

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

May 2017

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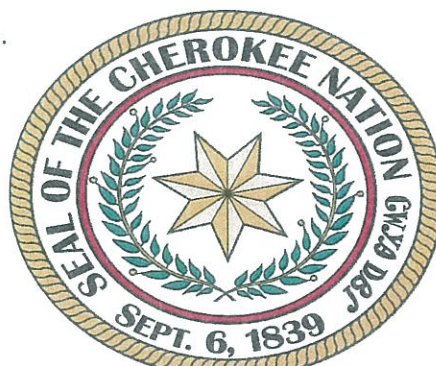
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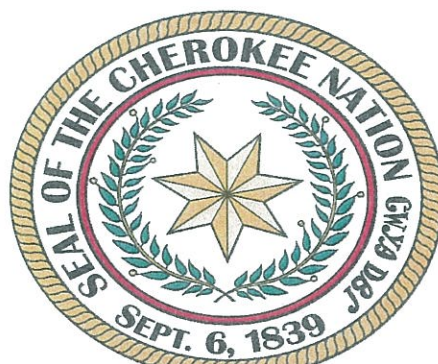


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Number of Employees	277
Number of Vacancies	16
Number of Volunteers	44

Human Services Announcements:

Council Notes:



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

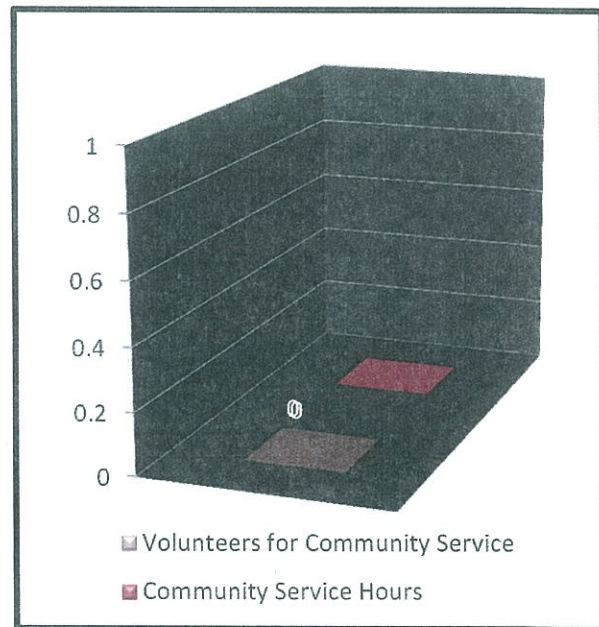
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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

