

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

March 2016

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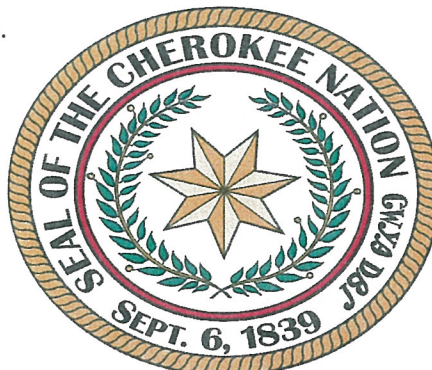
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Number of Employees	257
Number of Vacancies	26
Number of Volunteers	11

Council Notes:



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

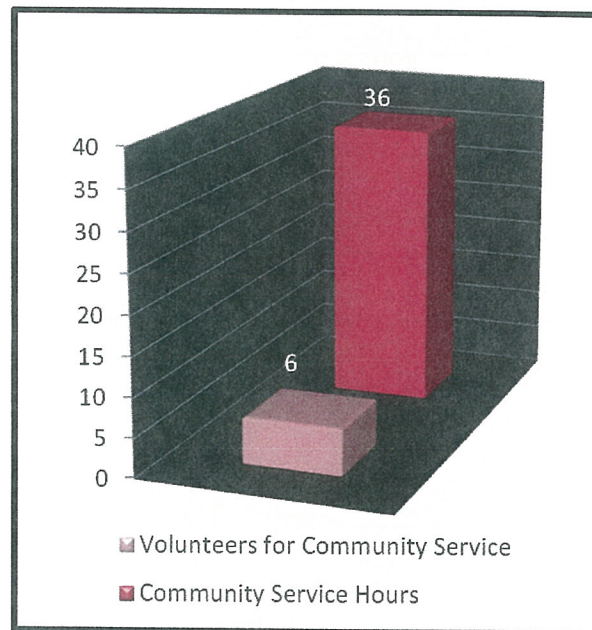
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	26
Number of Vacancies	4
Number of Volunteers	0

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

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

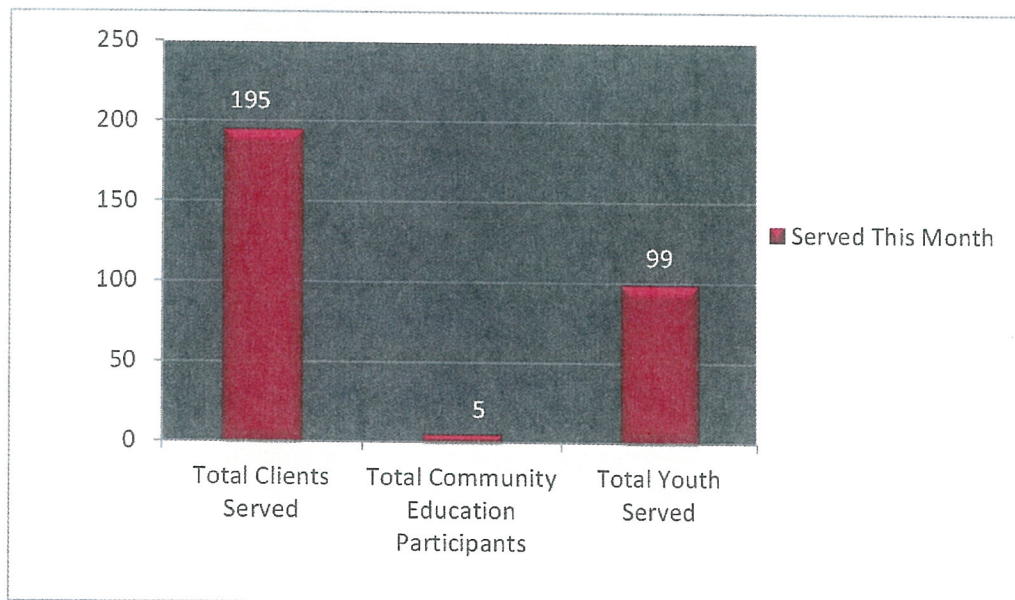
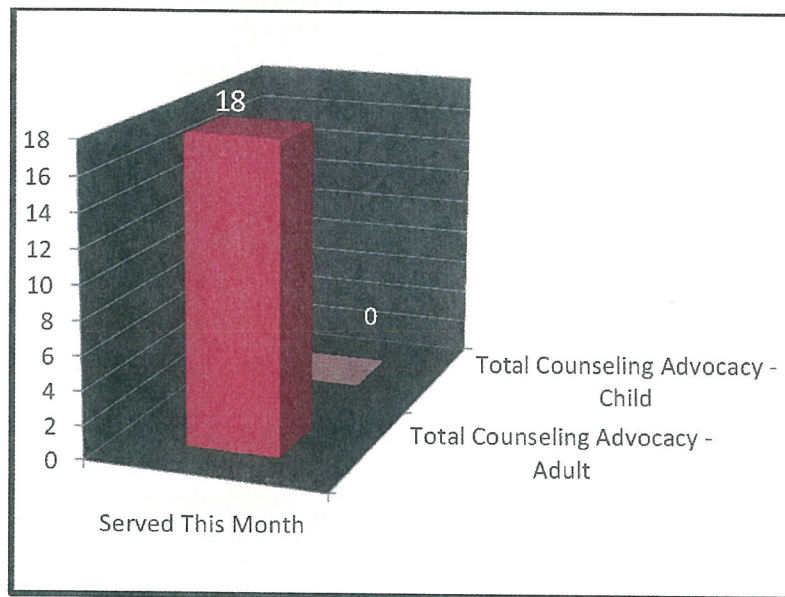
Young people served	6
Admissions	1



YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations 99



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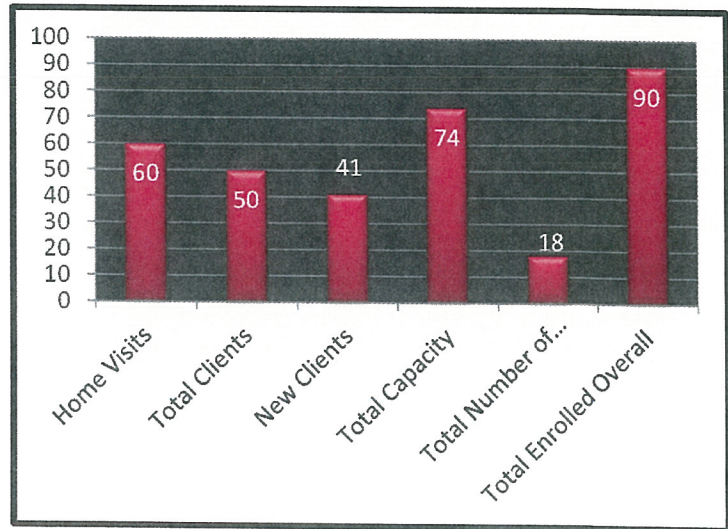
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	50
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We had 15 graduates of the new parenting program so far!



Veteran's Center :

Calls for information	268
In Person Visits	274
Transportation	0
other services- home visits	49



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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

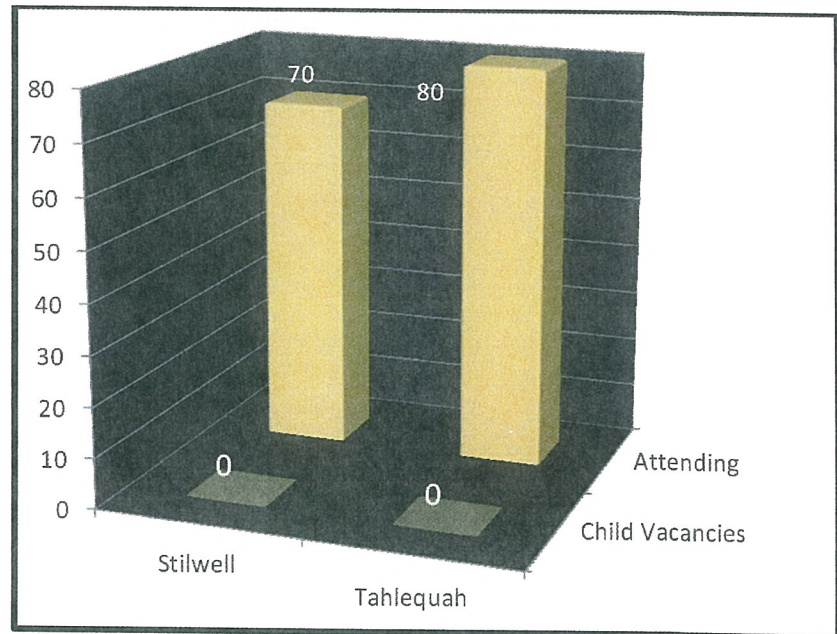
Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	97
Number of Vacancies	14
Number of Volunteers	0

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

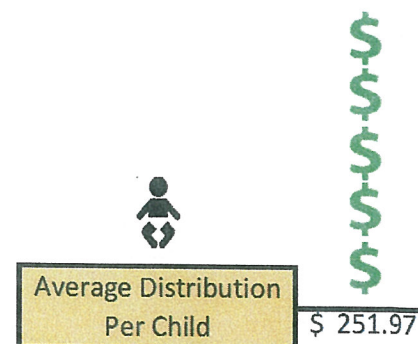
Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Zero child vacancies with current staff.
- Tahlequah - Zero child vacancies at this time with current staff. We have 8 staff openings. Ordering new toys. Challenges: Staff selections have been made but waiting for screening.
- Subsidy is updating all policies and the new software system has been fully implemented.
- Licensing has started using the new digital forms for the tablets and working on the Learn to Grow Project beginning in Sequoyah, Adair, and Cherokee Counties with Resource and Referral Department. We presented at the SW Consortium Head Start Conference. Challenges: Working on putting documents into the new systems folders.
- Implemented automated sign-in system for clients. The system will maintain data for client visits to various Child Care Programs.



Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,723
Amount Distributed	\$ 434,142.47

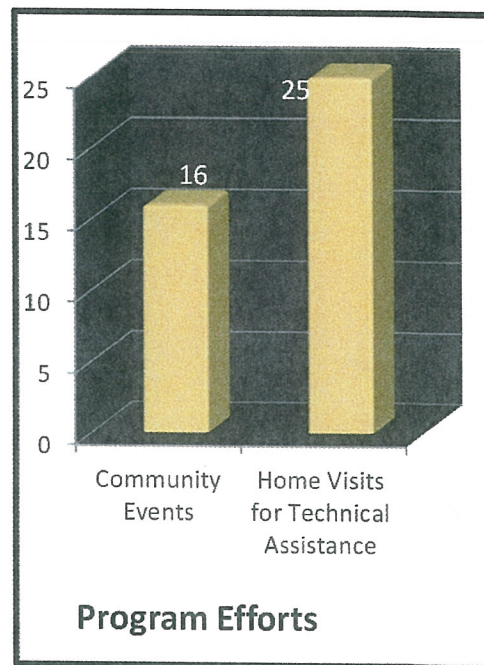
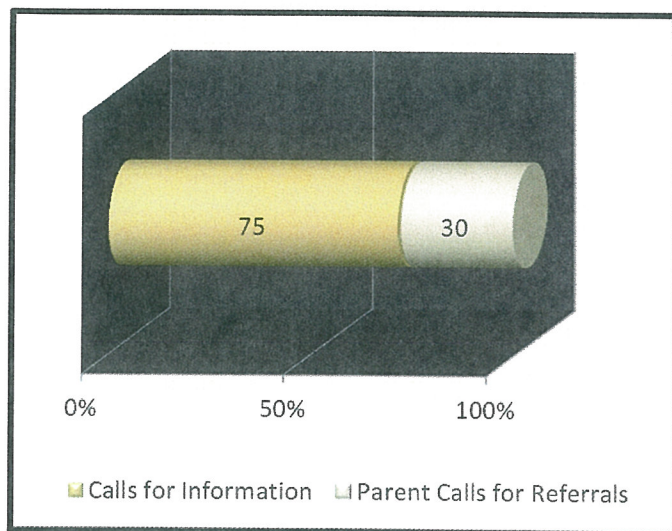


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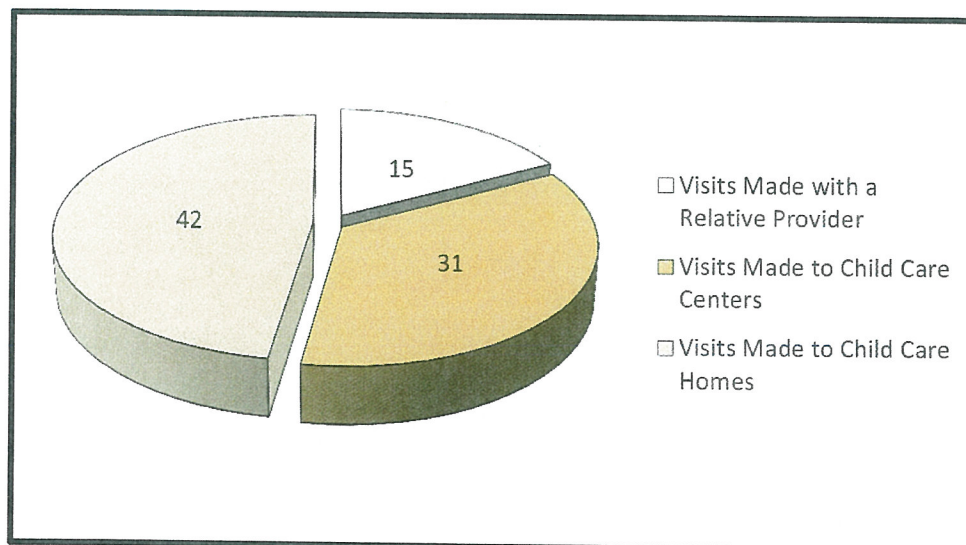
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

9



Licensing & Monitoring :



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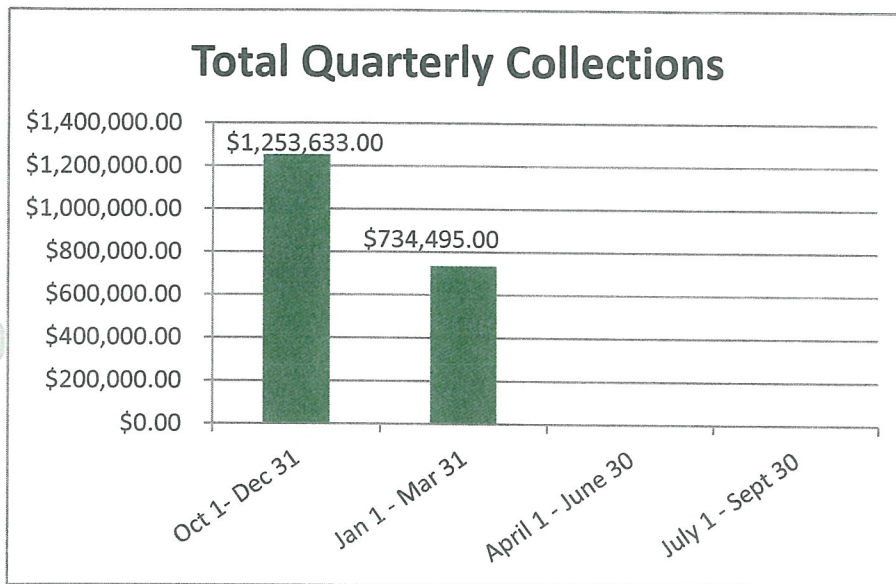
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

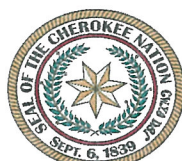
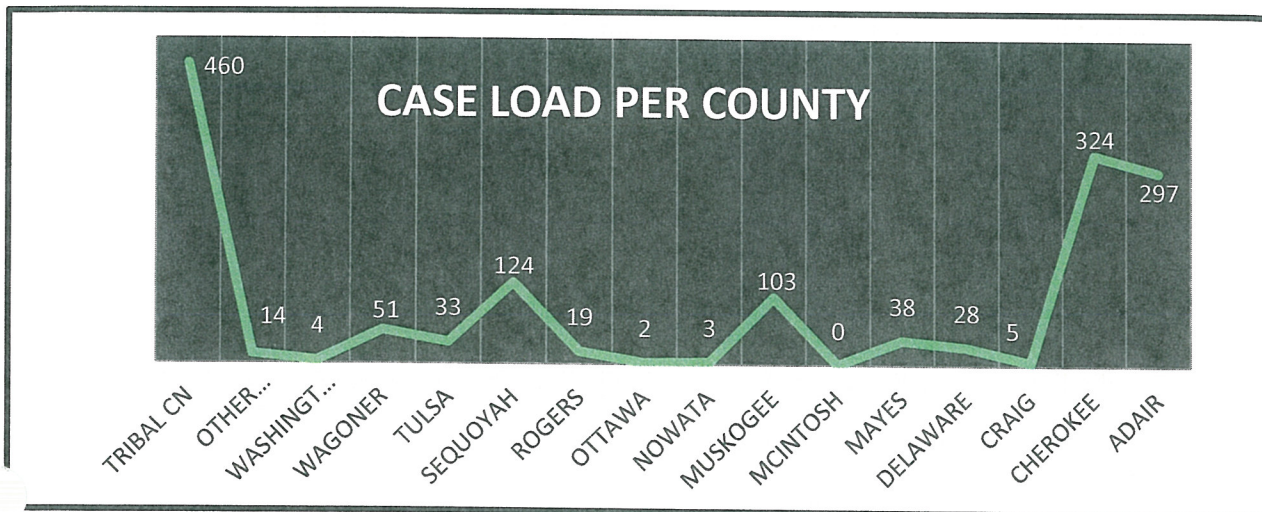
Number of Employees	30
Number of Vacancies	3
Number of Volunteers	0

Collections for the month of January:	\$ 240,256.00
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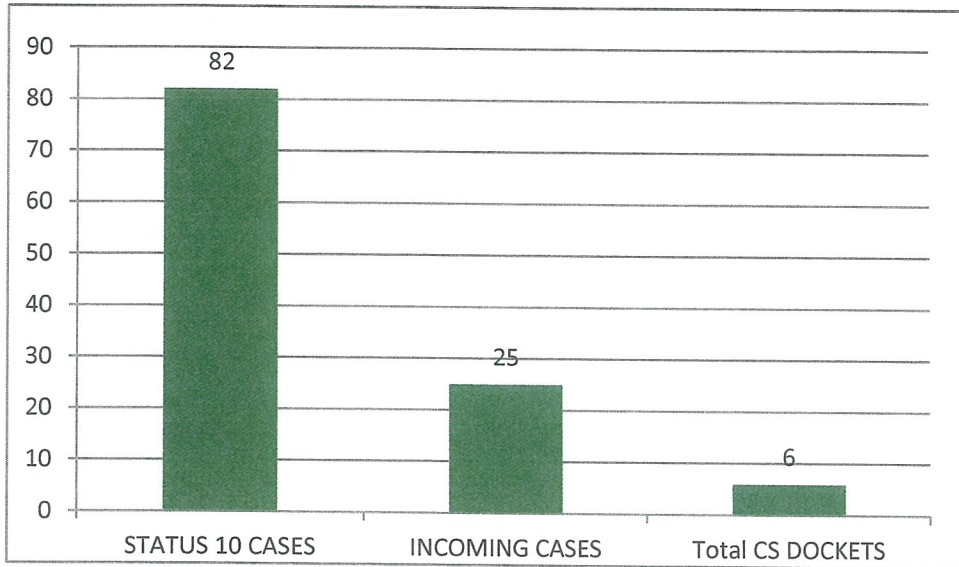
Total Client Contacts
1975
Total Court Hearings
36
Total Active Efforts Case
274
Total Case Assessments for Service
12
Total Applications Distributed
33



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The program is currently working on expanding into additional counties by ensuring there is an attorney that will be hired in May to accommodate for additional dockets in the northern area of CN jurisdiction. The office has met with several counties recently, Rogers, Delaware and Washington Co as well as Tulsa County to discuss going to into their court systems. Anticipate having the goal of establishing first docket in Rogers Co the second Tuesday of the month, May 2016. and the remaining counties



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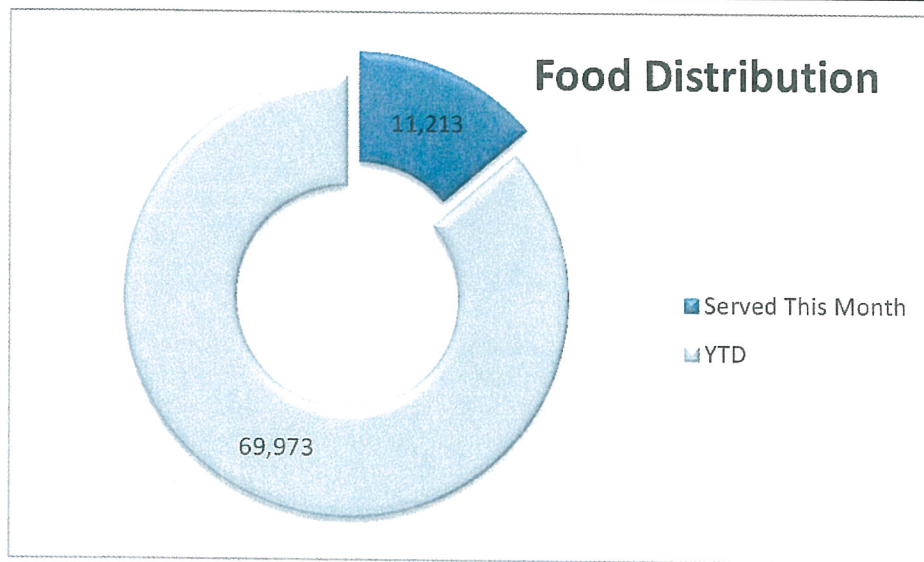
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Director - Jerry Snell

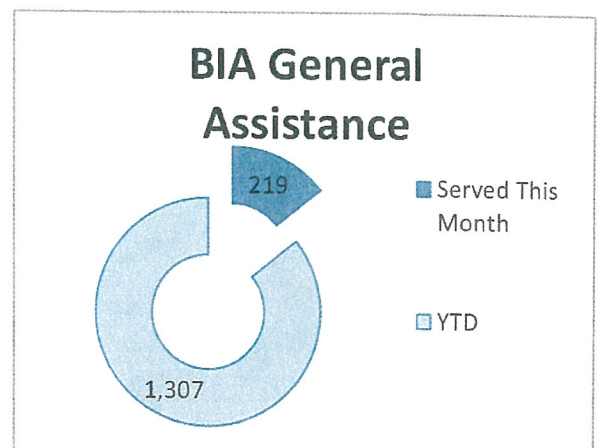
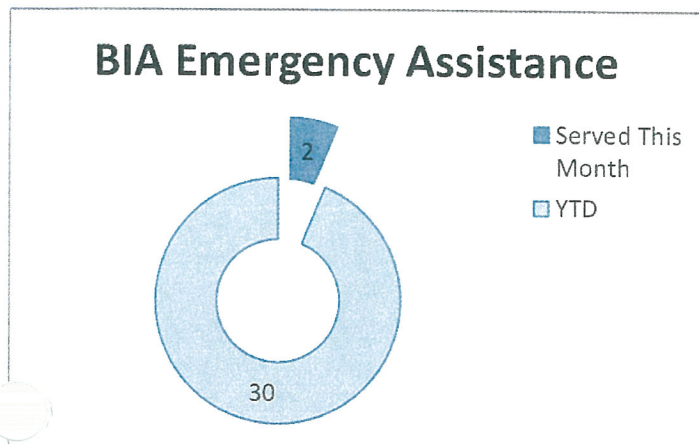
Number of Employees	104
Number of Vacancies	5
Number of Volunteers	11

