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Tribal Council Monthly Report

May 2016

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Number of Employees	267
Number of Vacancies	16
Number of Volunteers	6

Human Services Announcements:

VETERAN'S CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS :

SEPTEMBER -CHEROKEE NATION HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE (SEPTEMBER 3), WARRIOR HONOR FLIGHT (SEPTEMBER 11, DINNER AND 14TH RETURN)

OCTOBER - VETERAN'S RESOURCE & ENROLLMENT FAIR (OCTOBER 4)

NOVEMBER - VETERAN'S DAY/FLAG CEREMONY (NOVEMBER 10)

Council Notes:

YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

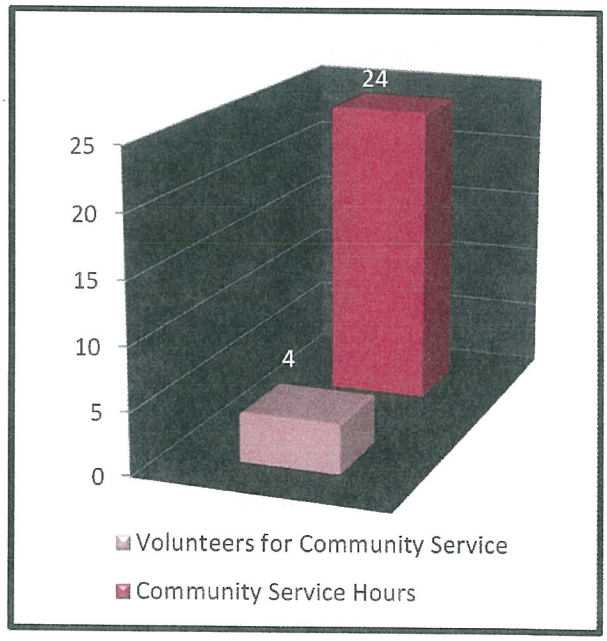
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	27
Number of Vacancies	3
Number of Volunteers	0

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

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

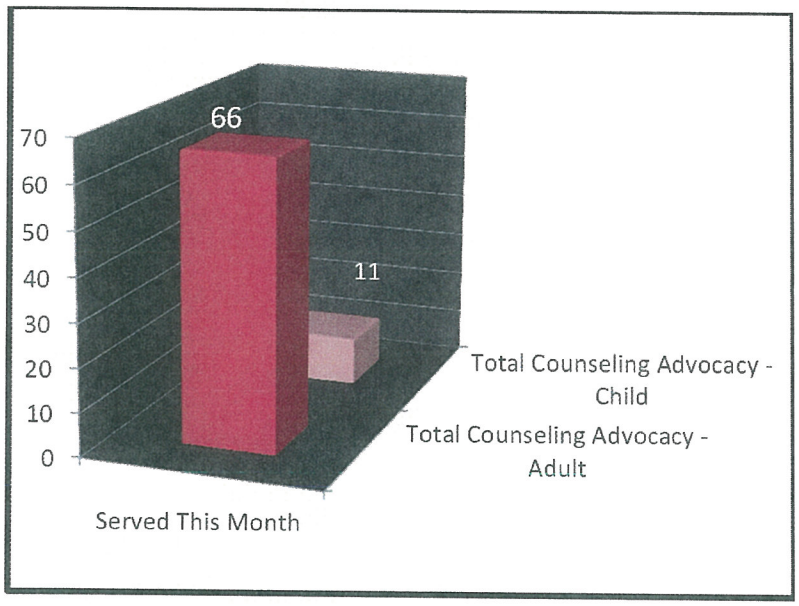
Young people served	4
Admissions	3

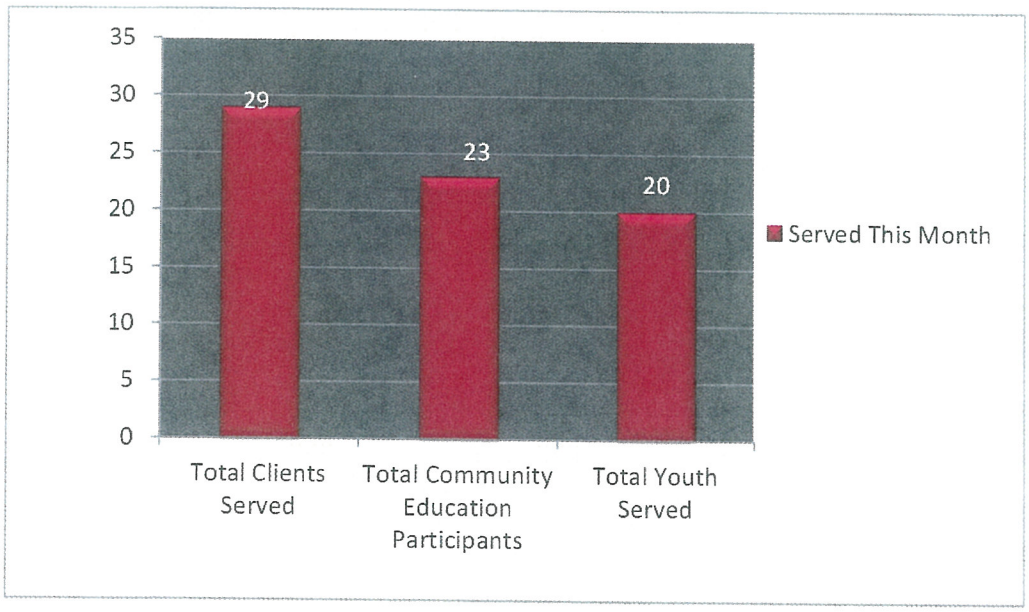


YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations	23



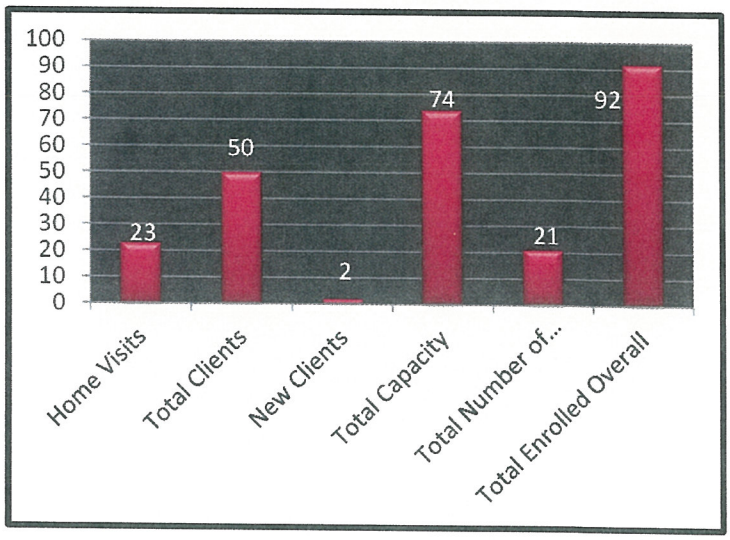


YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	50

Youth Services also handles the referrals of Cherokee juveniles from the State. Since November 2015 we have received 76 referrals.



Veteran's Center :

Calls for information	25
In Person Visits	23
Transportation	0
other services- home visits	0

CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	105
Number of Vacancies	6
Number of Volunteers	0

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

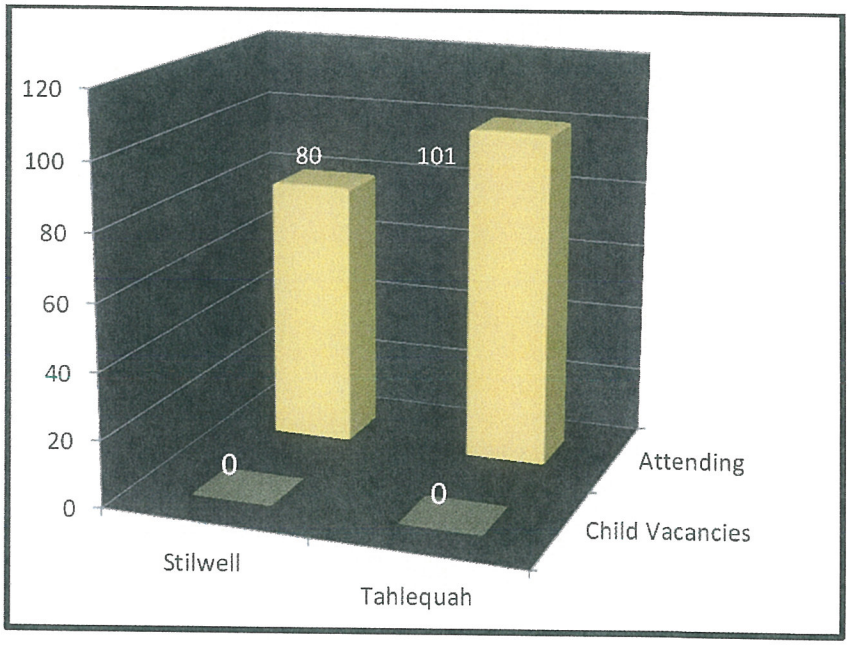
Child Care Development Centers :

• Stilwell - Zero child vacancies with current staff. We have 3 staff openings. We had a fire and tornado drill on May 31. The staff evaluated the children in one minute for the fire drill and under two minutes on the tornado drill. The Summer Care Program began on May 23 with 14 slots being filled. Challenges: The roof continues to leak.

Tahlequah - Zero child vacancies at this time with current staff. We have 2 staff openings. Our summer program has started.

