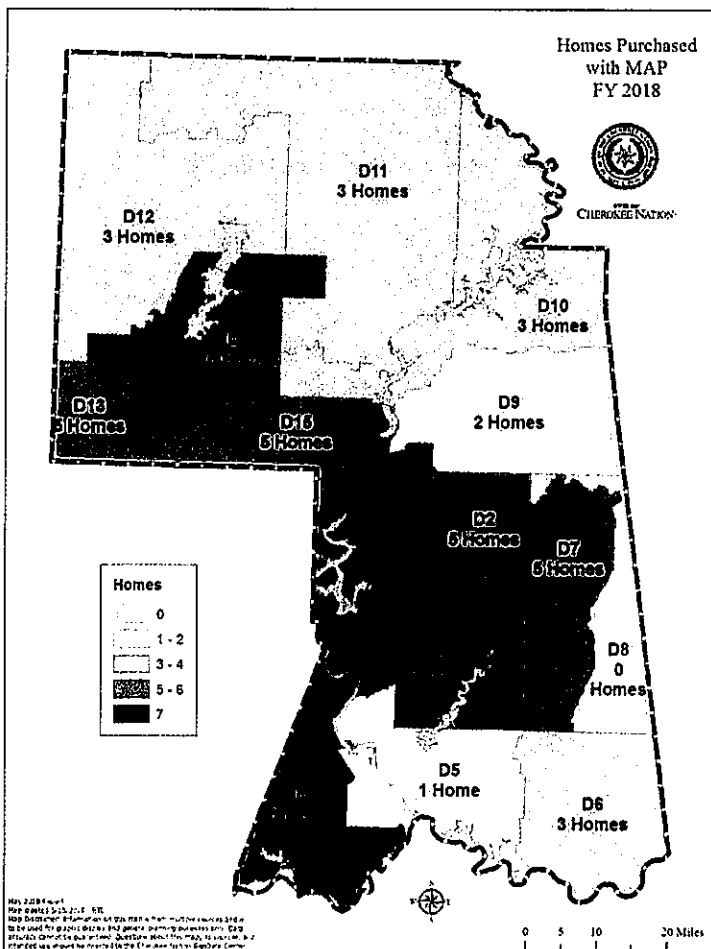


62 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

30 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$34,648.19
Home Price	\$95,183.18



The Mortgage Assistance Program was absolutely beneficial. It taught me how to manage my money and what to expect when going through the home buying process.

S. Meigs, Mortgage Assistance Program recipient, Cherokee County

Since FY2009, **1,674 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

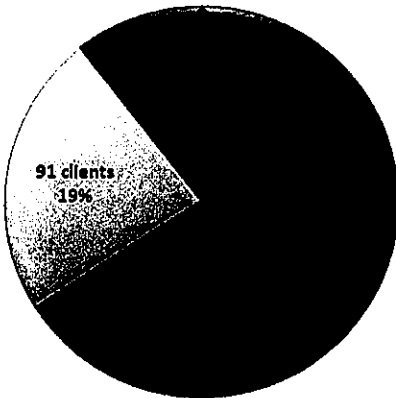
61.3% of families who purchased a home in FY18 moved up at least one level in the **Financial Prosperity Spectrum**.

The Mortgage Assistance Program helped me create a budget to purchase the home we wanted, and I learned more about credit and how important it is.