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

Food Distribution :



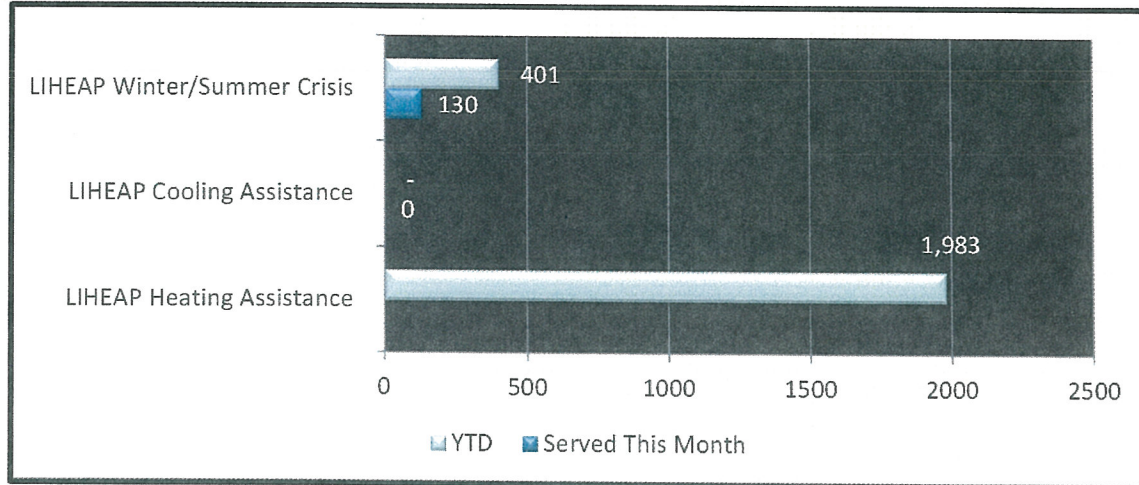
BIA Social Services :



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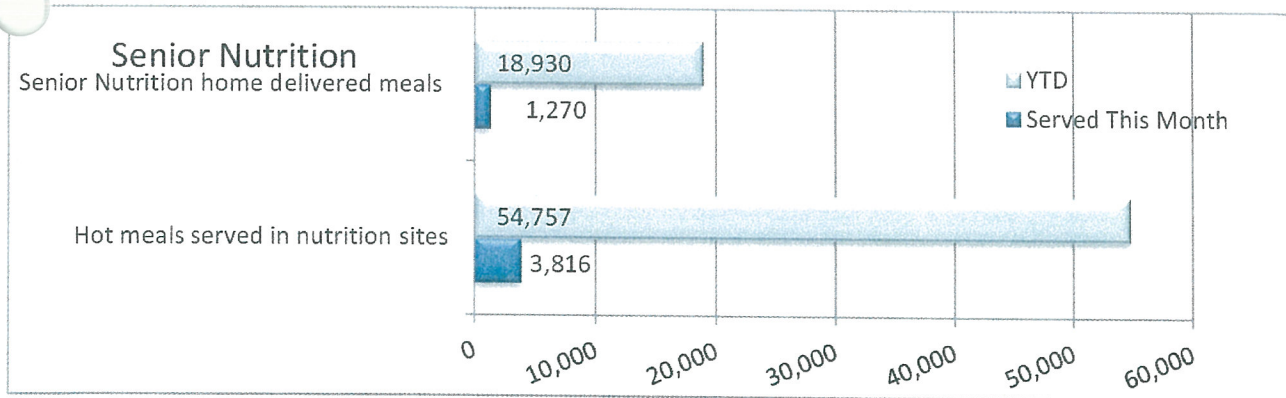
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LIHEAP:

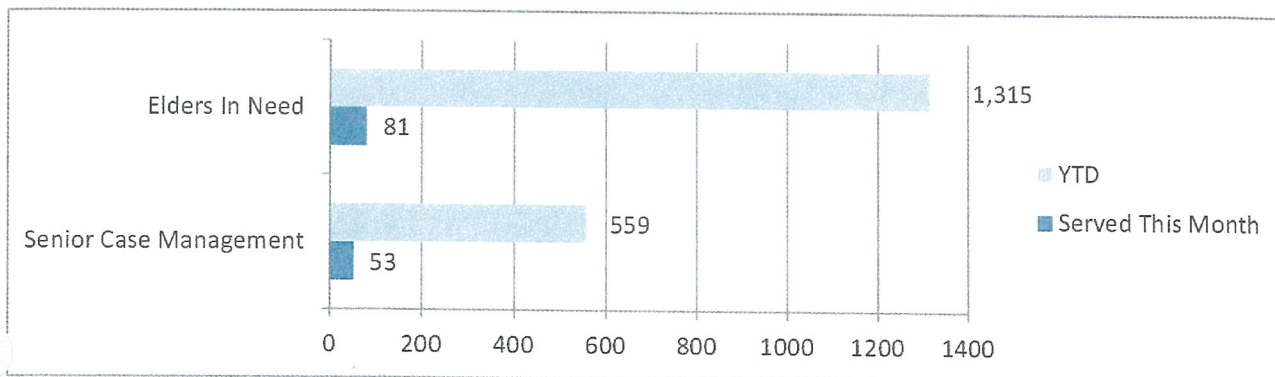


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April

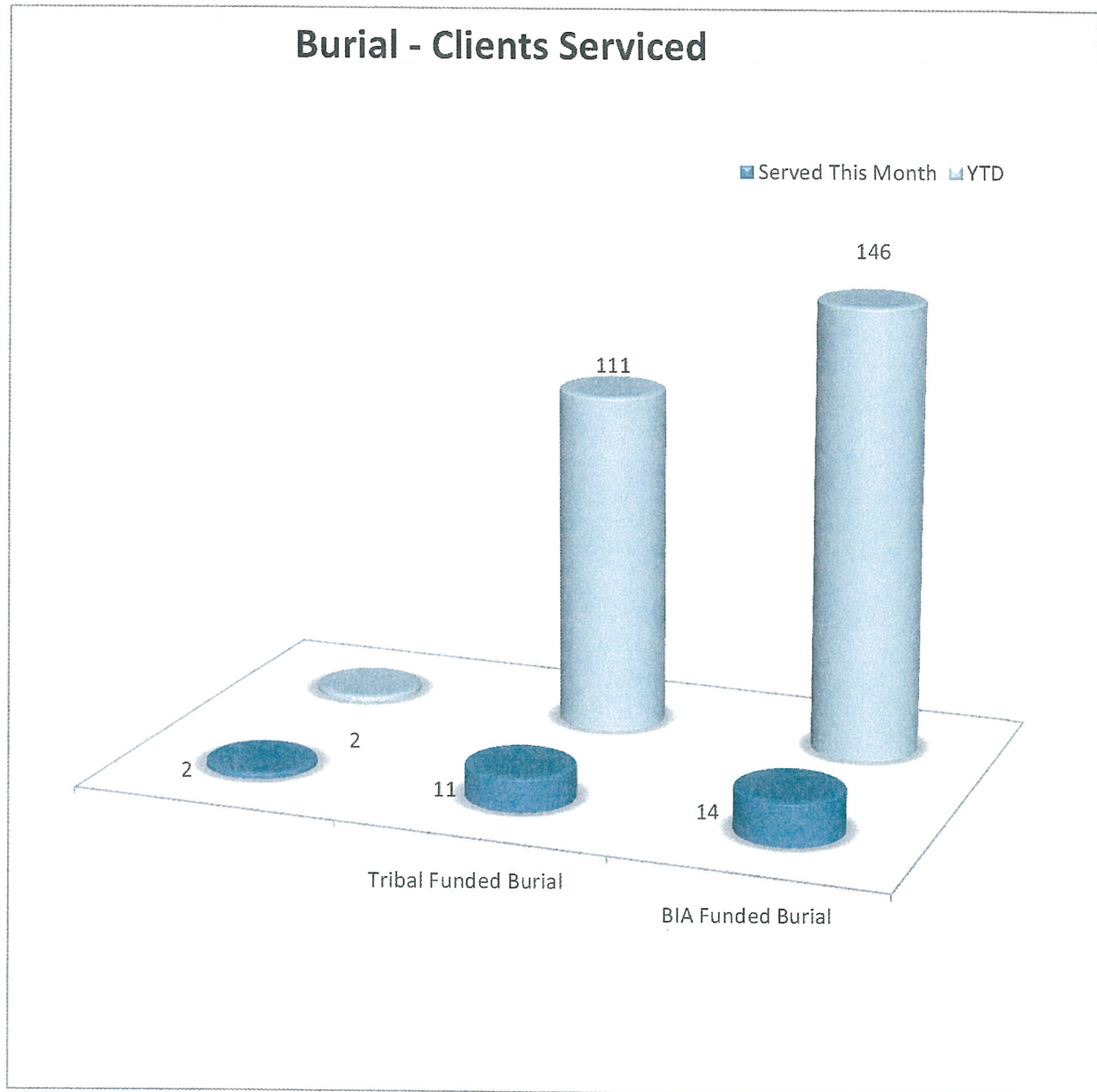


*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



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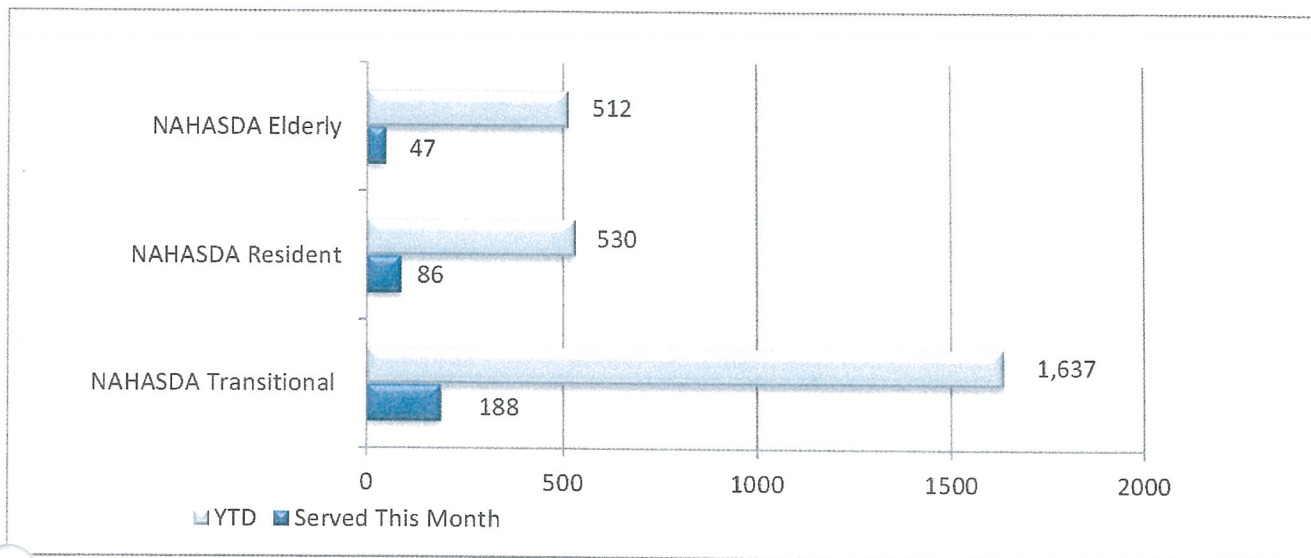
Burial Assistance :