• Licensing has started using the new digital forms for the tablets. 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 :

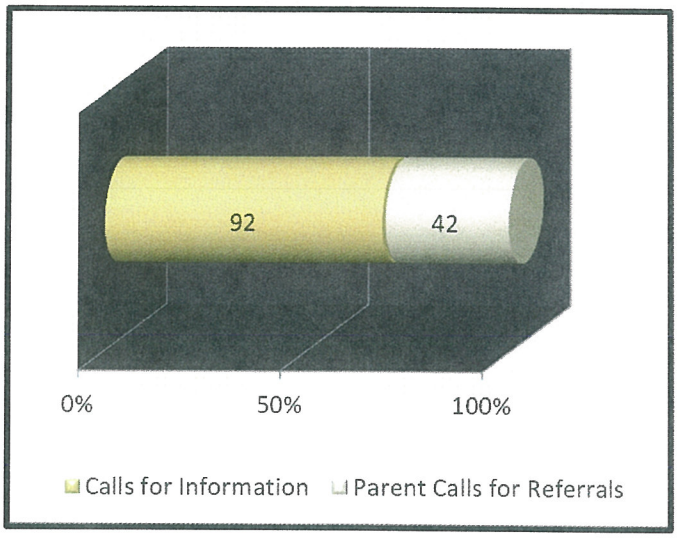
Children Receiving	1,526
Amount Distributed	$ 431,004.99

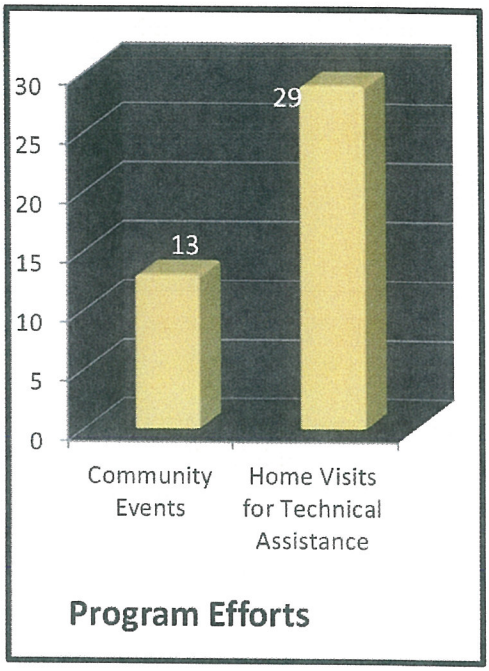
Average Distribution Per Child	$ 282.44

CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

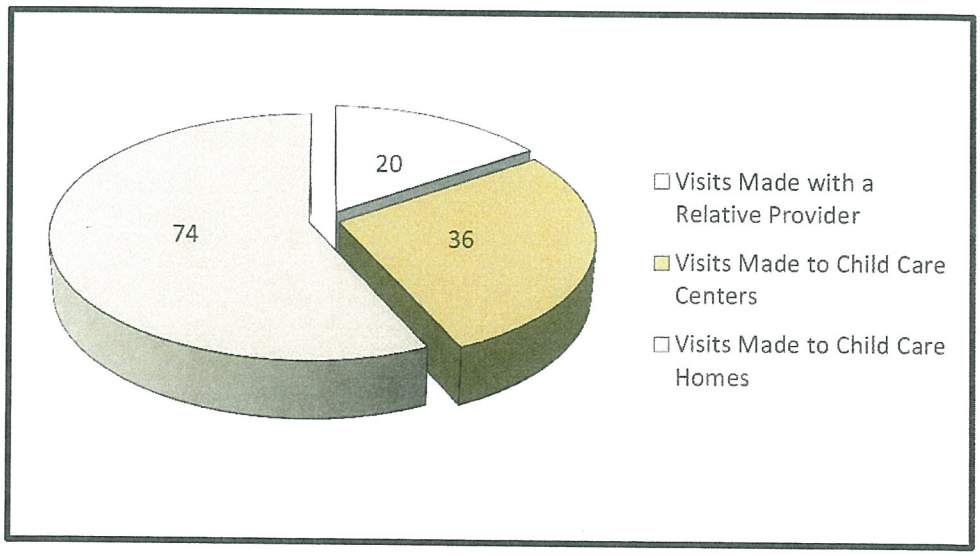
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	8





Licensing & Monitoring :



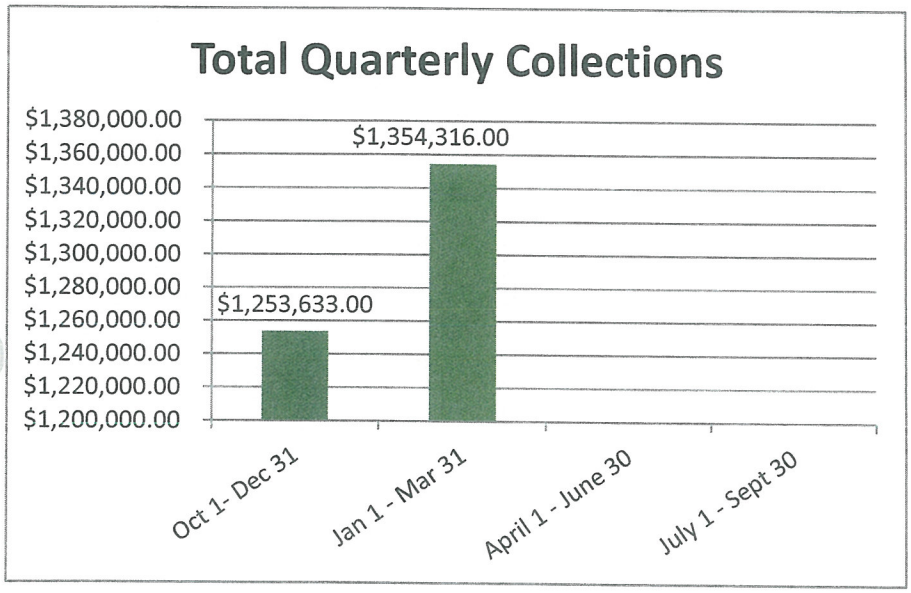
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

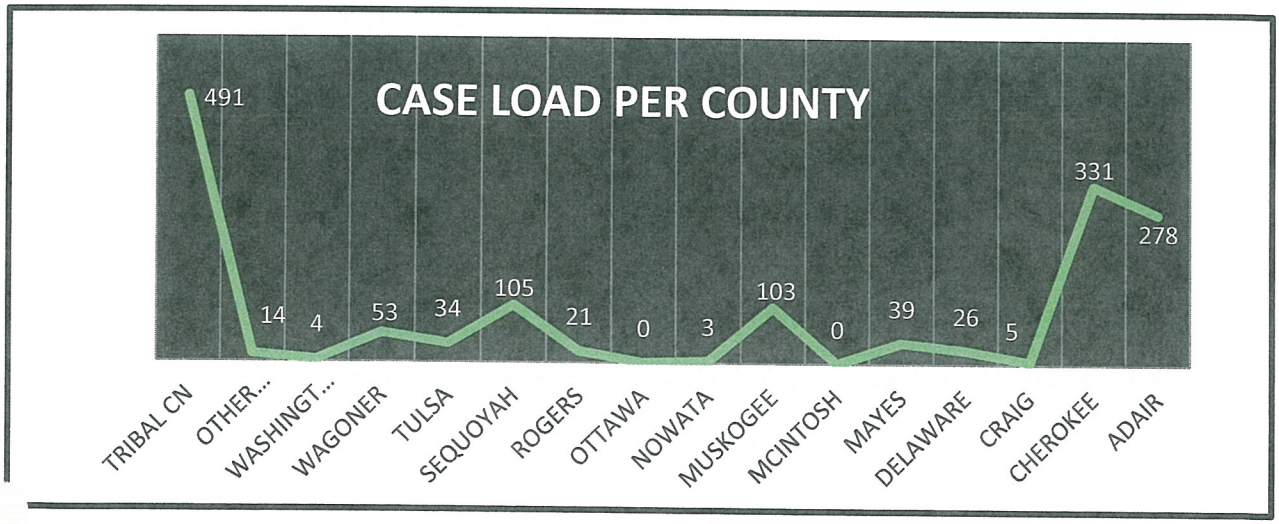
Number of Employees	30
Number of Vacancies	3
Number of Volunteers	0

May Collections - CN Payment Center only:	$ 292,876.00

Total Client Contacts
2041
Total Court Hearings
52
Total Active Efforts Case
474
Total Case Assessments for Service
12
Total Applications Distributed
52



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



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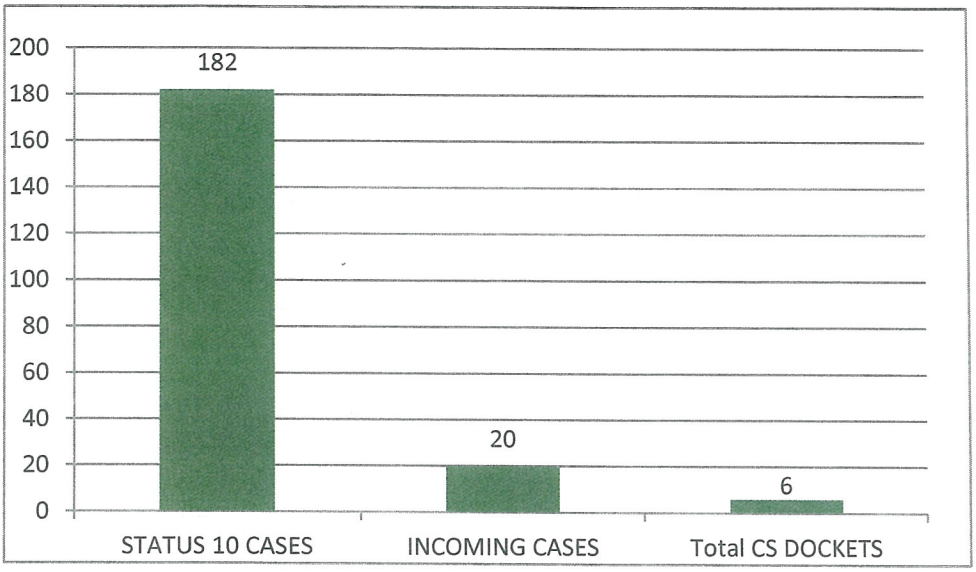

Child Support:

The program has recommended names for hire for the two Child Support Specialist positions. As well as the Clerk position, so hopefully they will accept positions and be able to be brought on board by next monthly report. The program also had staff attend the National Eastern Region Interstate Child Support Association Conference the first week of May. Staff presented the Building Blocks curriculum during a segment of the conference.

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FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Director - Jerry Snell