A. Schmitt, Mortgage Assistance Program recipient, Mayes County

Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



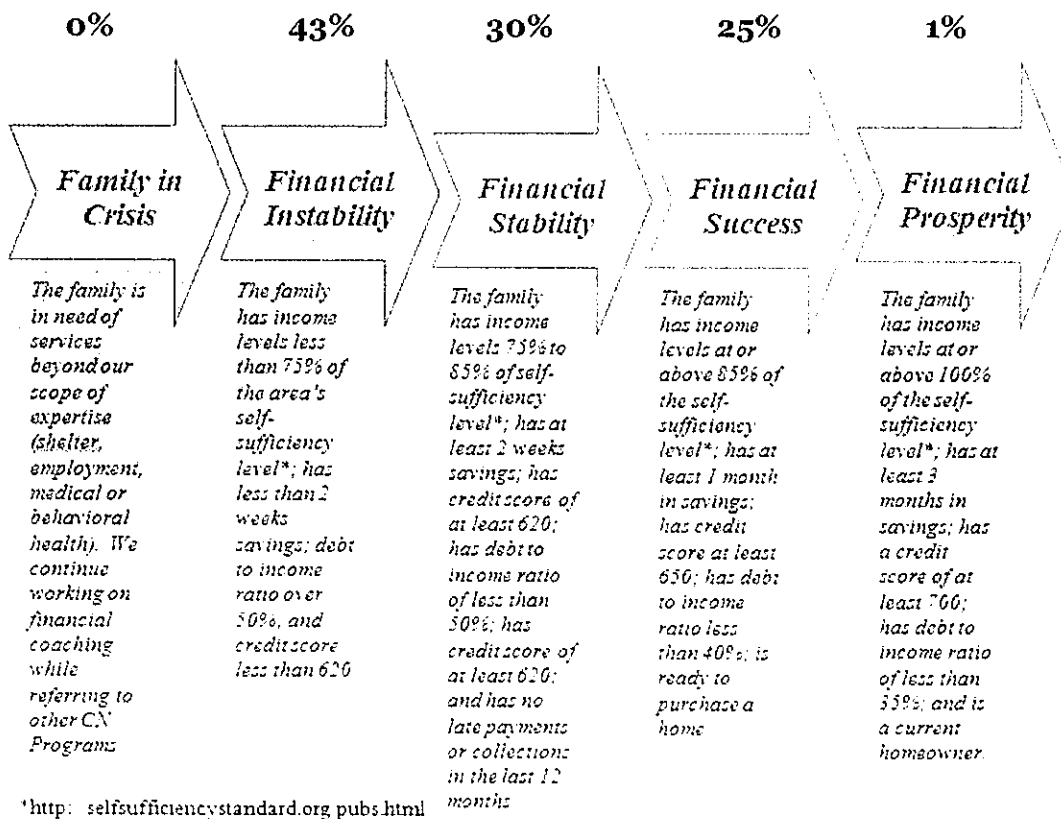
- Short Term less than 12 months
- Long Term from 1 to 3 years
- Mortgage Ready capable in 90 days
- Applications Pending Eligibility

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

Since FY07, **850 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

39 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.



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

386 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 25% financial success
- 30% financially stable
- 43% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	68 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	28.90%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	3.60%

1,186 consumer loans totaling \$1,338,928.32 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of October 1st. One of these was a **Foreclosure Prevention loan totaling \$11,594.88.**

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

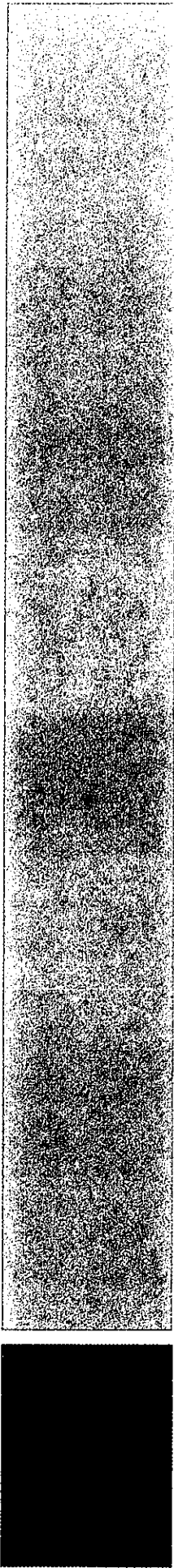
Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **124 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Financial education classes are offered at no cost and cover topics ranging from spending plans, balancing checkbooks and couponing. Year to date **245 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

Training Schedule

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

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
June 11-13	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 13	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
June 18-20	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 16-18	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 18	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 23-15	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 28	Jay	Saturday All Day	Homebuyers Training
August 13-15	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 11	Claremore	Saturday All Day	Homebuyers Training
August 15	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
September 8	Sallisaw	Saturday All Day	Homebuyers Training
September 12	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
September 15	Jay	Saturday All Day	Homebuyers Training
September 15	Tahlequah	Saturday All Day	Homebuyers Training