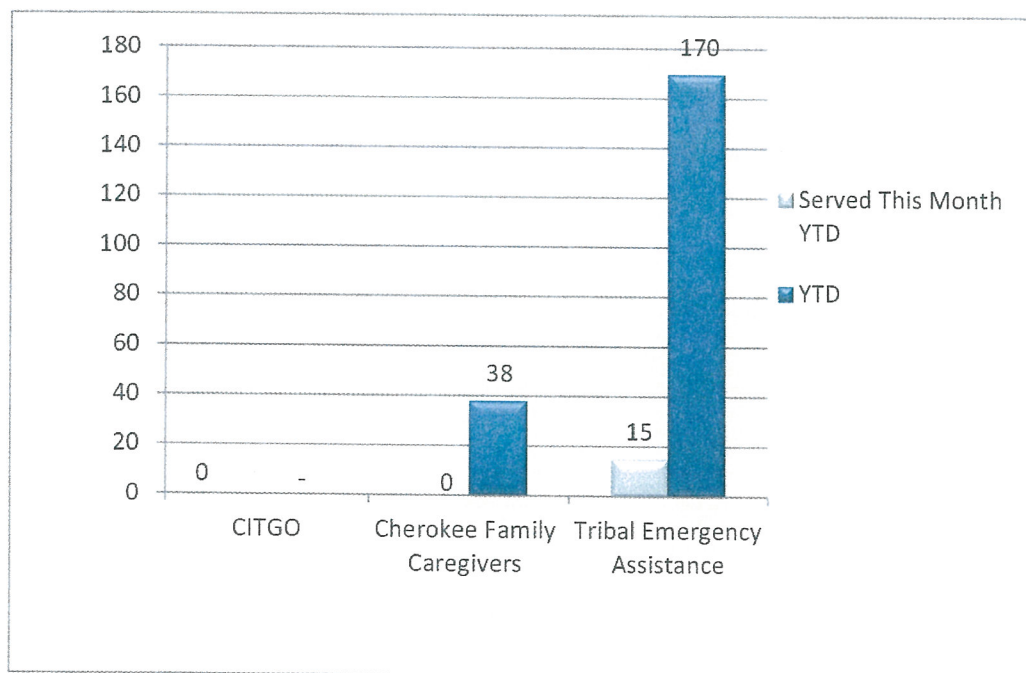
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NAHASDA :

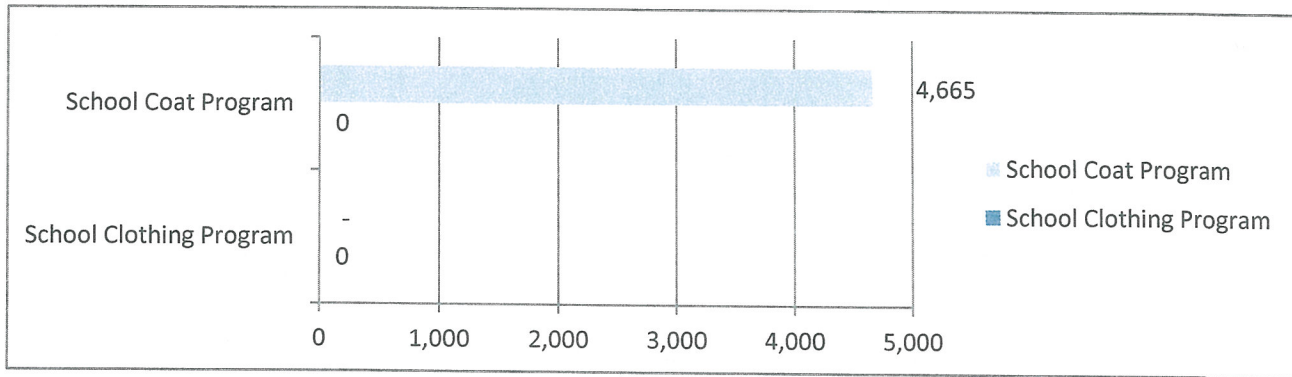


Family Assistance :



FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



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Deputy Executive Director - Barbara Foreman

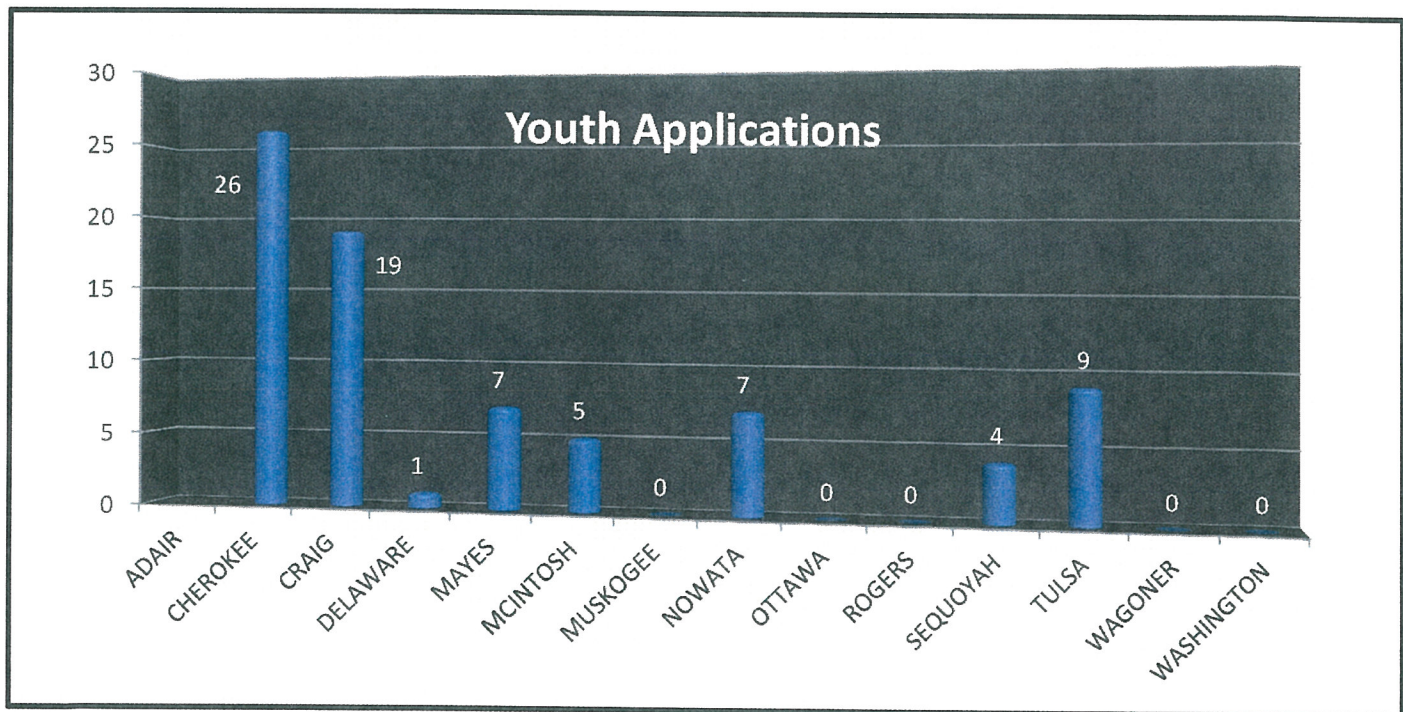
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

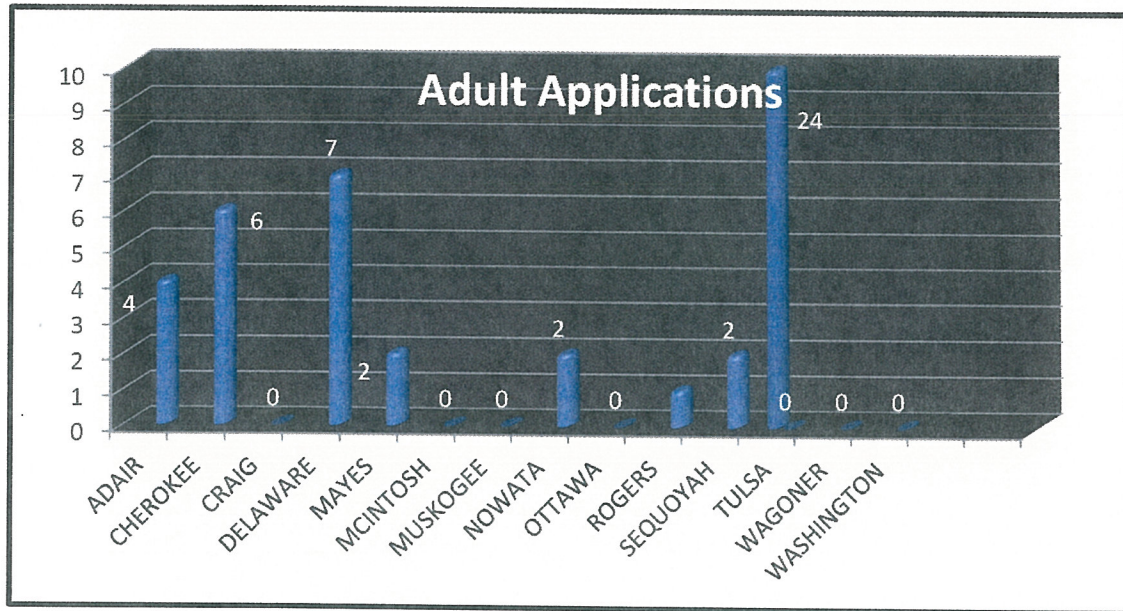
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	2,306
Total Applications Taken	78

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	78
Total Adult	24

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

March	\$ 20,400.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** April 2016

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. Received official award letter from IHS concerning FY16 Housing Support project. This project is to provide water and sewer facilities for New and Like New homes. Award of \$1,030,000 to serve an estimated 74 homes. This is an increase over the FY15 award of \$855,000 but still less than our FY12 award of \$1,140,000.
2. Still waiting on IHS project award notification for Regular project funds for existing homes. We anticipate the following projects will be funded but this list won't be official until we get an award letter:
 - a. FY16 Scattered Regular Project (All Counties) est. 100 homes
 - b. Ft. Gibson WTP expansion (Muskogee Co.) est 1507 homes
 - c. Kenwood North WL Extension (Delaware Co.) est 39 homes
 - d. Lowrey Phase II WL Extension (Cherokee Co.) est 21 homes
 - e. Osage WL Extension (Mayes Co.) est. 11 homes
 - f. Sequoyah Co # 5/Gore PWA Connection (Sequoyah Co.) est. 111 homes
 - g. Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP (Delaware Co.) est. 1141 homes
3. FY2016 Tribal Individual Funds are 55% expended. Only \$1,400 left in Budget Edit for contract services.
4. FY2016 Tribal Community Funds are 50% expended. We anticipate a large amount of remaining Tribal funds will be needed as matching funds for IHS projects.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 172 food handlers
2. Repaired sewer and/or water facilities for 20 homes
3. Installed sewer and/or water facilities for 22 homes