Number of Employees	105
Number of Vacancies	4
Number of Volunteers	6

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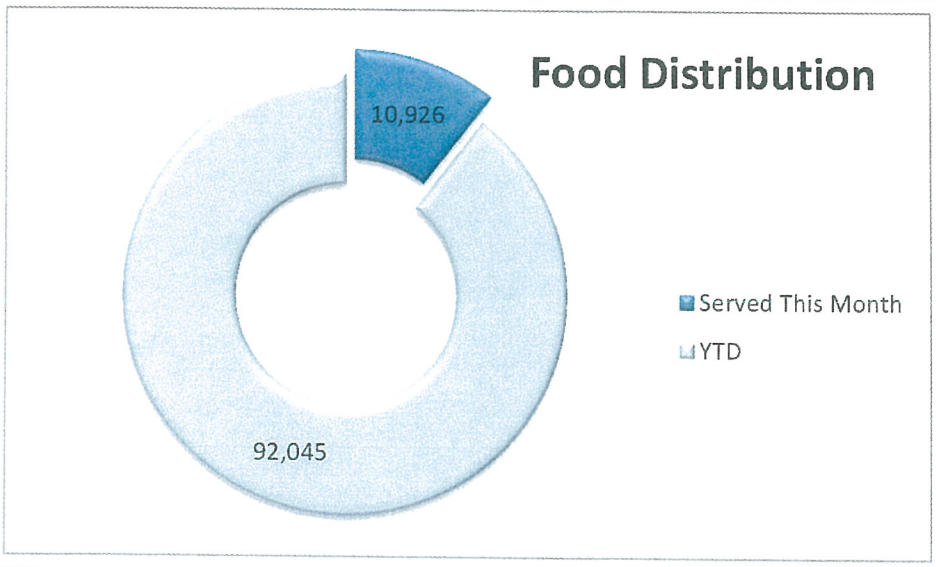
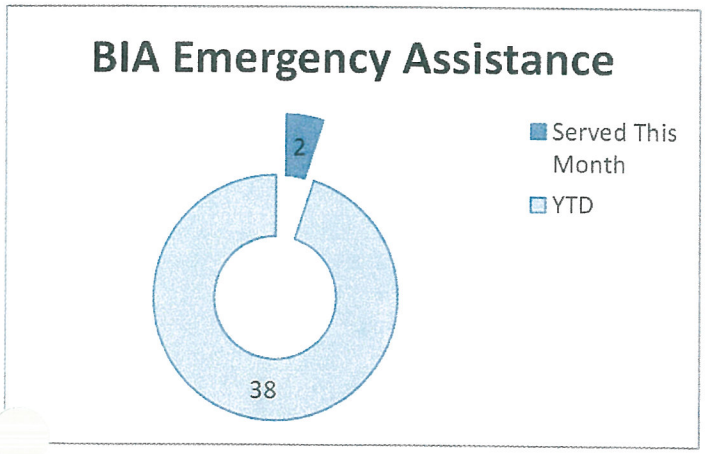
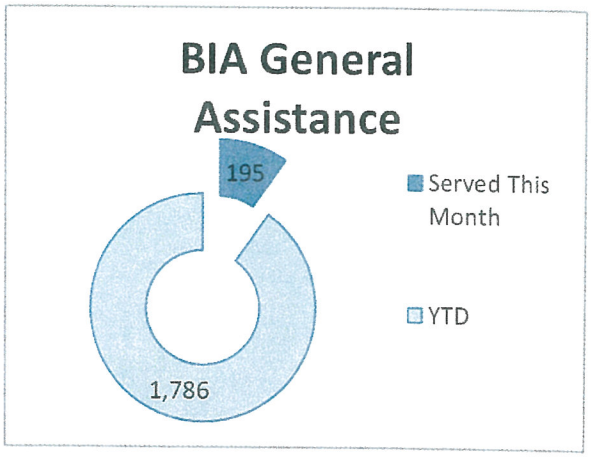
Food Distribution :



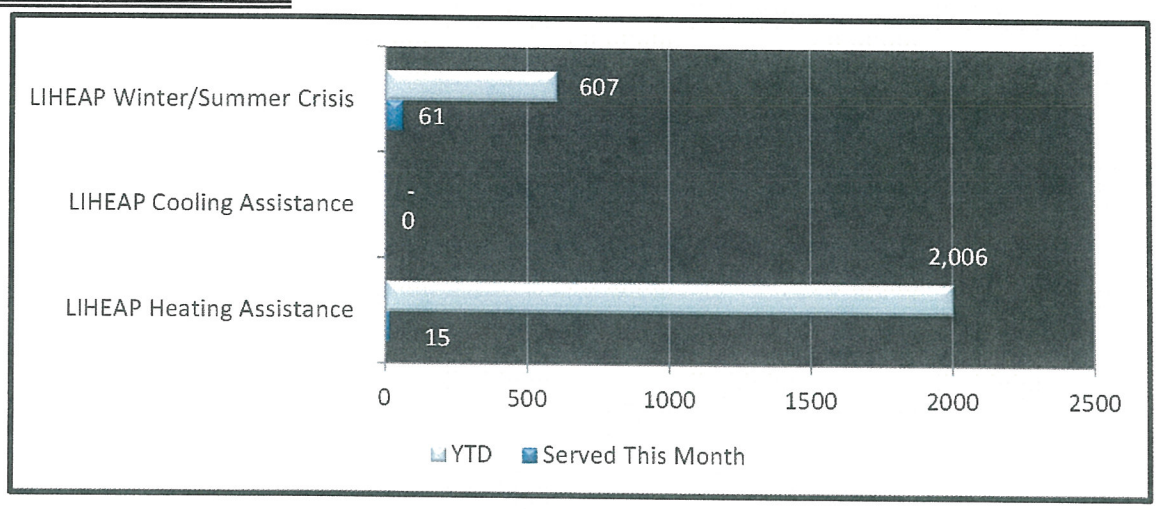
BIA Social Services :





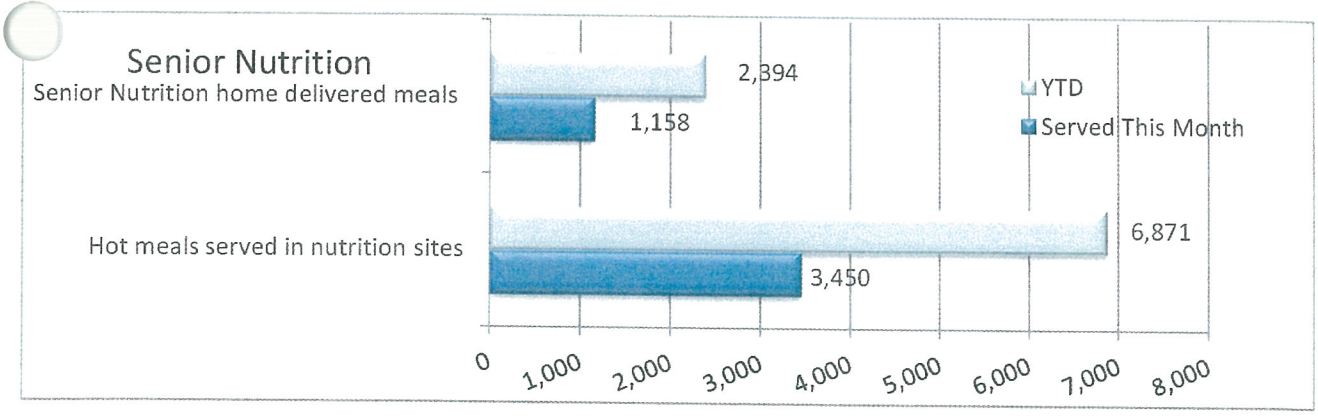
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

LIHEAP:

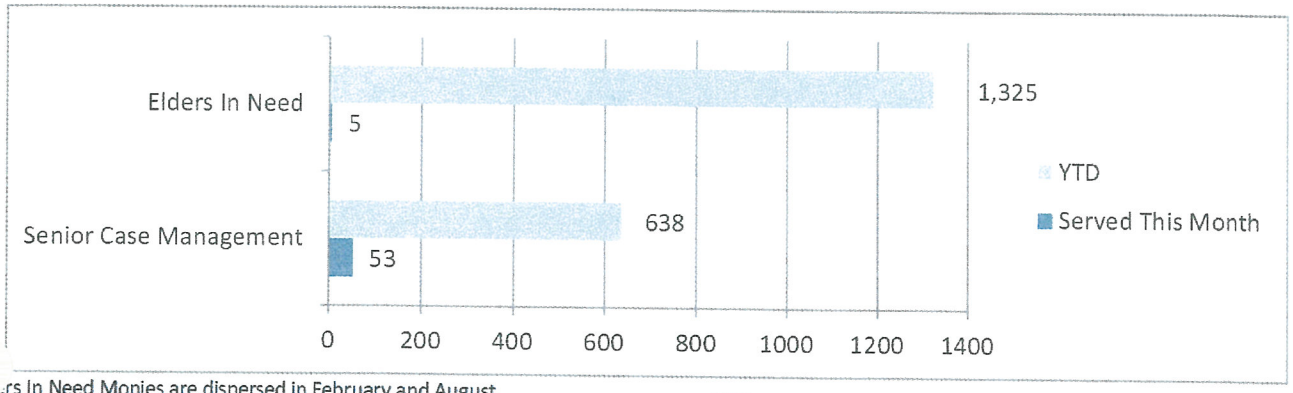


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



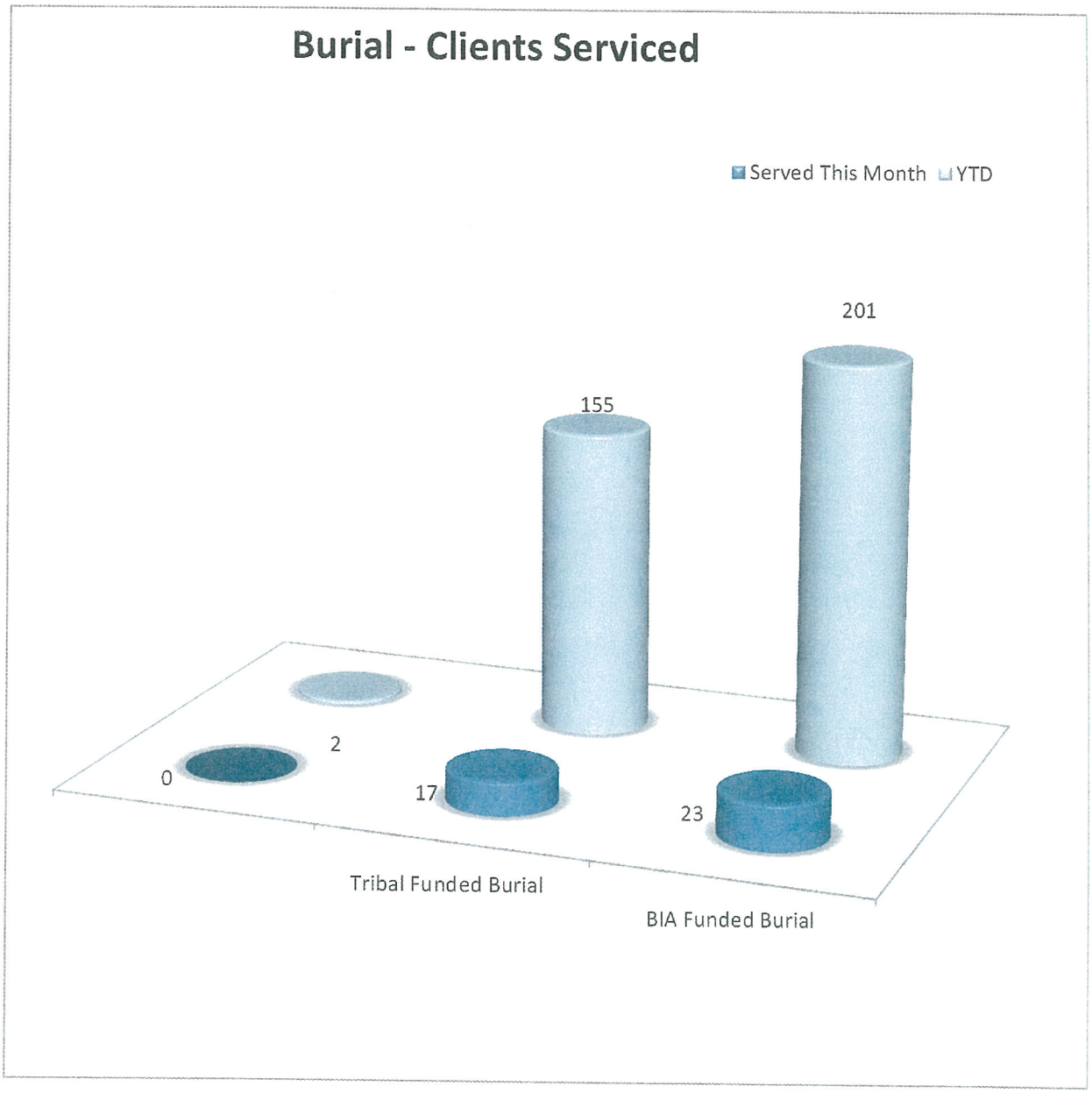
*Program starts in April



ers In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Burial Assistance :