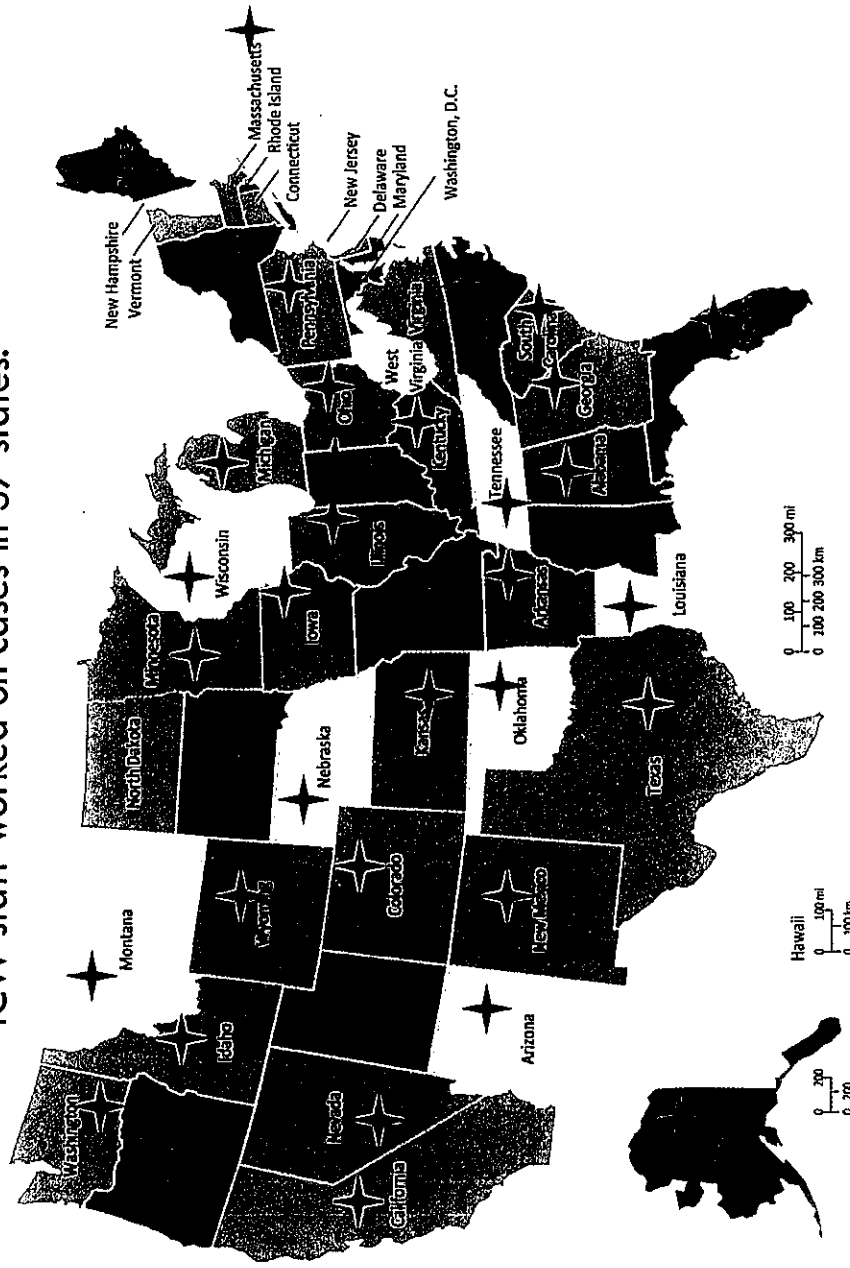


**CHEROKEE NATION
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE
MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 2018**