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

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

Young people served	4
Admissions	1

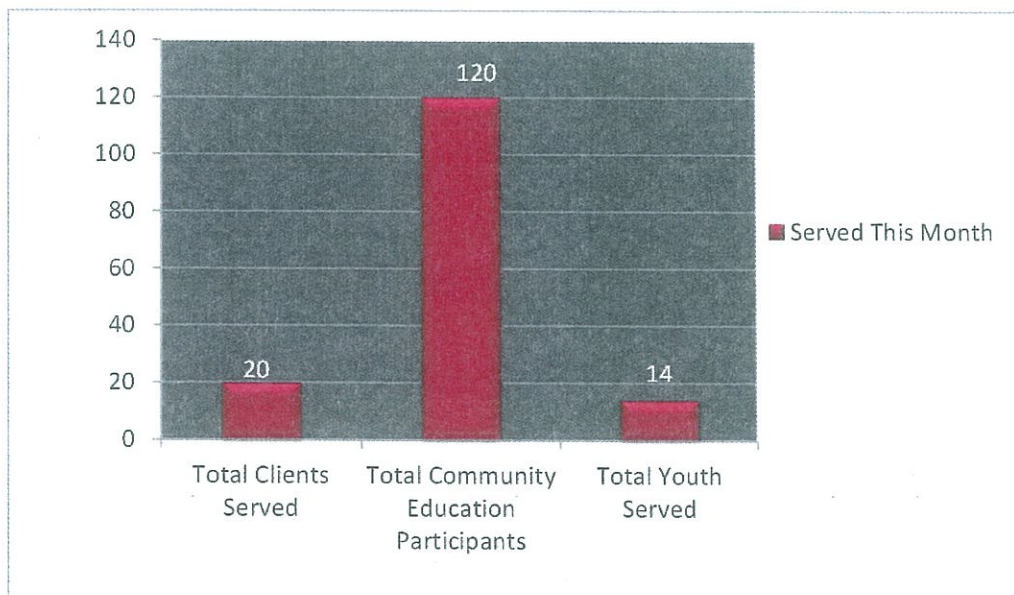
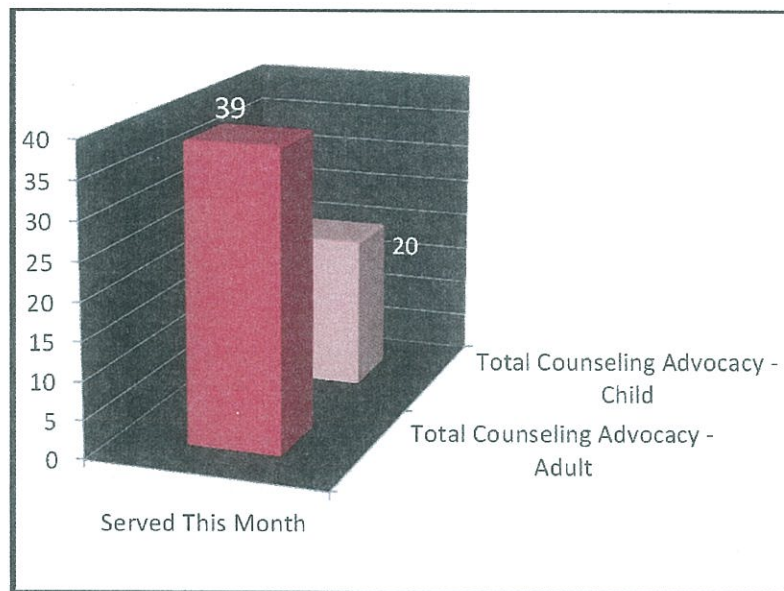


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations 120

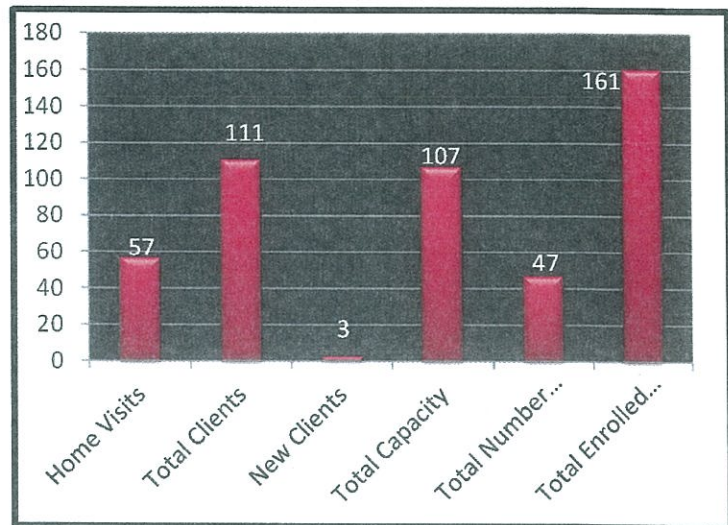


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	111
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Veteran's Center :

Calls for information	39
In Person Visits	75
Transportation	6
other services- home visits	0



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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	112
Number of Vacancies	6
Number of Volunteers	0

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

Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Summer Care began May 15th with 15 children enrolled. Our Parent Teacher conferences was held the week of May 1-5 and all of our parents attended. On May 15th the State Dept. of Health conducted our immunization audit; we scored 100% because all of our children are current on their immunizations. On May 23rd, Dr. Speaks, from WWH Dental came and checked our children's teeth for problems as well as did sealants to prevent cavities.

- Tahlequah - Summer Program for School Age kids started on May 16th. Annual CDC Track Meet was held on May 26, we had a lot of attendees.