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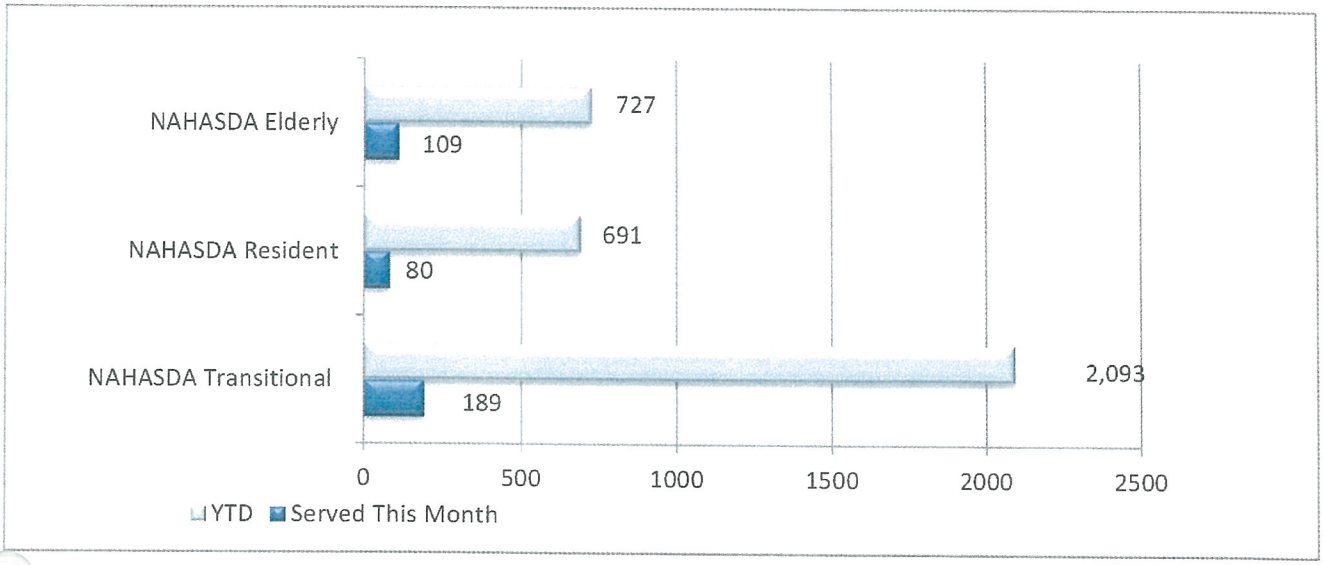
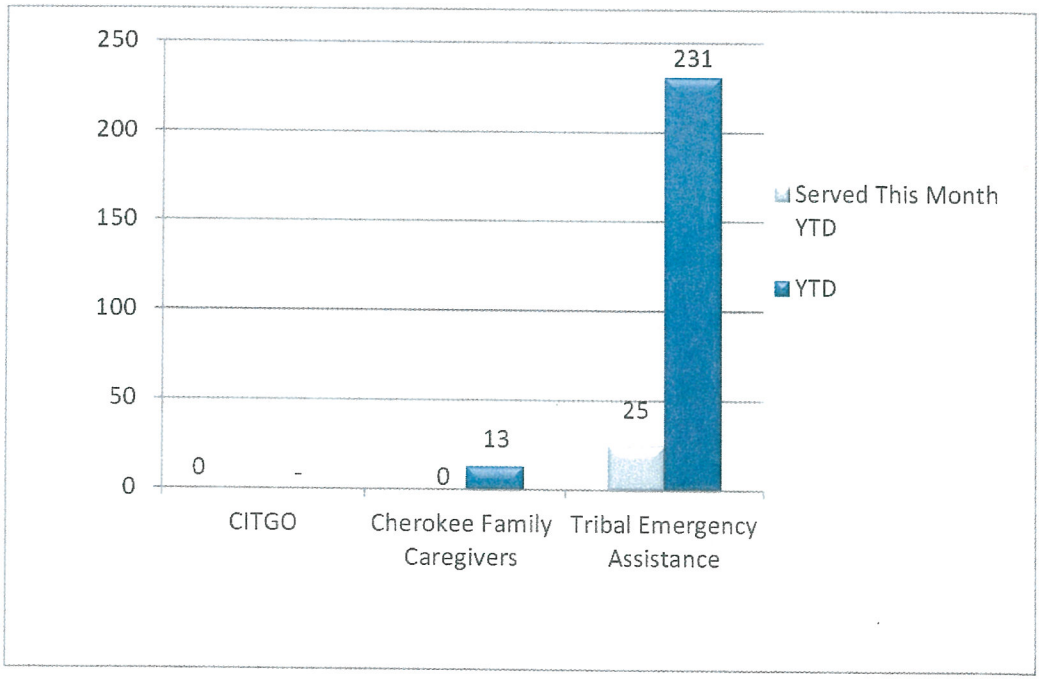
NAHASDA :



Family Assistance :



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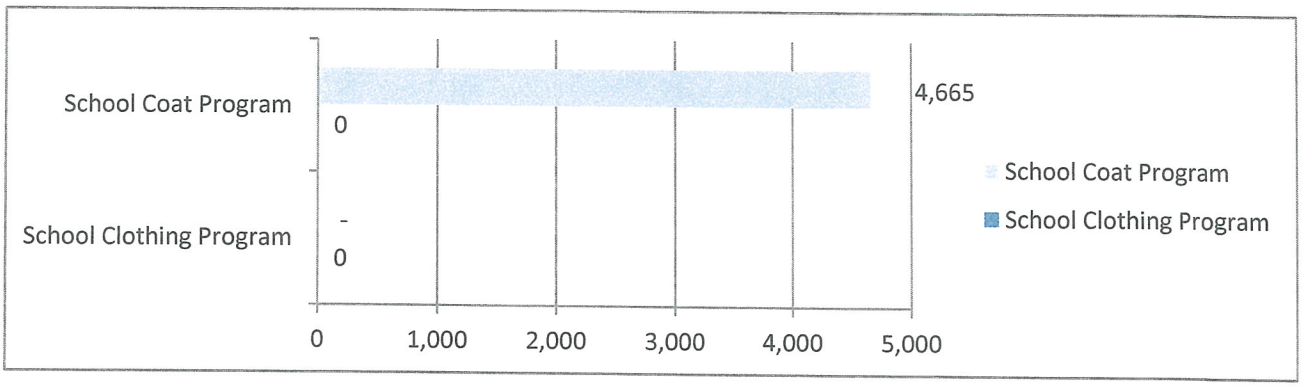
School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:

CHEROKEE FIRST

Deputy Executive Director - Barbara Foreman

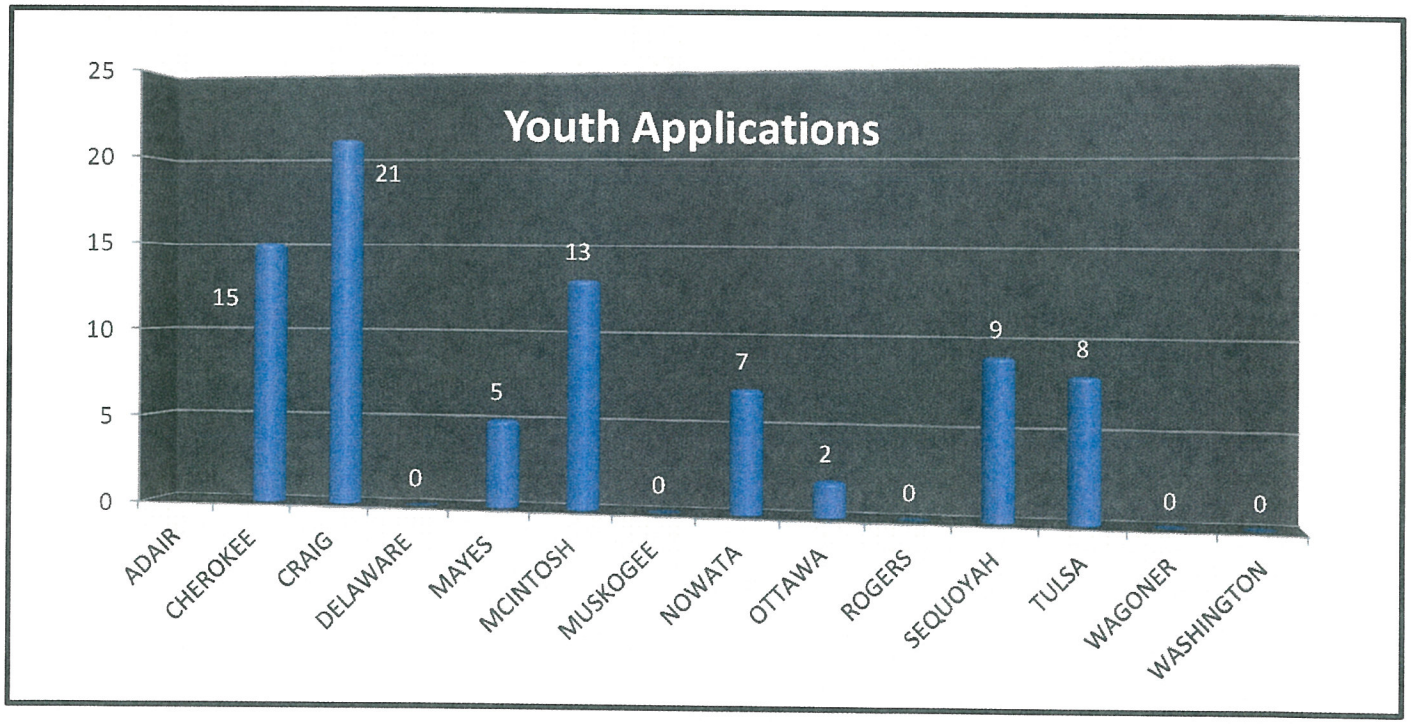
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