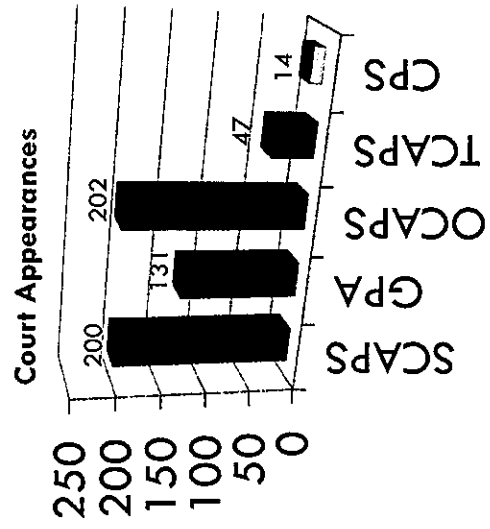
Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

ICW staff worked on cases in 37 states.



In April:
 Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 594 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. Currently, with six case workers processing approximately 200-300 pieces of mail, per month, response times may vary due to vacancies and depending on amount of mail received. The tribe has a goal of responding between 45-60 days.

Month of April

Cherokee Nation received:

- State of Oklahoma – 468 notices involving 825 children
- Outside of Oklahoma – 708 notices for 1,104 children.
- Totaling – 1,176 notices and 1,929 children.
- The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 61 days.

Prevention and Intervention

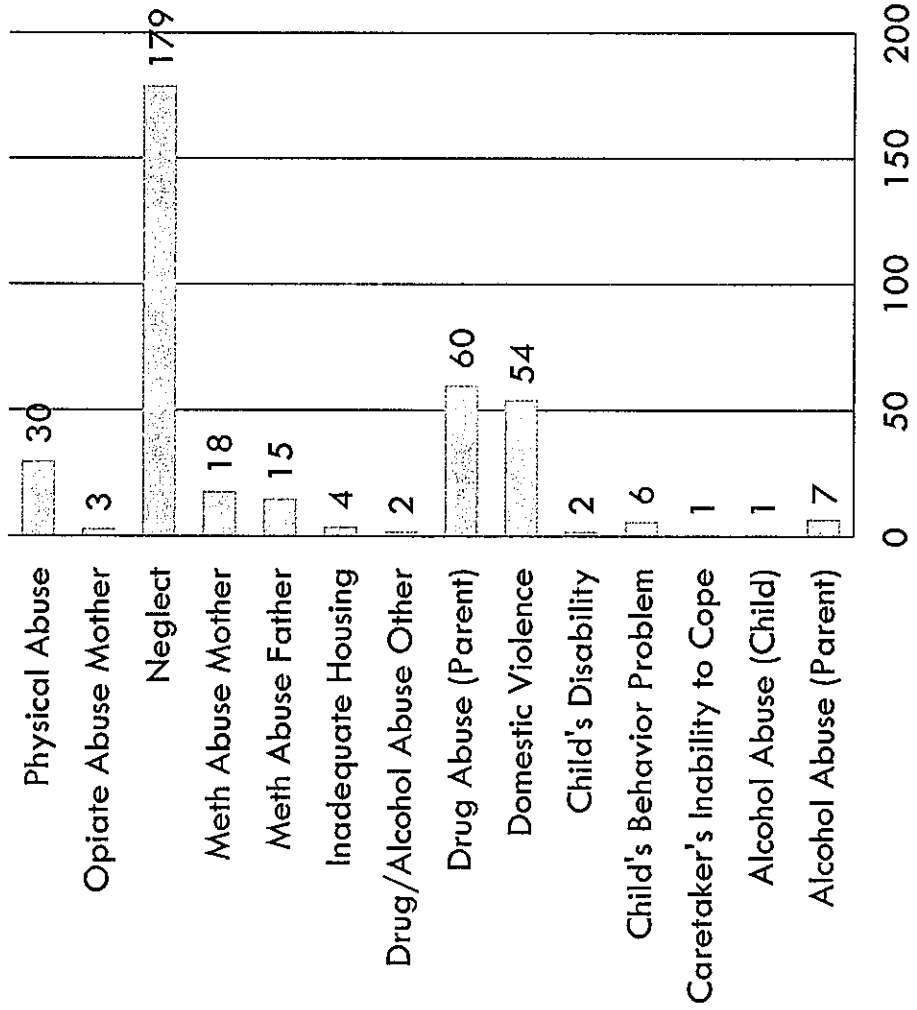
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition, 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 29 children and 17 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