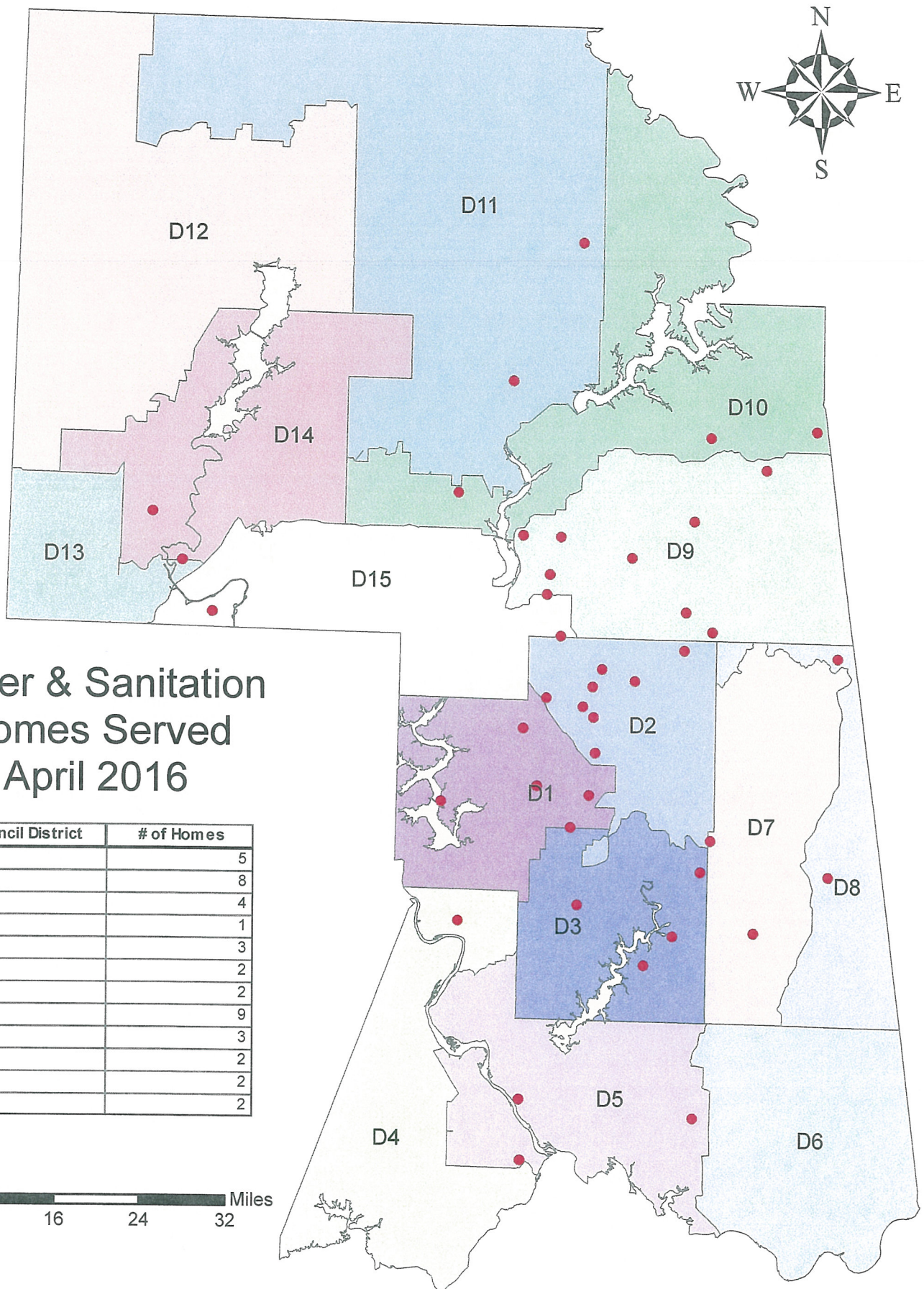
b.) Accomplishments

1. Contractor completing work on Marble City Lift Station Project.
2. Attended meetings in Delaware Co RWD # 6, Cherokee Co. RWD # 7 and met with representatives with Grand Gateway EDA about FY17 projects.

c.) Future Plans

1. Final inspections scheduled for Marble City and Ramona Lift Station projects.
2. Hydraulic analysis of Oaks water distribution system.
3. Working on EDA grant to connect Cherry Tree Sewer to Stilwell

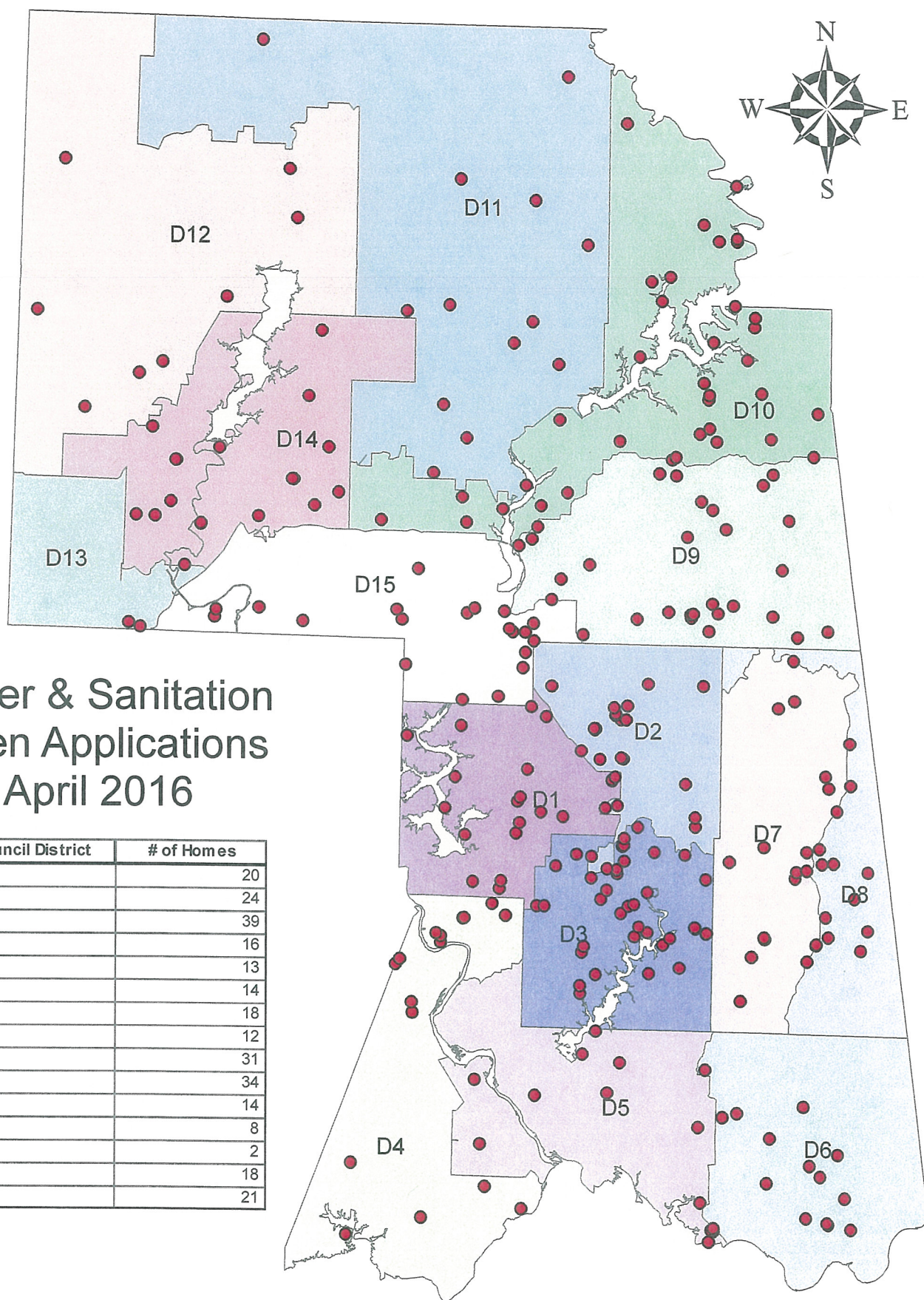
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Water & Sanitation Homes Served April 2016

Council District	# of Homes
D1	5
D2	8
D3	4
D4	1
D5	3
D7	2
D8	2
D9	9
D10	3
D11	2
D14	2
D15	2

0 4 8 16 24 32 Miles



Water & Sanitation Open Applications April 2016

Council District	# of Homes
D1	20
D2	24
D3	39
D4	16
D5	13
D6	14
D7	18
D8	12
D9	31
D10	34
D11	14
D12	8
D13	2
D14	18
D15	21

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>May, 2016</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.

Kristen Pettigrew, employee of the Marshal Service
Brittany Vann, aunt is Gayle Miller employee of Tribal Council
Kristy Murphy, daughter is Leo Murphy of HACN
Colton Paden, grandchild of Tom Elkins of CN Environmental
Angel Choate, aunt is Lavonne Tubbs of CN Career Services

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.

Florence Easter, stepfather is Tommy Teehee of HACN

Linda Leach, nephew is Roy Poteet of HACN

Elizabeth Leach, brother in law is Sampson Leach of HACN

Jessie Fine, son is Dennis Fine of HACN

Robert Fine, father is Dennis Fine of HACN

Claretta Meadows, brother is Harley Buzzard, CN Tribal Council



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

May 24 May BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM at HACN

Office Closures:

May 30 Memorial Day

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

918-456-5482

800-837-2869

Employee Email is:

firstname.lastname@hacn.org

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: March, 2016

Current Program Participants:

		Rental Assistance				Homeownership		Loans		Totals		
County	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	487	147	169	5	22	119	40	18	1	1,008	15%	
Cherokee	573	171	347	12	32	271	101	63	6	1,576	23%	
Craig	43	53	54	0	5	11	7	2	0	175	3%	
Delaware	342	115	101	4	16	83	40	22	0	723	10%	
McIntosh	13	N/A	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	21	0%	
Mayes	242	124	90	3	13	66	28	16	0	582	8%	
Muskogee	137	47	97	1	3	52	28	18	0	383	6%	
Nowata	29	41	34	0	3	8	17	2	0	134	2%	
Ottawa	19	N/A	3	0	2	7	4	5	0	40	1%	
Rogers	150	72	242	11	11	85	23	43	5	642	9%	
Sequoyah	554	N/A	280	15	21	177	46	58	3	1,154	17%	
Tulsa	63	N/A	145	11	5	24	3	3	0	254	4%	
Wagoner	11	N/A	6	0	2	63	2	1	0	85	1%	
Washington	33	40	56	2	2	26	8	3	0	170	2%	
Total:	2,696	810	1,624	64	137	998	349	254	15	6,947	100%	
							1,347	269				
							1,825					

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	124	21	8	149	76	165	9%	543	11%
Cherokee	137	22	10	124	273	385	20%	951	20%
Craig	18	3	0	53	19	38	2%	131	3%
Delaware	93	31	0	139	84	227	12%	574	12%
McIntosh	5	0	0	N/A	1	16	1%	22	0%
Mayes	63	26	2	76	86	161	8%	414	9%
Muskogee	39	26	1	25	52	155	8%	298	6%
Nowata	14	0	0	36	15	43	2%	108	2%
Ottawa	11	1	0	N/A	9	22	1%	43	1%
Rogers	25	29	0	92	127	155	8%	428	9%
Sequoyah	138	52	5	N/A	155	321	17%	671	14%
Tulsa	22	31	2	N/A	148	157	8%	360	8%
Wagoner	6	3	0	N/A	12	31	2%	52	1%
Washington	21	23	0	64	48	47	2%	203	4%
Total:	716	268	28	758	1,105	1,923	100%	4,798	100%