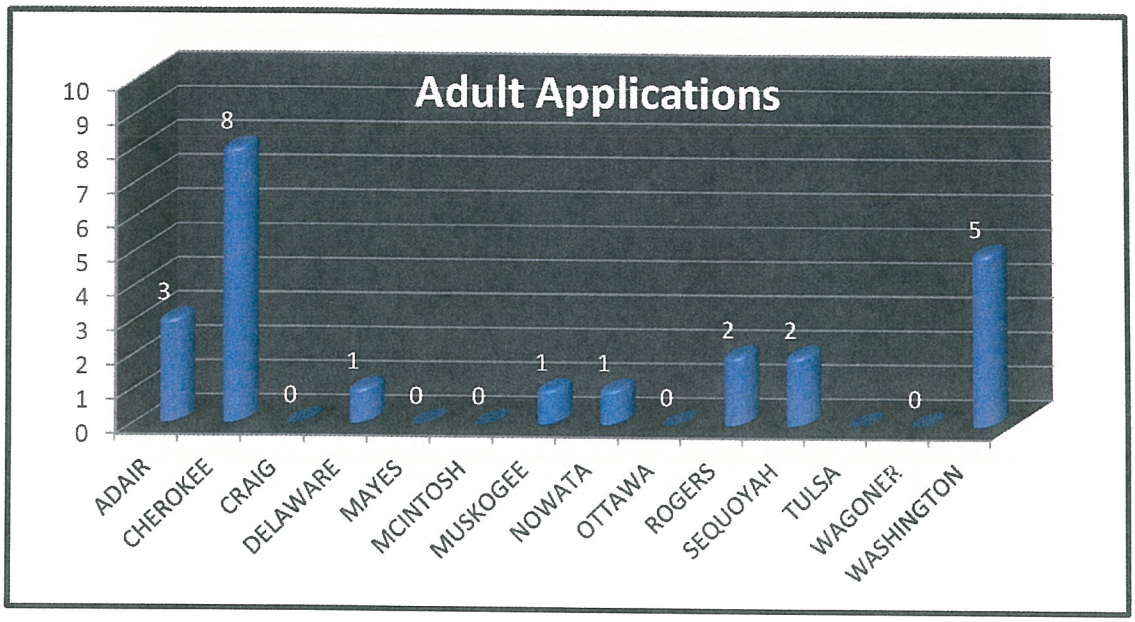
Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,975
Total Applications Taken	82

Community Youth :





Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	82
Total Adult	23

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

May	$ 21,000.00

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. We received the final award amounts and projects from IHS for FY16. They are as follows:

PDS Project Number	Project Name	IHS/EPA Funding	Tribal Match
OK16U32	CHEROKEE/Multi-County/Scattered Housing	$ 735,000.00	$ 251,600.00
OK16E64	Cherokee Scattered Housing Water and Sewer	$ 1,030,000.00	
OK16U43	Cherokee/Kenwood/North WL Extension Eucha Tagg Flats EPA	$ 324,000.00	$ 114,000.00
OK16U28	CHEROKEE/Kenwood Water District - Water Loss Reduction Phase I	$ 302,000.00	
OK16U47	CHEROKEE/Cher RWD#3/Lowrey Phase II	$ 225,000.00	$ 111,000.00
OK16U54	CHEROKEE/Mayes Co RWD # 9/Osage WL Extension	$ 93,500.00	$ 99,500.00
OK16U55	CHEROKEE/Seq Co RWD #5/Gore Connection	$ 125,500.00	
OK15T98	Cherokee/SDCRWA/Regional WTP	$ 1,584,000.00	
OK15U01	Cherokee/Ft. Gibson/WTP Rehab	$ 670,655.00	
	TOTAL	$ 5,089,655.00	$ 576,100.00

We will be preparing a budget mod to place these funds in the budget and documents to transfer funds from IHS.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

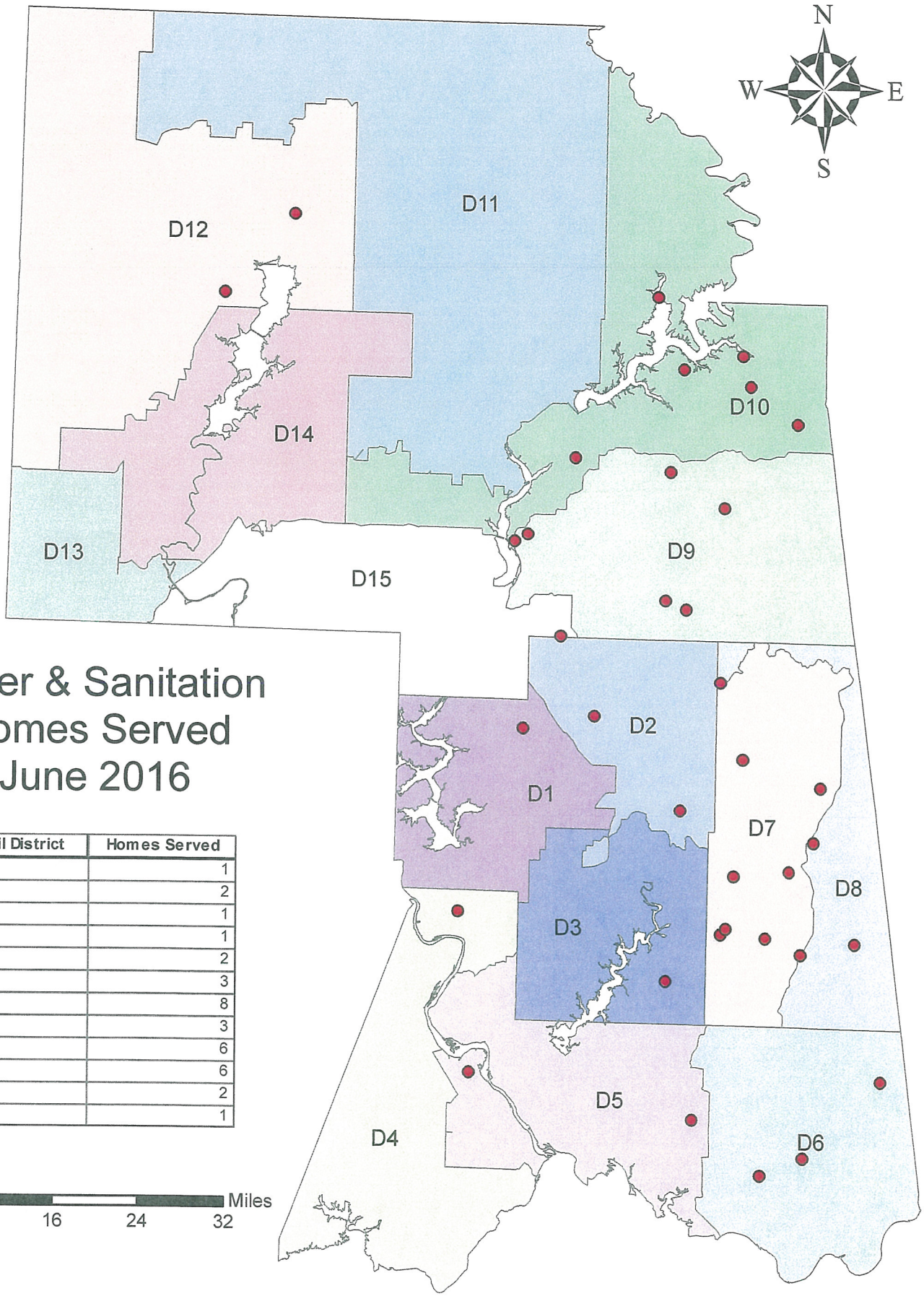
1. Trained 134 food handlers
2. Repaired sewer and/or water facilities for 21 homes
3. Installed sewer and/or water facilities for 20 homes

b.) Accomplishments

1. Completed initial submittal of FY17 projects to IHS. Area Office currently reviewing.
2. Completed Calhoun WL in Sequoyah Co.
3. Repaired small lift station in Cherry Tree Housing Addition

c.) Future Plans

1. Final inspections scheduled for Marble City projects.
2. Preparing Bid Documents for sewer line extension in Jay Industrial Park
3. Pre-Construction meeting for Ft. Gibson WTP expansion
4. Staff attending Auto Cad Civil 3D Training

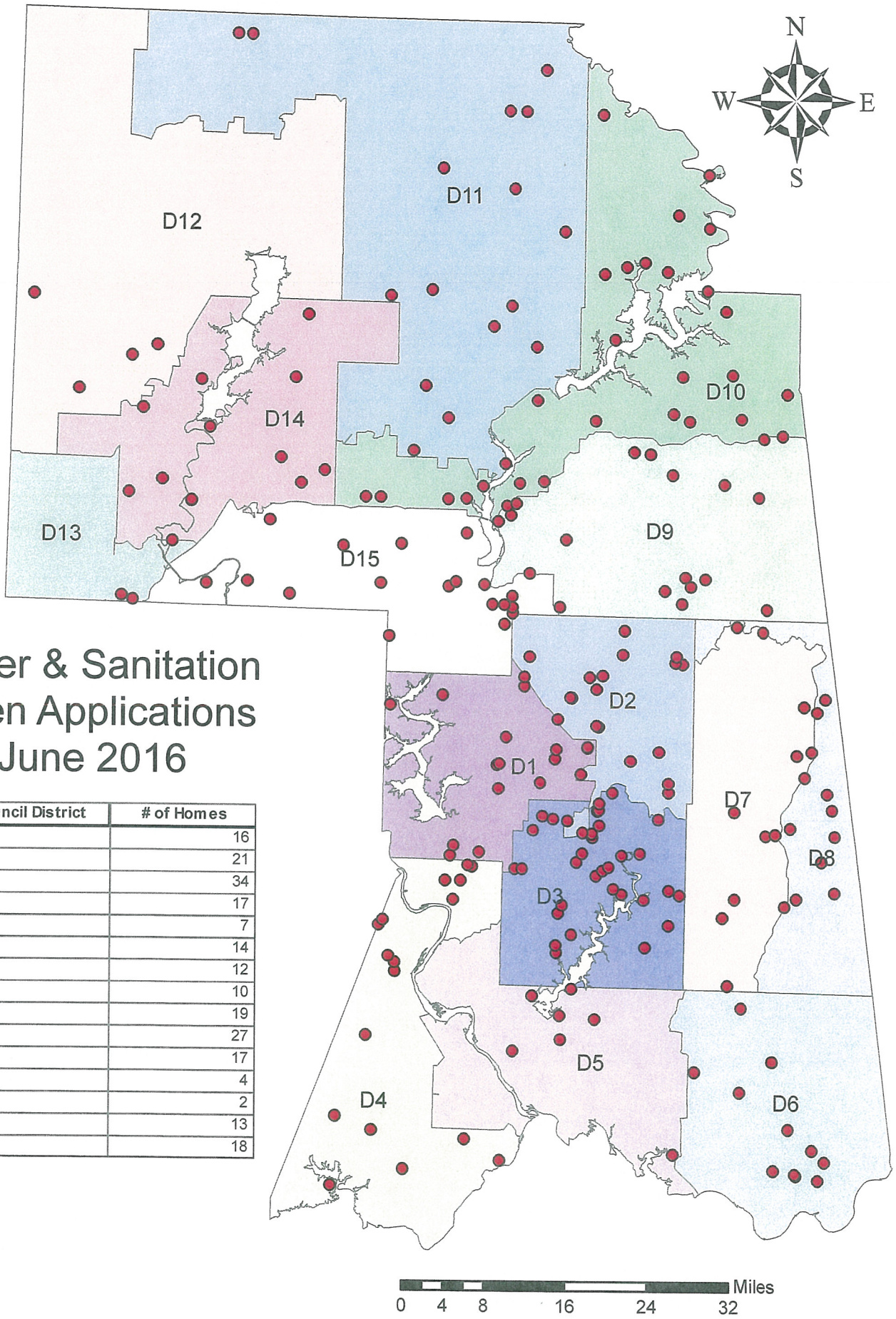


Water & Sanitation Homes Served June 2016

Council District	Homes Served
D1	1
D2	2
D3	1
D4	1
D5	2
D6	3
D7	8
D8	3
D9	6
D10	6
D12	2
D15	1

Water & Sanitation Open Applications June 2016

Council District	# of Homes
D1	16
D2	21
D3	34
D4	17
D5	7
D6	14
D7	12
D8	10
D9	19
D10	27
D11	17
D12	4
D13	2
D14	13
D15	18



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	Housing Authority	Month/Year of Report:	July, 2016
Executive Director:	Gary J. Cooper		
Deputy Director:	Erna Reeves	Phone:	918-456-5482

Public Disclosures:

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

The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.