Month of April

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 305 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 305 referrals involved 466 children
 - ▣ 1 of the 305 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - ▣ 13 of the 305 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 6 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

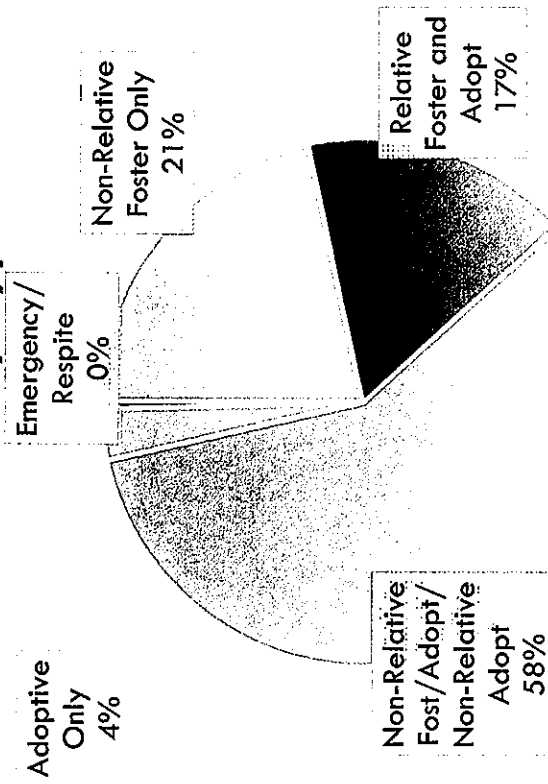
*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect

CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

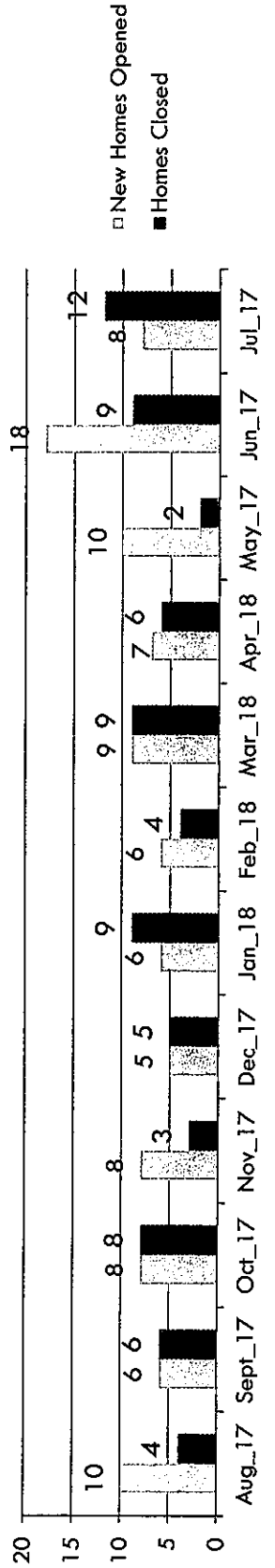
CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Homes by Type



Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

- Non-Relative Adoptive:** Families who hope to adopt children when the children's parents' rights are terminated. These homes do not take foster placements.
- Non-Relative Foster/Adopt:** Families who take foster placement of children knowing their parental rights are not terminated and they could return home, but if they don't the placement family will have the first chance to adopt them.
- Non-Relative Foster:** Families who are willing to take in children they do not know on a temporary basis, but may last years. These families usually do not adopt children.
- Relative Adoptive/Foster:** Families who are related to the children and are fostering them or planning to adopt them. They do not take in children they are not related to.
- Emergency/Respite:** Families that take very short-term placement of children while more permanent placements are sought or when only a short-term placement is needed.



Exciting Things Happening in ICW

The month of April is slated as child abuse prevention month. Employees from across the tribe's footprint pledged to raise awareness and help end child abuse in the Cherokee Nation. We are grateful for those who are standing in the gap for our kiddos!