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

**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
March, 2016

		Applications		Processing									Construction		In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
				Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV									
County	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing	Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete							
Adair	80	0	30	1	3	2	2	4	7	19	40	30	19	19	40			
Cherokee	217	4	16	11	5	0	12	6	32	40	101	20	66	40	101			
Craig	18	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	9	4	7	1	12	4	7			
Delaware	112	0	17	3	7	0	3	2	17	47	40	17	32	47	40			
McIntosh	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2			
Mayes	82	2	15	3	2	0	4	2	17	11	28	17	28	11	28			
Muskogee	106	0	5	2	2	0	2	2	4	14	28	5	12	14	28			
Nowata	23	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	7	17	2	7	7	17			
Ottawa	10	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	4	6	2	5	4			
Rogers	127	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	14	23	2	8	14	23			
Sequoyah	210	0	21	3	7	0	3	2	15	35	46	21	30	35	46			
Tulsa	146	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	3	5	3	3			
Wagoner	20	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2	2			
Washington	36	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	8	3	2	3	8			
Total:	1,198	6	124	27	29	2	26	18	125	204	349	130	227	204	349			
		130		227									553					

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

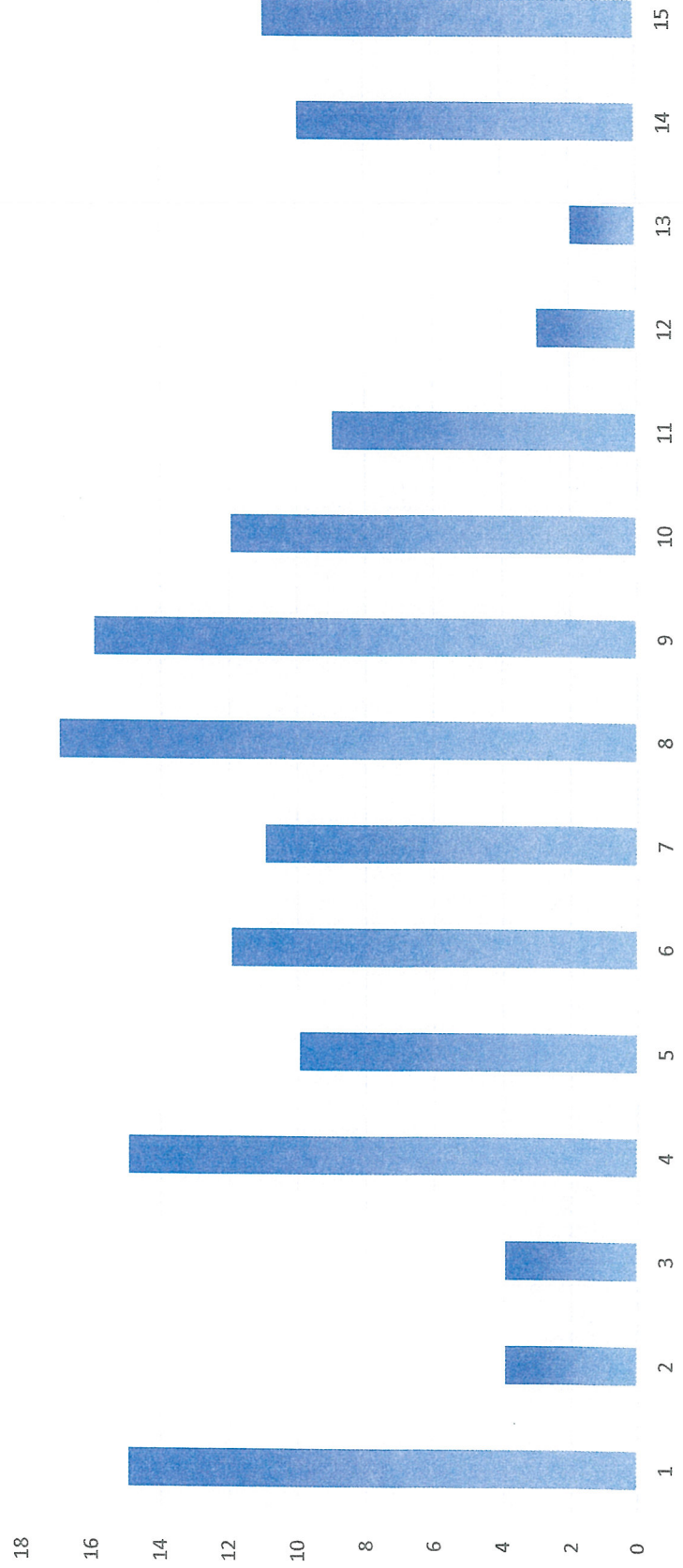
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Month Ending:
March, 2016

Housing Rehabilitation Programs

New Applications:	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 14	District 15	Total
New Applications Completed	4	2	1	2	2	5	2	6	9	6	4	0	1	6	5	55
New Applications Processing	11	2	3	13	8	7	9	11	7	6	5	3	1	4	6	96
District Totals	15	4	4	15	10	12	11	17	16	12	9	3	2	10	11	151

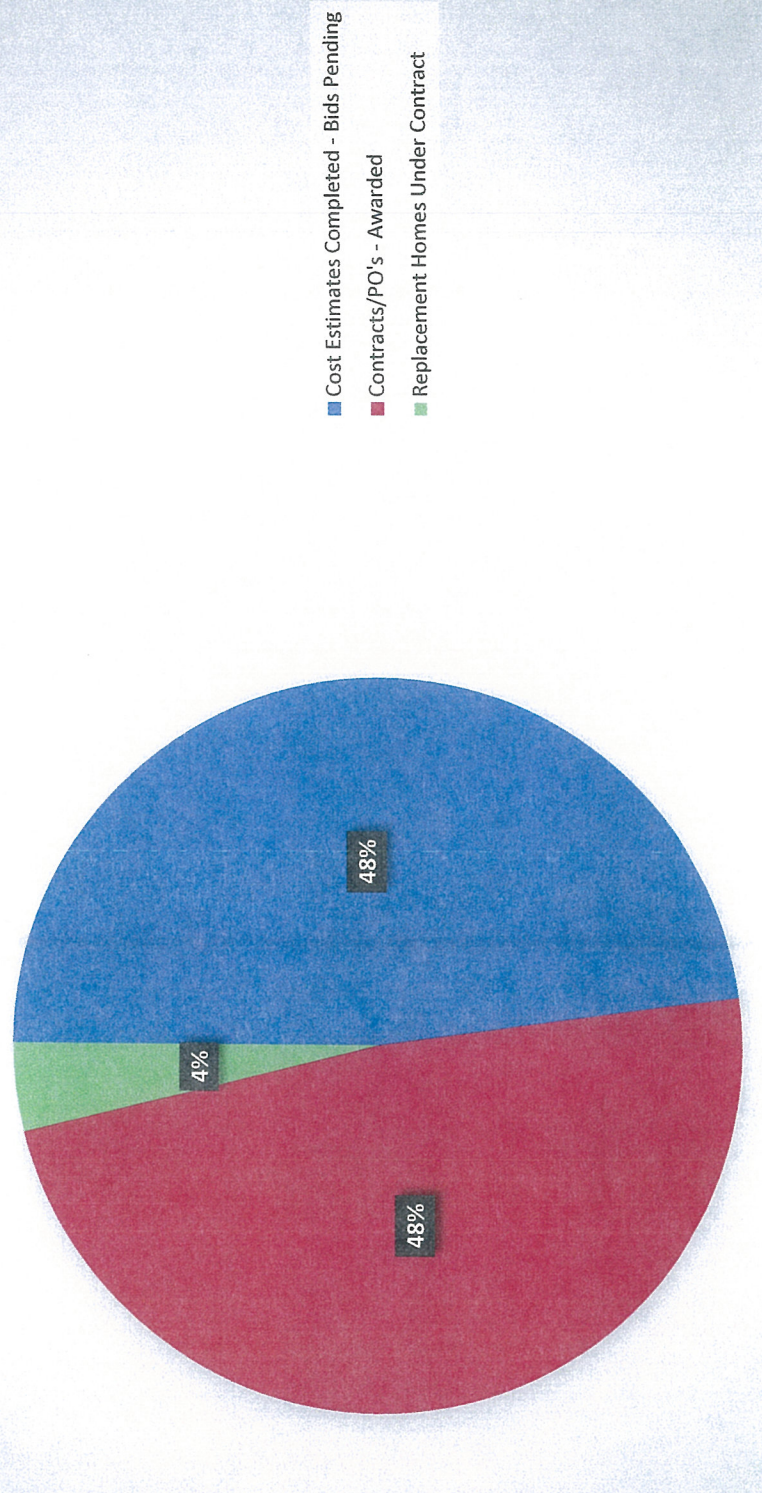


Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
March, 2016

Cost Estimates Completed - Bids Pending	98
Contracts/PO's - Awarded	99
Replacement Homes Under Contract	8

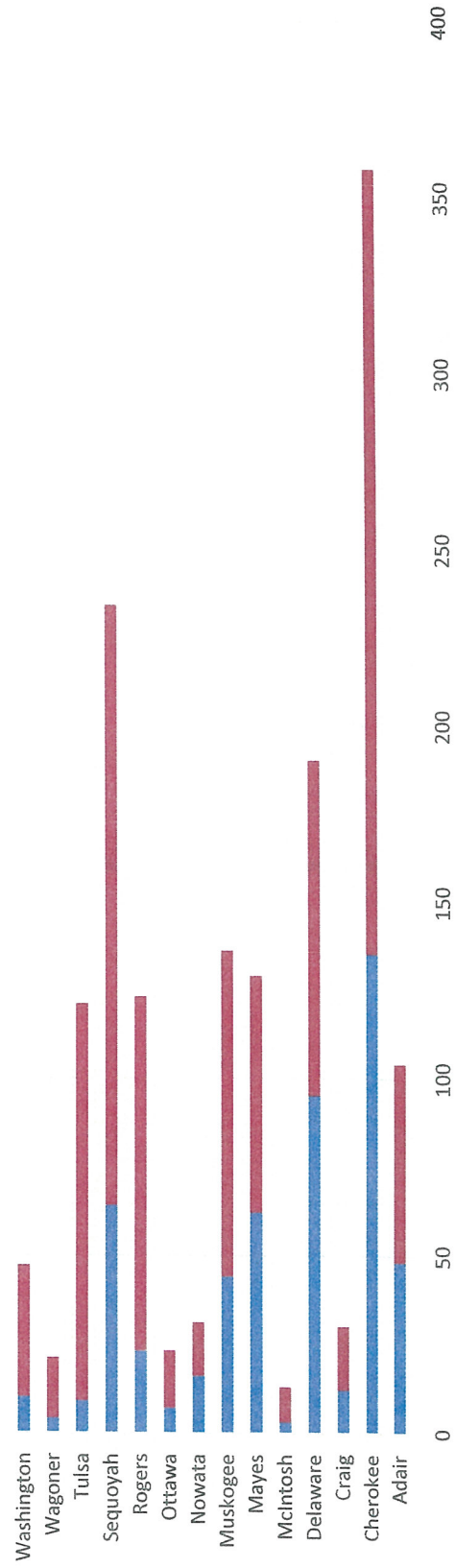
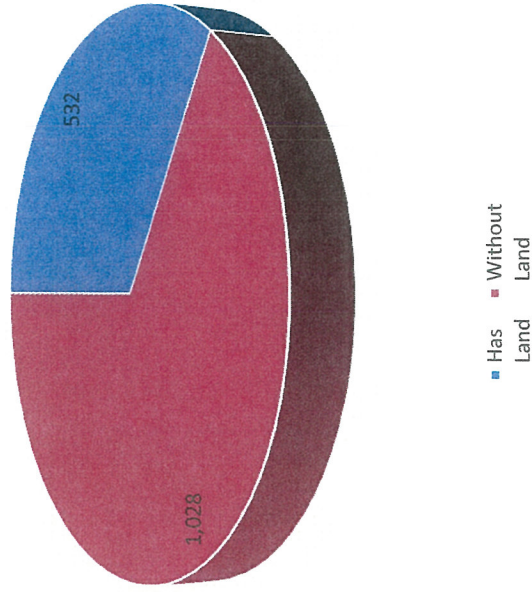
Housing Rehab Job Stats