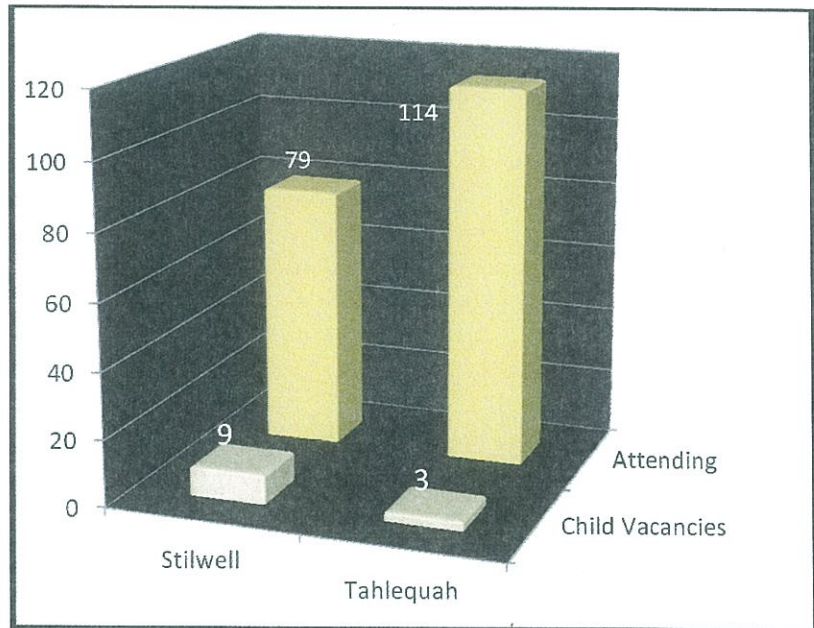
- Subsidy - We have added a job duty to a current staff member to assist with monthly billing forms.

- Resource & Referral - Staff members attended the following events: Children's Farmers Market meetings in Jay and Tahlequah, Native American Assoc., HS Parent Training, Chouteau, TELI meeting, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day booth, NICCA Cultural Committee meetings for NICCA conference.

- Licensing - Conducted the training for Requirements and Creative Cooking. Attended meetings for Professional Development, Adair County Community Meeting, Stars Hearing, and Oklahoma DHS Training.

Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,824
Amount Distributed	\$ 494,419.62



Average Distribution
Per Child

\$ 271.06



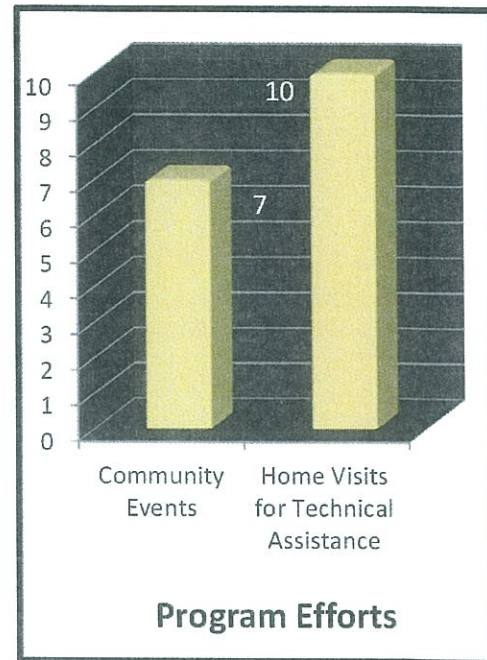
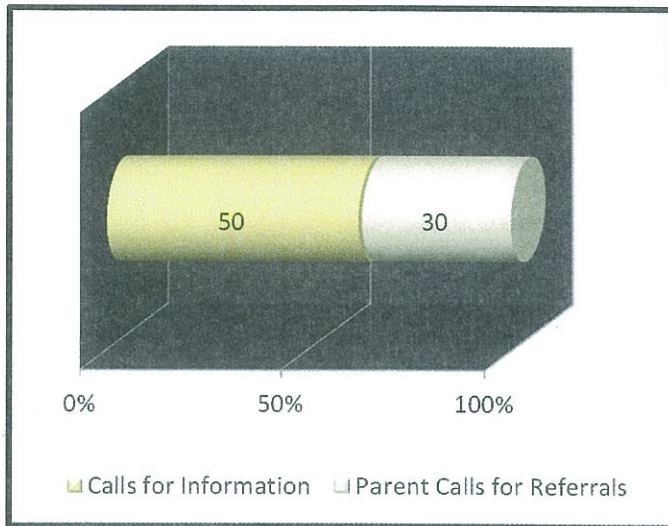
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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