ICW Executive Director Nikki Baker Limore presented at the 36th Annual National Indian Child Welfare conference in Anchorage, Alaska. While there, Mrs. Baker Limore presented two different workshops; one on Tribal workforce partnerships and another on bridging the gap between Tribal and State Child Welfare agencies.



Tribal CAPS Family Easter Party



COMMUNITY & CULTURAL OUTREACH CULTURAL OUTREACH



Community & Cultural Outreach

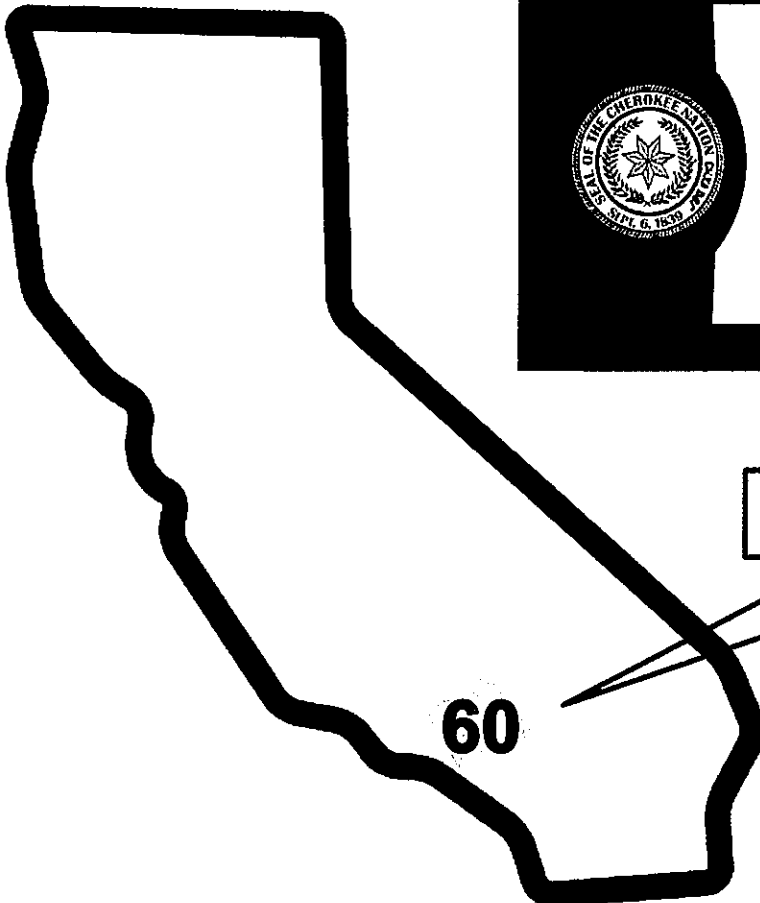
Report for May 2018
Rob Daugherty – Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation, At-Large Community activities and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program, staff for the month of May 2018.



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

For May CCO Cultural Outreach staff represent the Cherokee Nation at the Inter-Tribal Cultural Event at Saboba, CA, May 18th and 19th. The Cherokee organizations, San Diego Cherokees and Cherokees of Orange County, and Cherokee Society of Inland Empire all had booths.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN SAN JACINTO, CALIFORNIA!

INTER-TRIBAL CULTURAL EVENT

CANILLA, CHOCTAW AND CHEROKEE CULTURE

Stickball clinic, stickball, basketry,
blowguns, chunky, dance
demonstrations, storytelling & more!

Friday, May 18 (Stickball clinic) 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Soboba football field, 45750 Castile Canyon Road

Information: dawnena-squirrel@cherokee.org | 918-525-2041

Inter-Tribal Cultural Event, Saboba, CA

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May 19th was a busy day for Cultural Outreach staff. On that date we held two presentation, one in Houston, TX and the other in Washington, DC. Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas welcomed Cole Hogner as he explained Stickball o the community. That same day, the Capital City Cherokees hosted their Culture Weekend. Wade Blevins attended and spoke on Cherokee Spirituality.