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	48	56	46%	54%	104
Cherokee	135	223	38%	62%	358
Craig	12	18	40%	60%	30
Delaware	95	95	50%	50%	190
McIntosh	3	10	23%	77%	13
Mayes	62	67	48%	52%	129
Muskogee	44	92	32%	68%	136
Nowata	16	15	52%	48%	31
Ottawa	7	16	30%	70%	23
Rogers	23	100	19%	81%	123
Sequoyah	64	170	27%	73%	234
Tulsa	9	112	7%	93%	121
Wagoner	4	17	19%	81%	21
Washington	10	37	21%	79%	47
Total:	532	1,028	34%	66%	1,560



Statistics as of: August 31, 2015



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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services/Road and Transit Dept. **Month/Year of Report:** May 2016

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

I. Budget Highlights:

- a) The Cherokee Transit has received \$92,500 through the FTA Tribal Transit Program Discretionary Project. These funds along with a 10% tribal match will be used to purchase additional buses. Seven tribes including Cherokee Nation received funding through this program.
- b)

II. Department Highlights

a) Accomplishments:

b) Future Plans/New Initiatives

c) Status on Other Projects:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

- 1. Chewey Road – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. RP working on 90% completion. R/W will submit for appraisals as needed.
- 2. Dahlenegah South – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen HUB. 90% checked plans were returned for revisions on 5/14/14. I met with Adair county commissioner Dale Dandridge February 8, about the acquisition and he told me he would be responsible for the acquisition of the fee property.
- 3. Bell North – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. RP working on 90% plans. R/W received easements and exhibits 8/27/15 and is currently performing the first check of the documents.
- 4. CNI Industrial Access – Designer: D. Moore Contractor: Glover & Associates. Contract amount \$1,633,194.81. Construction underway working - light pole installation in progress --100% complete A final inspection was performed on the 23rd. -
- 5. Dahlenegah West- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W is complete with research of ownership. 30% plans submitted on 8/28/15.
- 6. Lyon Switch – Designer: J. Shehi and D. Moore. Plans have been submitted for revised alignment 45% check. East loop was removed from the project because of RW and environmental restraints at homes and historical structures.
- 7. Malloy Hollow– Designer: D. Moore. Plans are complete. Environmental review and negotiations with ODWC are still in progress.
- 8. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Designer: Red Plains. RP are working on 90% Plans. R/W received the R/W documents 11/9/15 for first check.

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9. Smith Hollow – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. RP are working on 90% Plans. R/W received the appraisals 2/16/16. Notice of interest letters were mailed out 9/28/2015 to landowners. R/W is preparing to start acquisition.
10. Bell School South – Designer: A. Harris - Project is approximately 85% complete. Waiting on Guy Engineering to design a three sided bridge to replace a double box that will only carry a 2 year flood.
11. Rocky Mountain School Loop- Designer: D. Moore - Project is 100% complete. CE approved. Bid advertisement scheduled for March 24, 2016 and Bid Opening scheduled for April 28, 2016.
12. Honey Hill Phase I – Designer: HUB Engineering – Design plans are complete. Utility letters were sent out for estimates for relocation. ADA Mike Ashworth informed John Compelube 1/27/16 that the condemnation cases have been dismissed. CN Roads department can now proceed with construction. Michael Lynn and John Compelube attended the February 8, county commissioner meeting to confirm that CN Roads is ready to proceed with construction. Waiting on CE approval and utility relocations.
13. Bunch Road – Designer: Nickle & Associates - R/W has completed ownership research and sent it to Nickle & Associates 7/11/14. Decision was made to only do the portion from the BOP and stopping before the first railroad crossing. New task order was issued on 9-18-14 for the revised length of project. 30% plans were submitted on 2/19/16.
14. Oak Ridge Road and Oak Ridge Extension – Designer: CGA Engineering. R/W has completed ownership research for Oak Ridge and mailed it 2/28/14. CGA will be doing the research for Oak Ridge Extension.. Completed 30% check and returned to CGA on 5/12/15. A community meeting was conducted on December 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Bell school cafeteria.
15. Sally Bull Hollow – Designer: Guy Engineering. R/W submitted the ownership research to Guy Engineering 12/17/13. 30% plancheck was completed on March 8, 2016 and PIH was held on March 30, 2016.
16. The following projects are pending design –
 - Chance Road
 - Bidding Springs Road
 - Lyon South Road

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dreadfulwater Road – Designer: A. Harris. After the Preliminary Community Meeting held on September 18, 2014 the Roads department received one comment form from a concerned landowner. Plans are approximately 75 % complete.
2. Hulbert-Lost City – Designer: A. Harris. Coordination with utility companies are underway. In house final review is complete and revisions are being

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made. R/W exhibits and easements has been started for this project. NEPA is in progress.

3. Lost City Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of way research is complete. Plans are 75% complete. Had meeting with utility companies to confirm easement placement on 1/12/16.
4. Northeast Fort Gibson- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Plans 98% complete. ABB survey was negative. R/W started acquisition 7/8/14, out of 129 parcels we have 1 parcel in Muskogee county left to acquire. Cherokee county acquisition is complete. Had utility relocation meeting on 1/12/16 to ask for relocation plans, estimates, and proposed beginning day of construction.
5. Tenkiller School –Designer: Red Plains. Contractor: Glover & Associates. Contract amount \$3,747,954.02. Construction: clearing and grubbing fencing - 10.5% Complete. Contractor on site preparing for pipe installation.
6. Ross Street- Designer: D. Moore - Survey is complete. Preliminary design is started. Attended meeting with the design and construction team for the new clinic. They still do not know Hasting plans for driveway entrance. Waiting for Pavement design and hydrology from CGA.
7. Mud Valley Road – Began preliminary design criteria. An exception will be submitted for narrower pavement width. R/W has started ownership research for this project 11/18/15. Project is being flown by Quantum Spatial. Aerial targets are being set by survey crew.
8. The following projects are pending design:
 - 4-Mile Road

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road - Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Held preliminary community meeting for the project 4/15/14 at the White Oak school cafeteria. R/W videoed the project and sent a copy of the video to Guy Engineering. 7/8/2015 – R/W received Trust & Restricted documents from Guy Engineering for check. Currently preparing a list of corrections needed on the documents. Received Geotechnical Report on 8/4/14. Project design 85% complete. Field meeting for utility relocation will be May 5, 2015.
2. NS-4410 Road (7th Street/Turnpike Bridge) – Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Cherokee Nation has signed the agreement between Cherokee Nation, Craig County, and ODOT.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. D0525 Road – Designer: Scott & Associates. Submitted 30% plans, hydrology, and geotechnical report. Had 30% plan in hand on April 8, 2015. Revisions were submitted on 7/14/2015.

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2. Jay/Kenwood Bridges (Bridges 53, 67, 68, and 71) - Designer: Rose & McCrary, P.C. Contractor: Paradigm. Contract Amount \$5,592,242.85. Construction began June 9 2014 project-100%. A final inspection has been scheduled for March 29th. - final quantities.
3. Kenwood Jay Road Rehab - Plans are 100% complete. CE is approved. Pre-bid meeting was held on April 26, 2016.
4. Kansas-Bull Hollow – Designer: Scott & Associates. 60% Plan in Hand was conducted on April 8, 2015. R/W finished checking all other documents and returned them to Scott & Associates January, 7 2016 for them to revise.
5. Kansas Dry Creek Project- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. 90% plans were submitted for review on 5/10/2013. Meeting was held with HUB and Flood Plain Administrator on December 17, 2014 about Zone A issues. Still working on resolving this problem. R/W will submit for appraisals as needed.
6. Leach/Kenwood Road – Designer: D. Moore. R/W acquisition complete. Pre-bid was held on April 26, 2016.

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chimney Rock Hollow I & II – Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Received 30% plans on 3/10/14.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Sent 90% check to HUB for revisions and final plans. ABB survey was negative. R/W started acquisition 7/8/14, out of 129 parcels. we have 1 parcel in Muskogee county left to acquire. . Cherokee county acquisition is complete. Utility relocation meeting was held on 1/12/16.
2. Texanna Road – Designer: D. Moore. Project is being surveyed and aerial flown.

ROGERS COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Sequoyah West I & II – Designer: TBD

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Moonshine Road – Designer: J. Shehi. Project is 90% complete. Submitted for final check.
2. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – Designer: Guy Engineering

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

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With the \$92,500 FTA grant and tribal dollars, bids have been posted for three new transit vans. Bids are due on March 28th and a selection is anticipated to happen within 30 days afterwards.

Ridership on all five current routes for the month of February 2016 are:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 116 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 914 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 153 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 9 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 116 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 185 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 341 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 275 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 35 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,407

Note: Ridership reports run 2 month behind.

Commerce Group: Commerce

Month/Year of Report: May 2016

Executive Director: Anna Knight

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a. Program highlights

1. Mortgage Assistance Program Activity:

MAP Applicants	
Received MAP and purchased a home	90
Applications under review (application received, verifying applicant's eligibility)	158
Applicants capable of purchasing a home within the next 90 days	120
Applicants in short term financial coaching (applicant working on minor credit issues and/or small debt reduction; may be ready to purchase a home within 12 months)	103
Applicants in long term financial coaching (applicant working on significant credit issues and or major debt reduction; may be ready to purchase a home in 1 to 3 years)	319