LOW RENT APARTMENT:

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

None to report

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

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

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.

Clay Troutman, father is Leonard Blossom of HACN
Desiree Wilson, uncle is Roy Caviness of HACN
Colton Paden, grandfather is Tom Elkins of CN Environmental
Halie Callaway, sister is Jerri Killer of HACN
Ricky Wolfe, grandmother is Virginia Holloway of HACN
Houston McLemore, sister is Amy Davis of CN ICW

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

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

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.

Jennifer Chambers, Employee of HACN
Bobby Callaway, cousin is Jerri Killer of HACN

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Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Jul 19 June BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM at HACN

Office Closures:

Jul 4 Independence Day

Other Info:

Jul 11-13 Southern Plains Regional Housing Association Meeting

The HACN is in the process of updating reporting practices for the Housing Rehab programs. During this process, we will be updating how the program is tracked to provide more detailed information. If any Councilmember has a suggestion on what they would like to see, that maybe they haven't in the past, the HACN is happy to try to incorporate that into the updated reports. Our goal is to provide the Council with the best information we can.

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

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

Month Ending: May, 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	480	146	193	1	21	121	40	18	1	1,021	15%
Cherokee	577	175	427	12	31	265	109	63	6	1,665	24%
Craig	40	54	53	0	5	11	7	2	0	172	2%
Delaware	334	113	62	1	16	79	40	22	0	667	10%
McIntosh	13	N/A	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	21	0%
Mayes	234	124	61	2	13	63	31	16	0	544	8%
Muskogee	121	48	98	0	3	54	33	18	0	375	5%
Nowata	33	43	30	0	3	8	17	2	0	136	2%
Ottawa	24	N/A	3	0	2	7	4	5	0	45	1%
Rogers	135	70	230	6	10	89	26	43	5	614	9%
Sequoyah	543	N/A	293	11	20	177	82	58	3	1,187	17%
Tulsa	64	N/A	122	4	5	24	3	3	0	225	3%
Wagoner	15	N/A	6	0	2	63	2	1	0	89	1%
Washington	31	39	49	0	0	26	8	3	0	156	2%
Total:	2,644	812	1,627	37	131	993	404	254	15	6,917	100%
			1,795			1,397		269			

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	180	20	8	148	92	180	9%	628	12%
Cherokee	192	19	14	203	255	411	20%	1,094	21%
Craig	26	3	0	40	20	40	2%	129	2%
Delaware	160	31	5	151	54	242	12%	643	12%
McIntosh	3	0	0	N/A	1	32	2%	36	1%
Mayes	110	27	3	110	68	151	7%	469	9%
Muskogee	22	26	2	44	64	157	8%	315	6%
Nowata	15	0	0	34	14	38	2%	101	2%
Ottawa	12	1	0	N/A	7	20	1%	40	1%
Rogers	42	29	2	115	129	164	8%	481	9%
Sequoyah	121	51	6	N/A	134	343	17%	655	13%
Tulsa	25	31	4	N/A	159	170	8%	389	7%
Wagoner	12	2	0	N/A	6	32	2%	52	1%
Washington	22	23	0	72	45	46	2%	208	4%
Total:	942	263	44	917	1,048	2,026	100%	5,240	100%

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

New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing

Month of:
May, 2016

		Applications		Processing						Construction					
				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	In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
Adair	100	1	9	8	3	2	2	4	5	19	40	10	24	19	40
Cherokee	257	4	1	0	3	2	12	6	30	42	109	5	53	42	109
Craig	22	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	6	7	0	5	6	7
Delaware	129	1	8	0	3	3	3	2	9	54	40	9	20	54	40
McIntosh	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
Mayes	90	2	2	0	2	0	4	2	10	17	31	4	18	17	31
Muskogee	122	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	3	8	33	1	9	8	33
Nowata	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	17	0	3	0	17
Ottawa	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	5	4
Rogers	137	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	16	26	1	4	16	26
Sequoyah	237	0	5	2	1	0	3	2	9	46	82	5	17	46	82
Tulsa	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	0	3	4	3
Wagoner	23	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	2
Washington	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	0	1	3	8
Total:	1,367	8	27	**11**	**15**	**9**	**26**	**18**	**82**	**222**	**404**	**35**	**161**	**222**	**404**
		35		161						626					

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

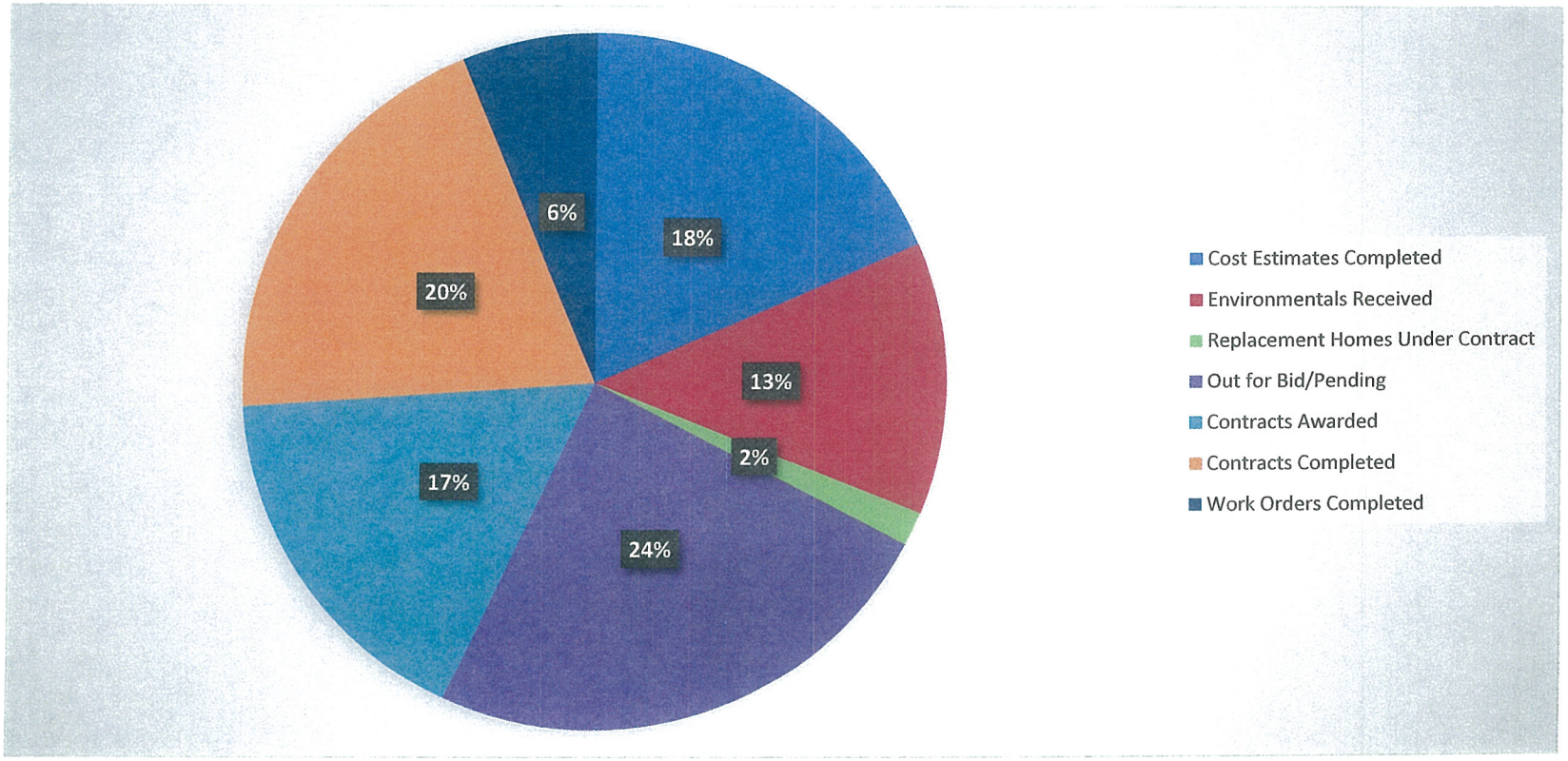
STAGE III:
- Order/Receive Survey
- Order/Receive Perc Test
- Receive Utility Assurance
- Receive Abstract from participant

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

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
May, 2016

Cost Estimates Completed	95
Environmentals Received	65
Replacement Homes Under Contract	8
Out for Bid/Pending	125
Contracts Awarded	87
Contracts Completed	102
Work Orders Completed	32