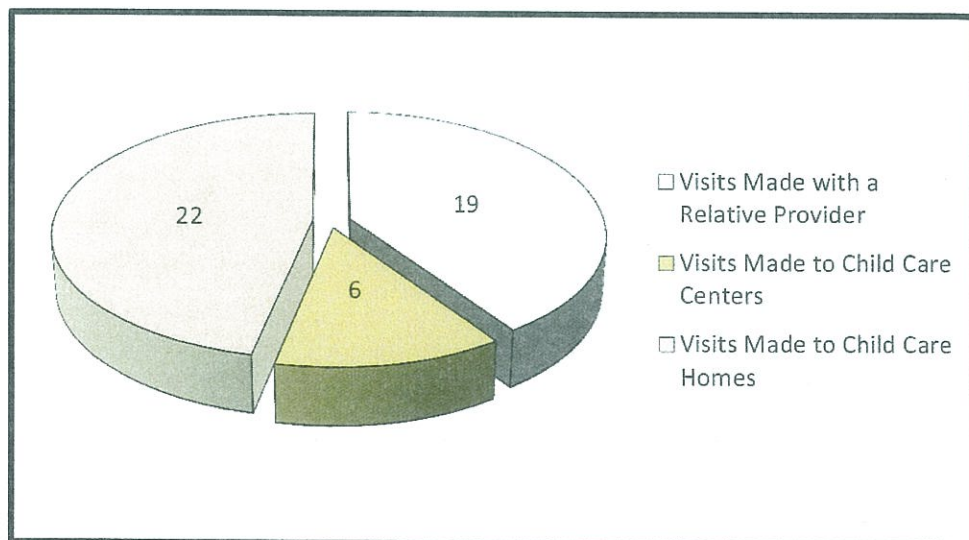
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

7



Licensing & Monitoring :



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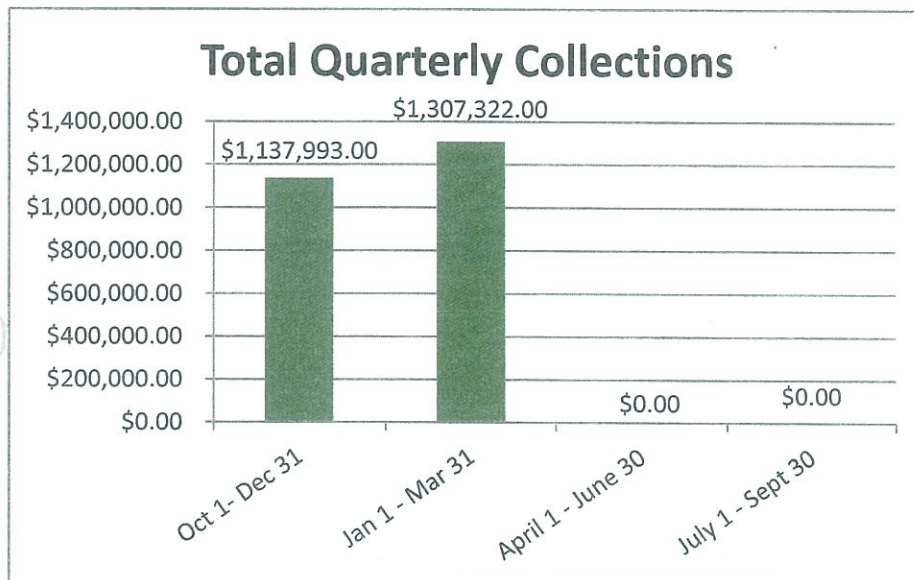
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

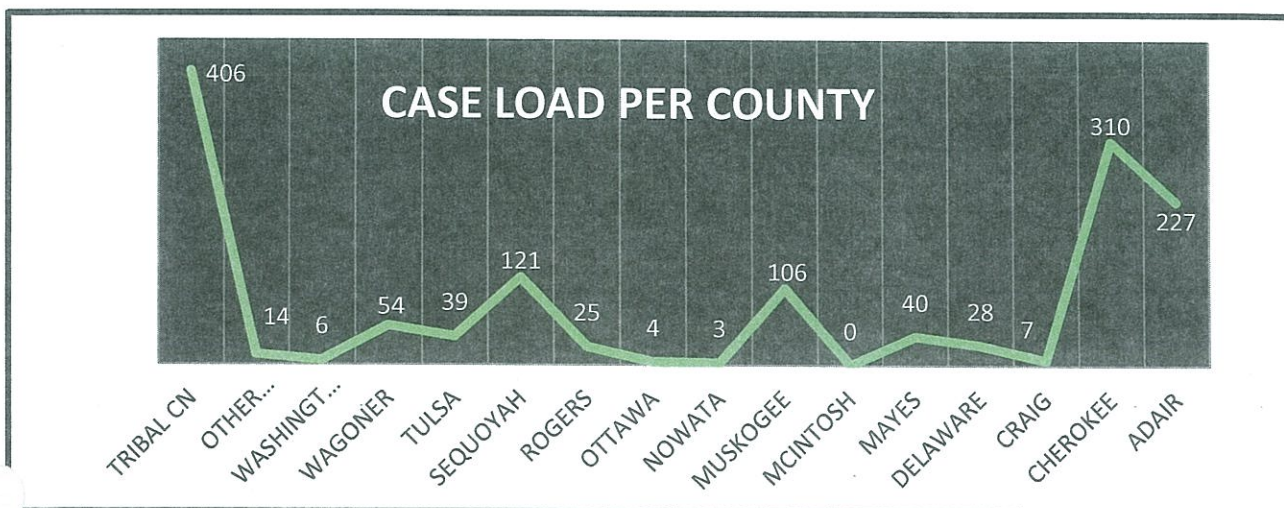
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

May Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 279,391.00
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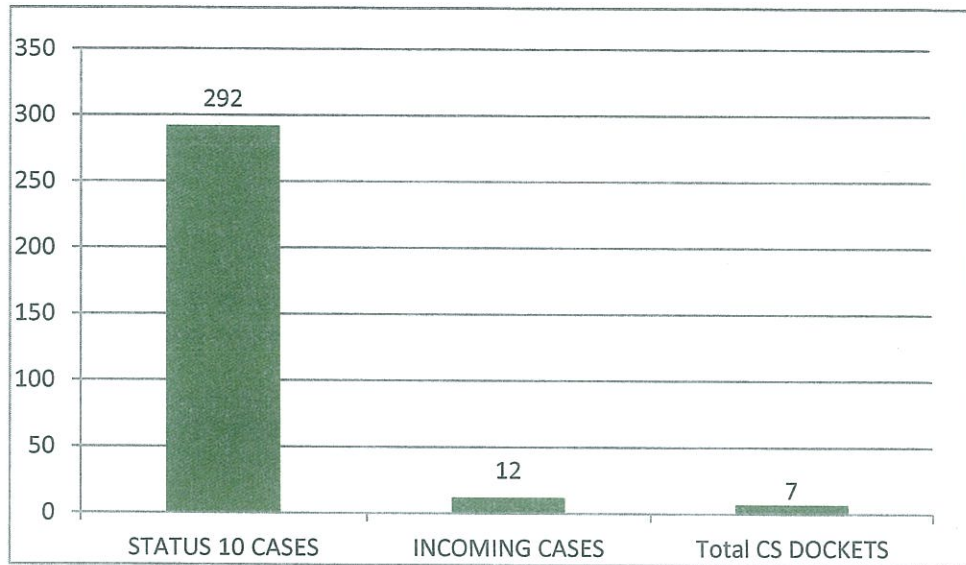
Total Client Contacts	2,520
Total Court Hearings	64
Total Active Efforts Case	722
Total Case Assessments for Service	12
Total Applications Distributed	42



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

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



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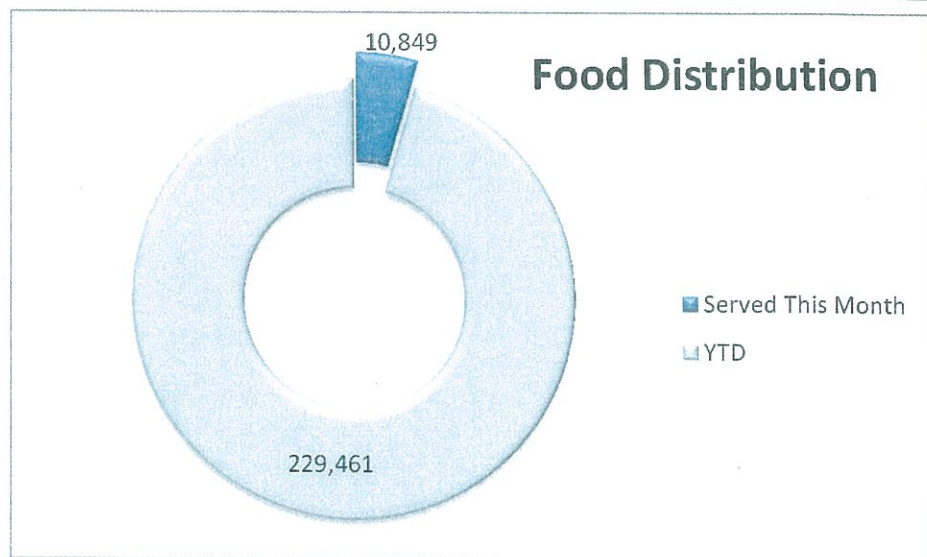
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