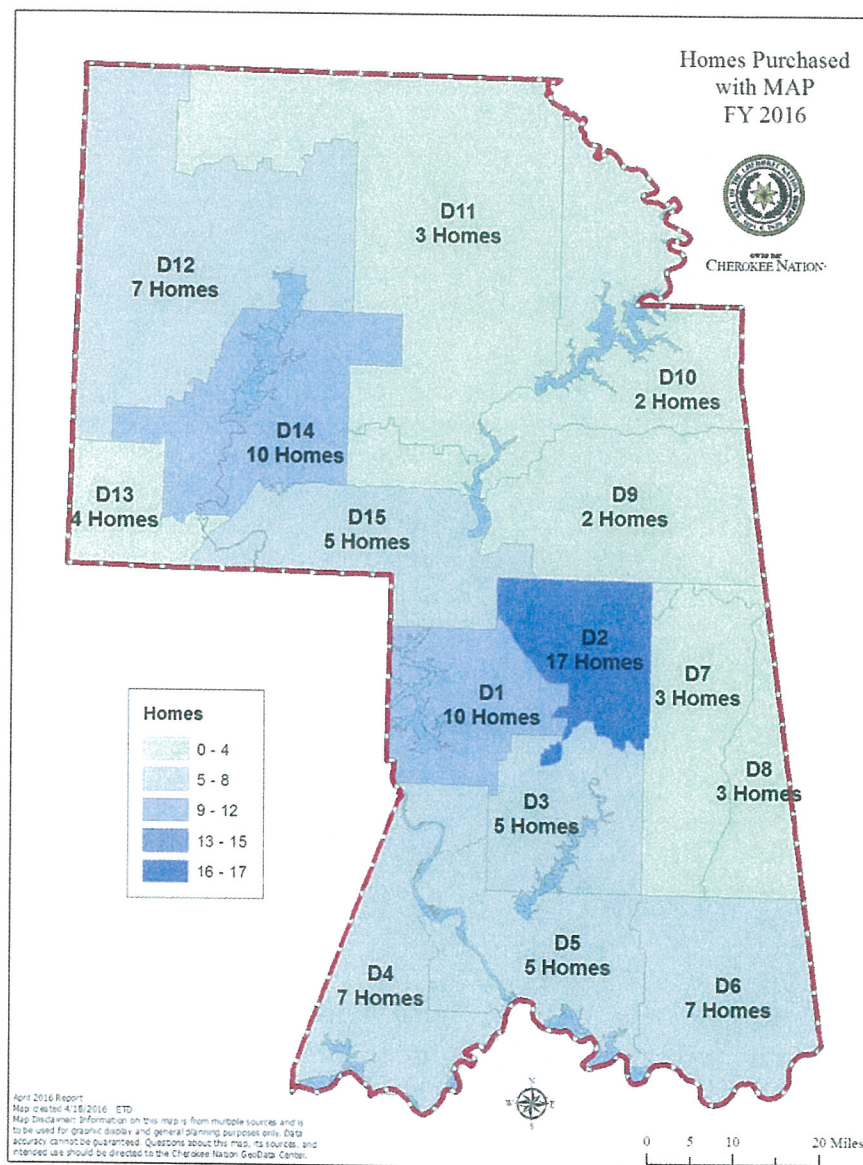
2. Commerce Services provided free tax preparation and filing services through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). As of April 14th, **1,799 tax returns were prepared**. The final report from the IRS has not yet been received; additional details and final numbers will be reported next month.
3. Since FY07, **676 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.
4. YTD, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with **9 families facing foreclosure**. Three families received a modification which includes one family receiving a foreclosure prevention loan and one additional family received a foreclosure prevention loan from the Small Business Assistance Center; two families are currently working with SBAC staff to save their home; one family was referred out for further assistance and unfortunately two families were unable to receive foreclosure prevention.
5. **726 consumer loans totaling \$884,445.13** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of February 15th. Two of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$9,939.85**.
6. **74 families have used Mortgage Assistance** to purchase a home this fiscal year.

MAP used in conjunction with a HUD 184 loan	60
MAP used with other loan products	30
Families Housed with Mortgage Assistance	90

7. MAP recipient snapshot:

Household Averages	
Household income	\$36,881.45
Increase in Credit Score	24 points
Debt to income including mortgage	29.3%
Debt to income reduction after coaching	3.5%
Home Price	\$97,454

8. Mortgage Assistance usage by district:



The Mortgage Assistance Program is a great program to go through for anyone who has the chance. There is a lot of information to gain from it. I learned where my money was going and made changes after that.

Jeff H.
Mortgage Assistance
Program recipient

b. Annual Progress

Objective	Metric	Year to Date Achievement Notes/Comments
Homeownership Training	# of Families Attending Homeownership Training	370
Families Increasing Financial Management Skills	# of Families Increasing Skills	695
Self Sufficiency Counseling – Household Budgeting, Debt Reduction, & Credit Coaching	# of Families Actively Pursuing Goals or Achieved Goals	587 Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 543 families actively pursuing goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2% financial prosperity • 20% financial success • 19% financially stable • 58% financially instable 44 families have completed self- sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage
Matched Savings Program	# Active Participants	460

c. Training Schedule

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
May 2	Tahlequah	2 pm to 4 pm	Budgeting and Saving
May 5, 12, & 19	Claremore	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
May 9 & 16	Tahlequah	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
May 19	Claremore	2 pm to 4 pm	Budgeting and Saving
May 23-25	Sallisaw	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
May 30 -31	Jay	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
June 6 & 8	Claremore	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
June 13, 20 & 27	Tahlequah	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
June 16	Claremore	2 pm to 4 pm	Emergency Funds

Commerce Group

June 20

Tahlequah

2 pm to 4 pm

Emergency Funds

June 14-16

Sallisaw

5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Homeownership Training



CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT March 2016

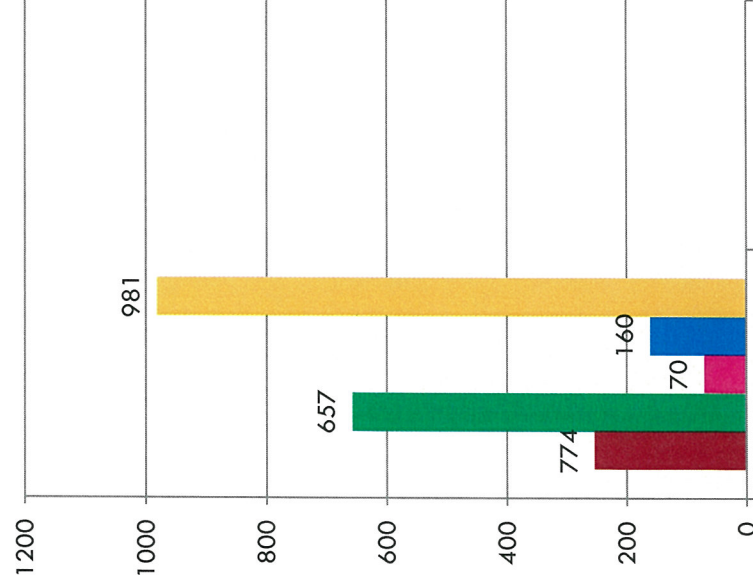
Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

2642 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.

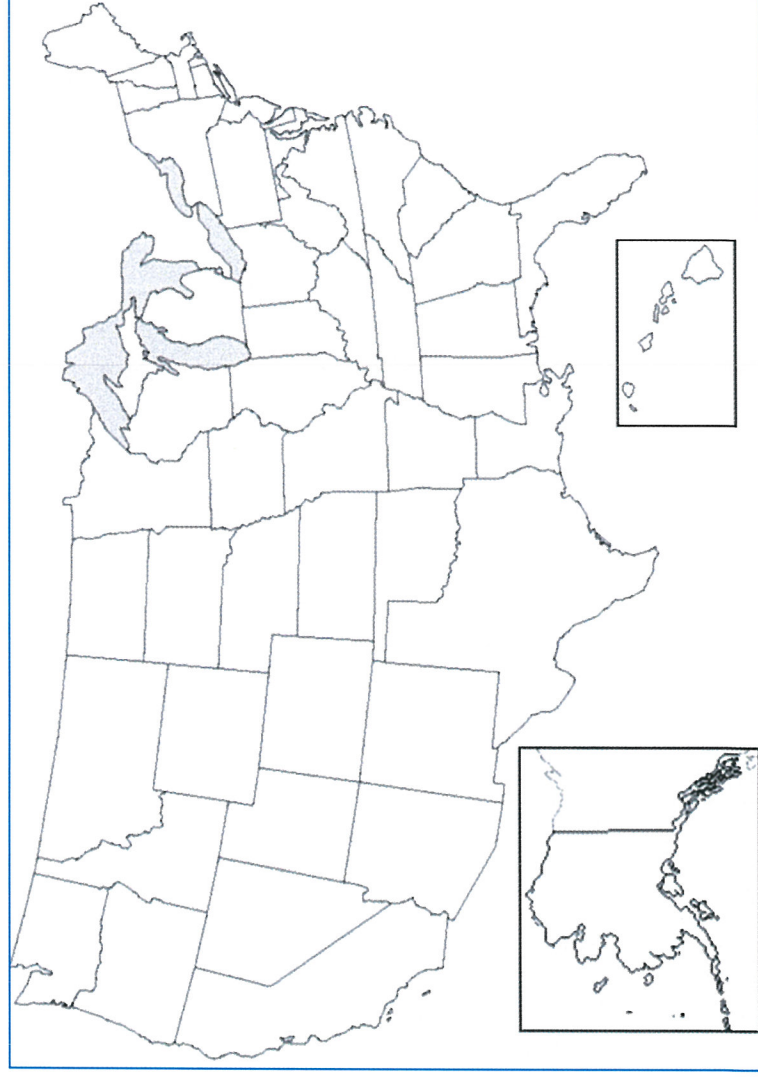
CPS: Child Protective Services

- 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.

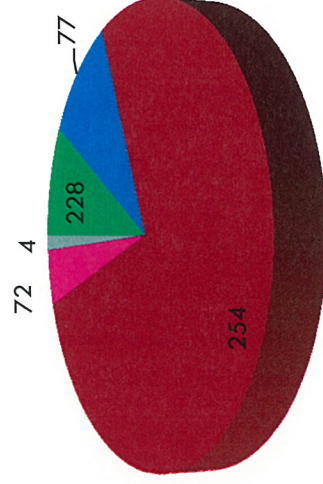
Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 33 times in March on behalf of Cherokee children and families.

In March, ICW staff worked on cases in 33 states. (Historically, ICW has had a case in every state.)



Court Appearances



■ 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 but almost always responds within 20 days.

Cherokee Nation received 847 notices involving 468 children within the CN jurisdictional area and 1536 children living outside the CN jurisdictional area for a total of 1,269 children for the month of March.

The longest Response-to-Notice time in March was 16 days.

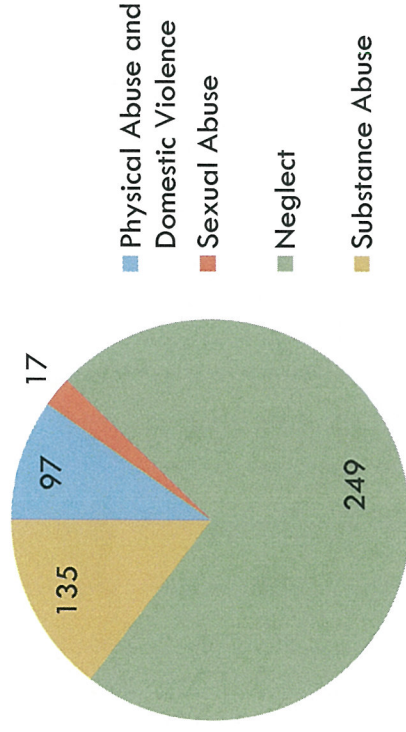
Prevention and Intervention

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.

For March, FPS served 44 children and 26 adults. They made 98 home visits.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



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

- Child Protective Services received 266 referrals of Cherokee child abuse/neglect from 25 Oklahoma counties (highlighted in orange, to the left) as well as 10 from other states.
 - 249 referrals involved alleged neglect, 41 alleged physical abuse and 17 alleged sexual abuse, 17 requested services due to abuse. 135 for alleged substance abuse and 56 for alleged domestic abuse
 - 3 of the 266 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS.
 - 10 of the 266 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country.
 - 0 of the 266 cases were investigations from a casino related referral.
- 7 Cherokee children were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect in March.
 - Confirmations included substance abuse (2) and neglect (7) and physical abuse (2) and lack of supervision (2) and confinement (1).

CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

CERTIFICATION SERVICES

Types of Ccertified 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.