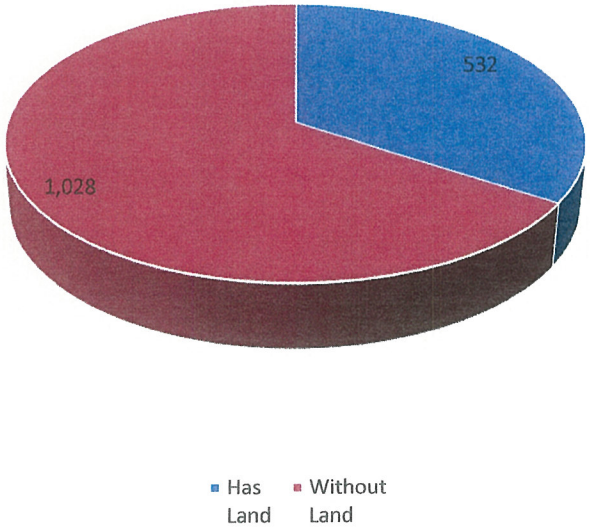


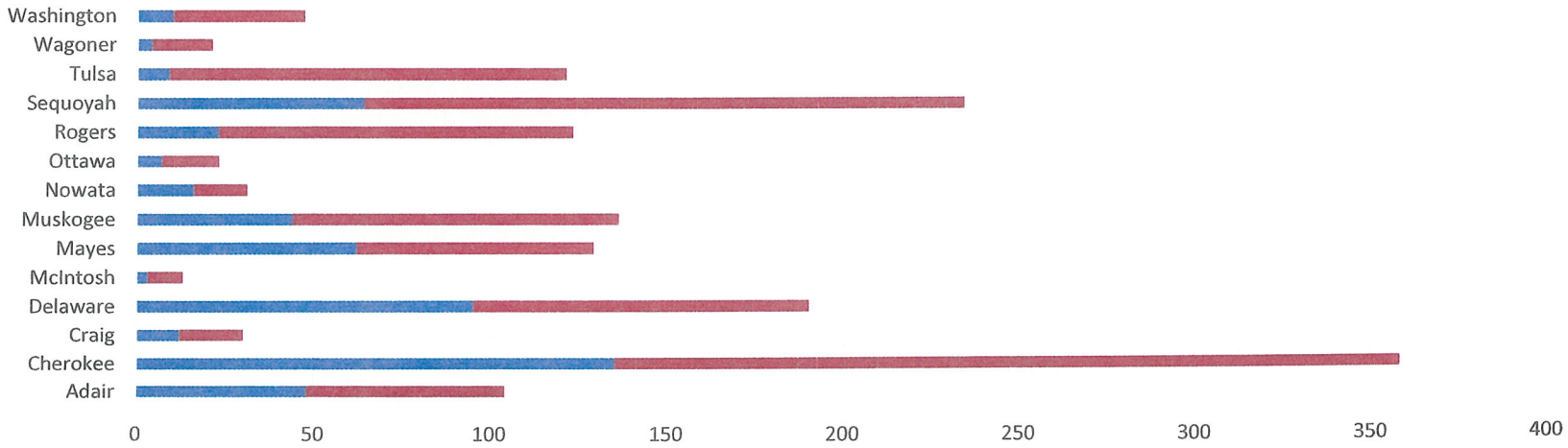
New Construction Homeownership Program

Application Data

By Has Land/Does not have land:

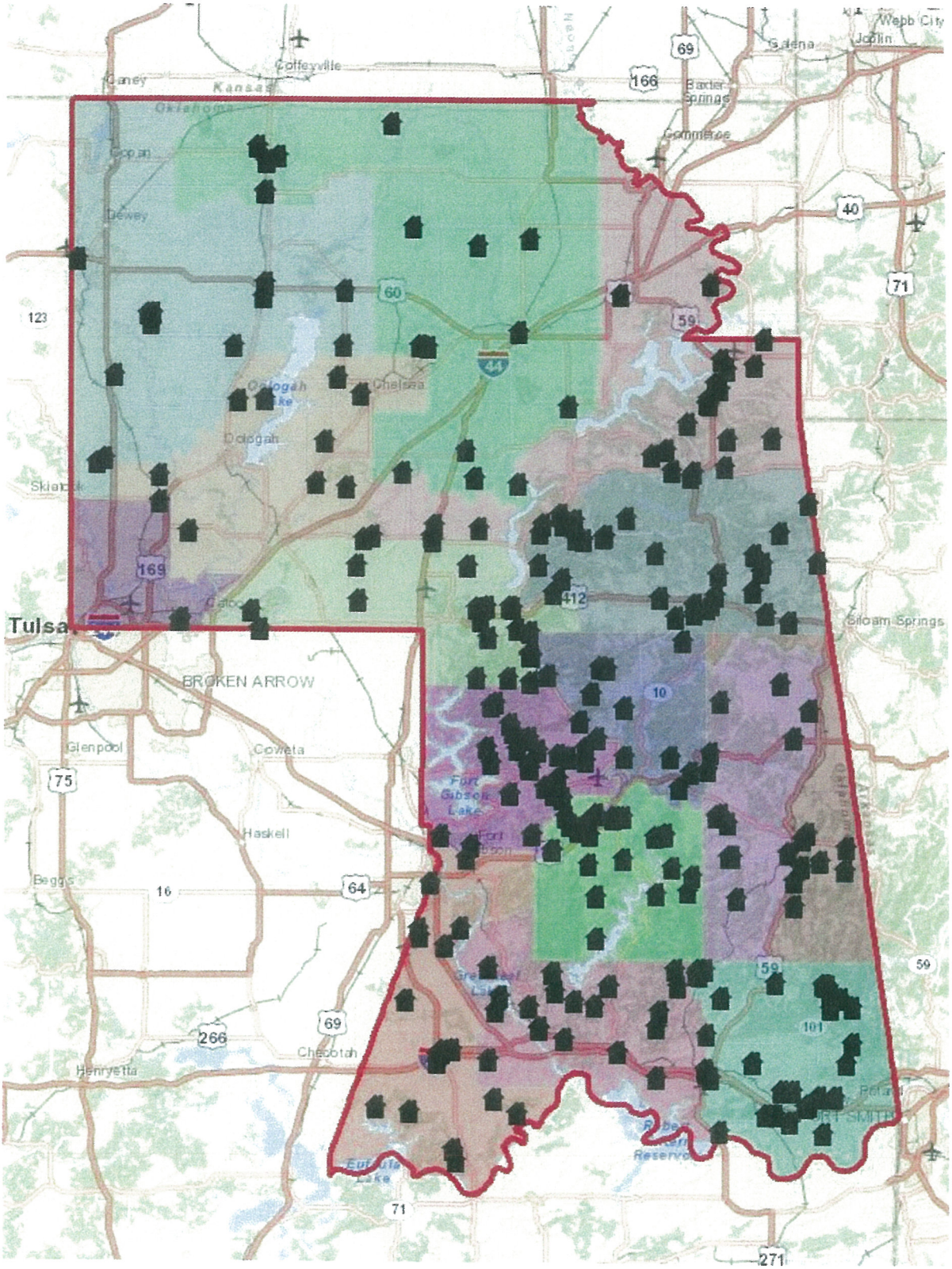
County	Has Land	Without Land	% With Land	% W/O Land	Total Apps
Adair	48	56	46%	54%	104
Cherokee	135	223	38%	62%	358
Craig	12	18	40%	60%	30
Delaware	95	95	50%	50%	190
McIntosh	3	10	23%	77%	13
Mayes	62	67	48%	52%	129
Muskogee	44	92	32%	68%	136
Nowata	16	15	52%	48%	31
Ottawa	7	16	30%	70%	23
Rogers	23	100	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

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/Road and Transit Dept. **Month/Year of Report: July** 2016

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

I. Budget Highlights:
a)

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. In the process of setting up utility meetings. R/W will submit for appraisals as needed.
2. Dahlonegah 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. In the process of setting up utility meetings. 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 April 23rd.
5. Dahlonegah West- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W is complete with research of ownership. 30% plans are in the process of being checked.
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. In the process of setting up utility meetings. R/W received the R/W documents 11/9/15 for first check.
9. Smith Hollow – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. RP are working on 90% Plans. Utility meeting is set for June 28, 2016 at 1:30 pm. 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. 30% plan in hand is scheduled for 7/26/16.
11. Rocky Mountain School Loop- Designer: This project was awarded to Glover & Associates in the amount of $675,356.82. Construction time is 60 calendar days with construction beginning _____
12. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Bridge at the end of the project washed out last year and we are replacing the bridge as Part II of this project. 30% plan in hand is scheduled for 7/26/16.
13. 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 Febrary 8, county commissioner meeting to confirm that CN Roads is ready to proceed with construction. Waiting on CE approval and utility relocations.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The following projects are pending design –
    - Chance Road
    - Bidding Springs Road
    - Lyon South Road

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dreadfulwater Road – Designer: A. Harris. 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 have been

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 100% complete. ~~ABB survey was negative.~~ R/W has completed acquisition of 129 parcels for Muskogee and Cherokee counties. LREC has one parcel to acquire. Had utility relocation meeting on 1/12/16 to ask for relocation plans, estimates, and proposed beginning day of construction. ABB and Bat surveys have expired and new surveys will need to be performed before construction can begin.
5. Tenkiller School –Designer: Red Plains. Contractor: Glover & Associates. Contract amount $3,747,954.02. Construction: clearing and grubbing fencing - 15% Complete.Contractor on site -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 knowHasting 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 pavment width. 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.

2. Kenwood Jay Road Rehab – Project was awarded to A&A Asphalt out of Broken Arrow, Ok in the amount of $2,526,284.27.A preconstruction was held June 14th and construction is set to begin on July 5th. This project is 90 calendar days.
3. 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.
4. 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 Administator on December 17, 2014 about Zone A issues. Still working on resolving this problem. R/W will submit for appraisals as needed.
5. Leach/Kenwood Road – Designer: D. Moore. R/W acquisition complete. Pre-bid was cancelled due to issues with endangered species in the area. ABB and Bat Survey will need to be performed before construction can begin.

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.. R/W has completed acquisition of 129 parcels for Muskogee and Cherokee counties. LREC has one parcel to acquire. Utility relocation meeting was held on 1/12/16. ABB and Bat Survey will need to be performed before construction can begin.
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:

Two transit vans have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in October 2016.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 90 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 790 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 152 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 36 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 110 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 148 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 277 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 228 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 0 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 5,709

Note: Ridership reports run 2 month behind.

Commerce Group: *Commerce* **Month/Year of Report:** *July 2016*

Executive Director: *Anna Knight* **Phone:** *453-5532* **Email:** *aknight@cherokee.org*

a. Program highlights

1. Mortgage Assistance Program Activity:

MAP Applicants	
Received MAP and purchased a home	119
Applications under review (application received, verifying applicant's eligibility)	169
Applicants capable of purchasing a home within the next 90 days	140
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)	105
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)	300

2. Since FY07, **692 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

3. 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; one family is currently working with SBAC staff to save their home; one family was referred out for further assistance and unfortunately three families were unable to receive foreclosure prevention.