History Preservation

In May History & Preservation took advantage of CCO staff member Brad Wagon to present Cherokee history to the Greater Wichita Area Cherokees. May 19th, Mr. Wagon presented "Portraits of the Cherokee Nation during the American Civil War", a discussion of the lives of Cherokee during the conflict that was both a war within the US and a war within the Cherokee Nation.

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Number attending Wichita, KS event



Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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In May, the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program CLMAP hosted two Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Native Language Community Coordination (NLCC) Grant committee meetings for the Cherokee Language programs. These were held on May 16h, and 23rd. We finalized our verbiage for Our Vision statement Scope, and suggested board members to the NLCC Language Board. We also worked on 20 year goals and immediate language program priorities.

In the 14th Generation after school program, the students displayed language growth and eagerness to learn more, and many developed their language in a social context to increase their proficiency to nearly conversational levels. Our immersion language classes for Sequoyah School's 7th and 8th grade classes continued daily and they proved to be exceptionally adept at language acquisition. The reports show they are at an age where they are still able to learn at an advanced rate of acquisition. The pilot was successful and we were pleased with the student's progress at the close of the semester.



We began our Language Summer intensive on May 29th, with 14 students enrolled from Sequoyah Schools. This intensive serves immersion school graduates attending Sequoyah High School to increase their language proficiency but incorporates non immersion school learners that are willing to work to acquire Cherokee language proficiency. This program will be hosted by CLMAP and Sequoyah High School and will be operating from 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday through Friday for 10 weeks. We have planned for this event over the last four months and project that we will immerse the student participants in over 400 hours of contiguous Cherokee language instruction using Cherokee as the target language; increasing exposure to content in context will increase participants' proficiency exponentially.

NLCC staff team completed the organization and classification of Language Curricula from various Cherokee language programs that we have collected to help us update and build up the various Cherokee language curricula used by the Nation. Additionally, the curriculum team is still creating curriculum to support the Cherokee Language Master/Apprentice program and the 14th Generation Master/Apprentice After School Program, with an emphasis on the 10 week summer language intensive.

All eight of our new first year CLMAP program participants are fully demonstrating a personal desire to aid in the perpetuation of the Cherokee language, including two Immersion School parents. They participated in their third interview since being in the program and have all progressed quickly from Novice Mid (level 2) proficiency to Novice High (level 3), two are still at that level. Six of them have now reached Intermediate Low (level 4) with some almost to Level five, Intermediate Mid.

Our second year participants are still advancing through the program, and have done well with language teaching training. As a part of second year development, participants practice immersion style teaching while assisting Master Cherokee speakers, they are required to develop lesson plans, teaching materials and direct classroom instruction in language session. They continue to advance their language proficiency while simultaneously gaining experience with language session instruction.

The five second year participants are progressing well, two have made it to Intermediate Mid (level five), and three have advanced to Intermediate High (level six) on the American Council for Teaching Foreign Language's (ACTFL) proficiency scale. This progression is in line with the top rates of progression for subsequent years. The program's curriculum and delivery method continues to grow and become more efficient.

My 10th and 11th, a staff member presented to Texas Tech at Lubbock, for a language conference to share our experiences with language acquisition for second language learners in our program and highlight Cherokee Nation's successful programs and continual efforts at language revitalization. May 28th through May 31st one of our staff attended a language summit in Washington State to ensure that our programs were up to date with the leading language learning programs across the United States and shared the progress and process of our own language programs. From May 29th through June 2nd

another staff member presented language learning methodology workshops to two At Large groups in California hosted by CCO in California.

Number of Students at Each ACTFL Speaker Level at the end of March

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2

6

2

3

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

Level 5

Level 6

Up Coming Events:

June 5 - South Coffeyville, OK, Richard Fields, Bow Making

June 9 - Georgia Cherokee Community Alliance, Marietta Middle School, Marietta, Georgia

June 22 & 23 - Cherokee Community Leaders Conference, NSU

June 25 thru 27 - Cherokee Cultural Training, At-Large Community Leaders