4. **954 consumer loans totaling $1,148,107.50** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of May 15th. Five of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling $68,017.57.**

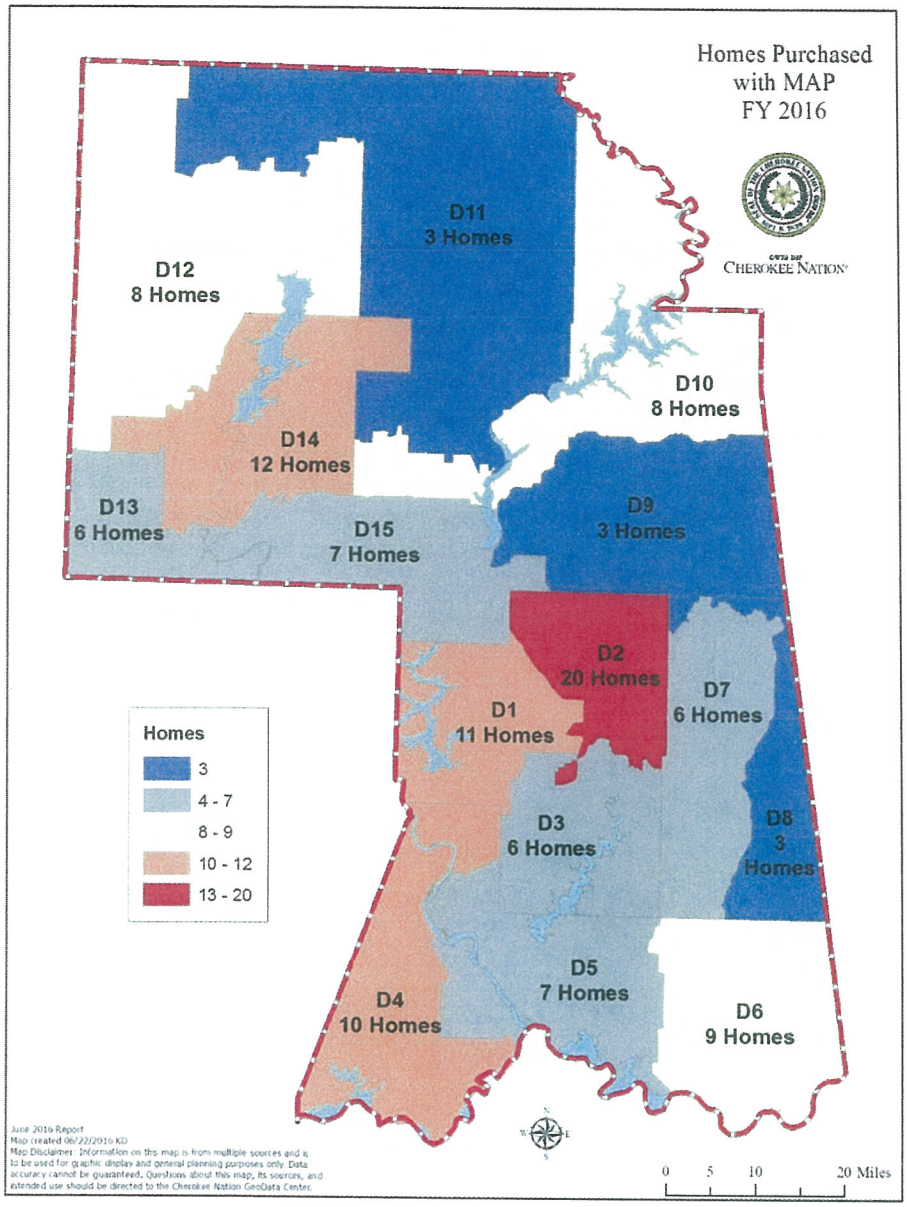
6. **119 families have used Mortgage Assistance** to purchase a home this fiscal year.

MAP used in conjunction with a HUD 184 loan	80
MAP used with other loan products	39
Families Housed with Mortgage Assistance	**119**

7. **MAP recipient snapshot:**

Household Averages	
Household income	$36,301.63
Increase in Credit Score	20 points
Debt to income including mortgage	28.5%
Debt to income reduction after coaching	3.3%
Home Price	$96,288.20

8. **Mortgage Assistance usage by district:**



The training and coaching I received was very beneficial. I knew nothing about buying a home but MAP staff made the process very easy.

Paige P.
Mortgage Assistance
Program recipient

b. Annual Progress

Objective	Metric	Year to Date Achievement Notes/Comments
Homeownership Training	# of Families Attending Homeownership Training	388
Families Increasing Financial Management Skills	# of Families Increasing Skills	777
Self Sufficiency Counseling – Household Budgeting, Debt Reduction, & Credit Coaching	# of Families Actively Pursuing Goals or Achieved Goals	609 Families a. 549 families actively pursuing goals • 1% financial prosperity • 24% financial success • 19% financially stable • 55% financially instable 60 families have completed self- sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage
Matched Savings Program	# Active Participants	460

c. Training Schedule

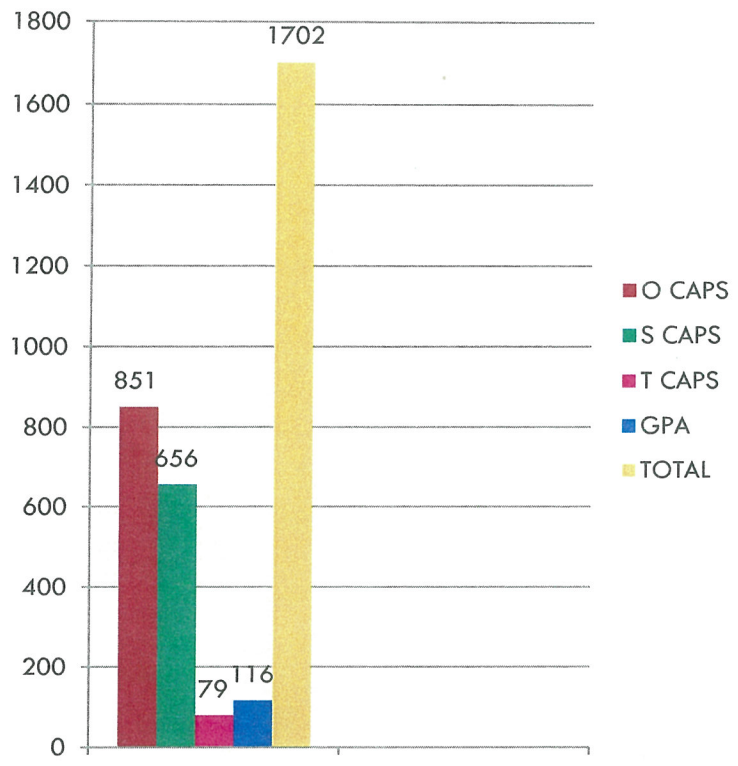
Workshops and Classes			
Date	**Location**	**Time**	**Workshop**
June 27	Tahlequah	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
July 7, 13 and 14	Claremore	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
July 11, 12 and 13	Sallisaw	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
July 7, 13 and 14	Claremore	5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Homeownership Training
July 19 and 26	Jay	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
July 21	Tahlequah	4 pm to 9 pm	Homeownership Training
July 23	Tahlequah	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training

CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT May 2016

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

1702 Children
with Assigned ICW Workers

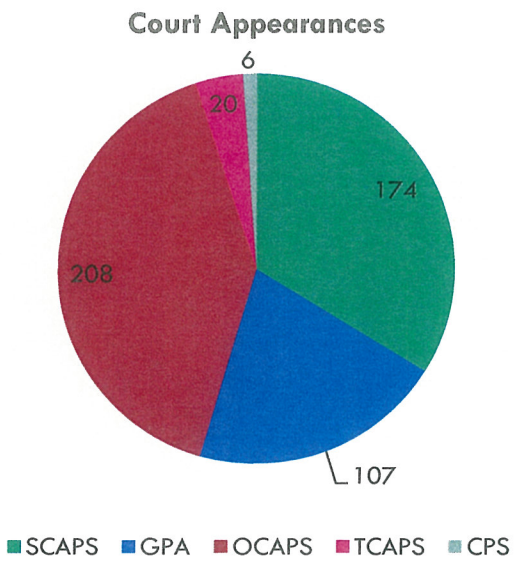


Programs with court interaction

- **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 515 times in May on behalf of Cherokee children and families.



In May, ICW staff worked on cases in 33 states

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.

Cherokee Nation received 708 notices involving 289 children within the CN jurisdictional area and 1,691children living outside the CN jurisdictional area for a total of 1,980 children for the month of May.

The longest Response-to-Notice time in May was 20 days.

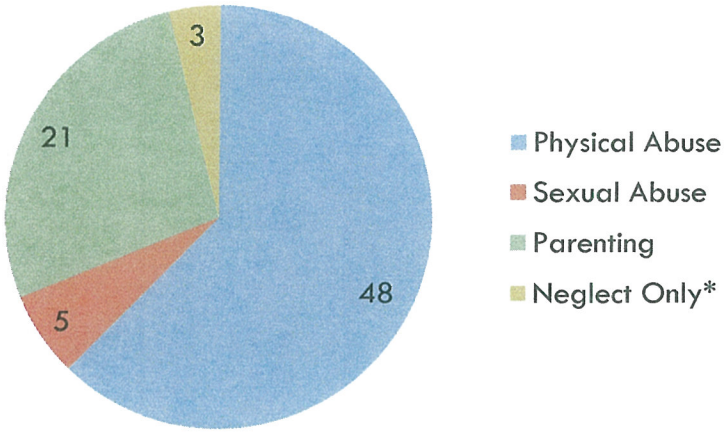
Prevention and Intervention

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 Court and Permanency Services (CAPS) cases but can assist in State CAPS cases when a request is made. This helps insure that families have the tools they need to be reunited.

For May, FPS served 49 children and 26 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



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

- **Child Protective Services (CPS) received 314 referrals of child abuse/neglect from 20 Oklahoma counties as well as 7 from other states.**
  - 223 referrals involved alleged neglect, 48 alleged physical abuse, 5 alleged sexual abuse, and 21 requested services due to abuse.
  - 7 cases involving 25 Cherokee Children were investigated by CPS on Tribal Land.
  - 3 cases involving 7 Cherokee Children were investigated conjointly by CPS and OKDHS.
  - 1 case was investigated from a casino related referral.
  - 3 Referrals were made to Family Protection Services (FPS)
- **0 Cherokee children were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect in May.**

CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

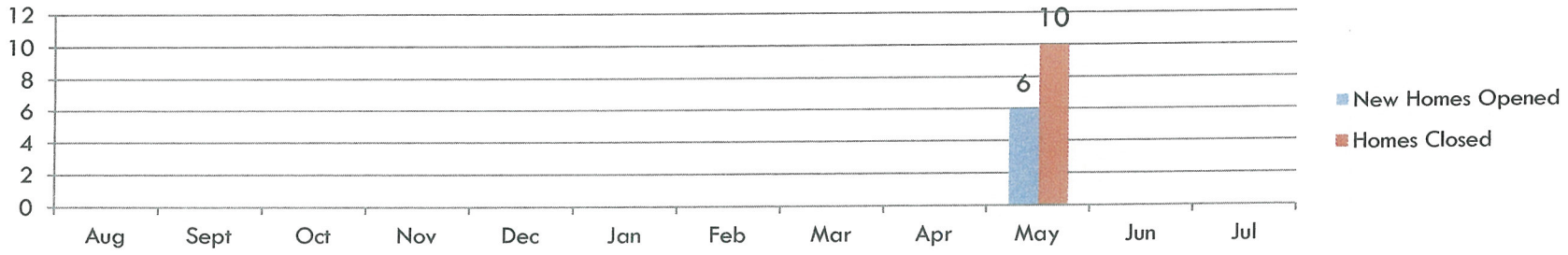
CERTIFICATION SERVICES

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.