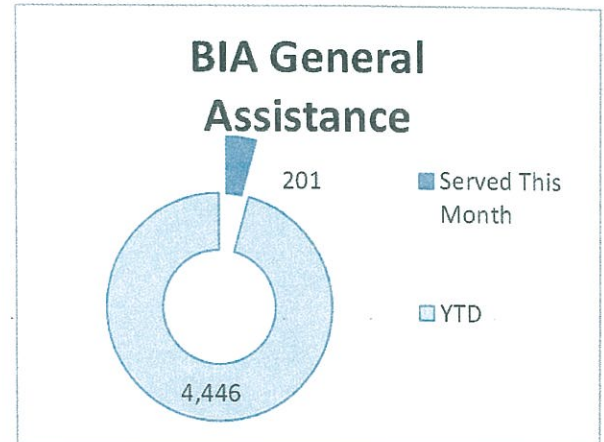
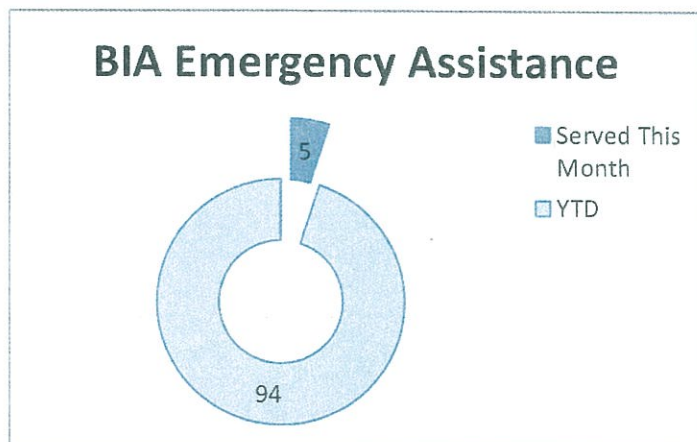
Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	44

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

Food Distribution :



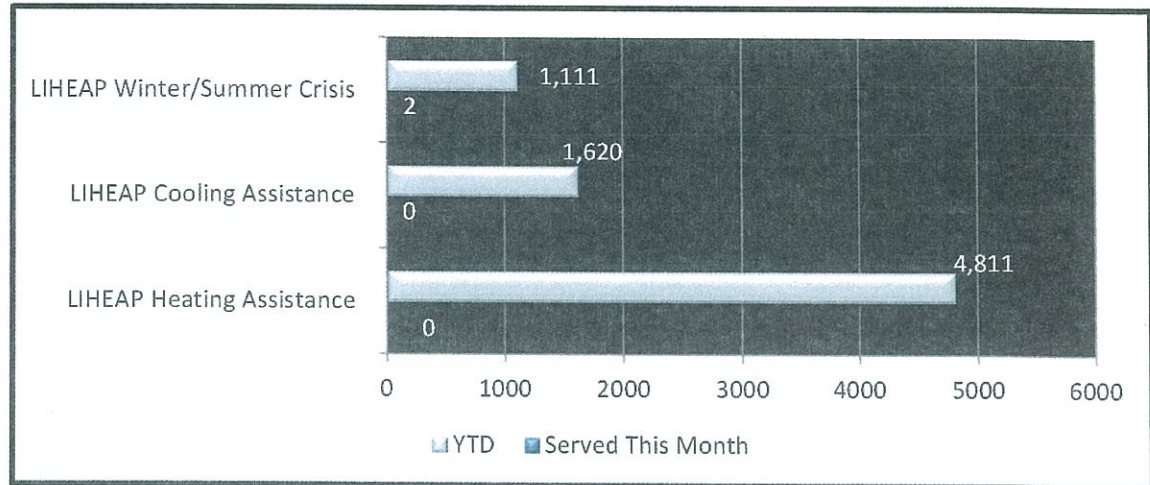
BIA Social Services :



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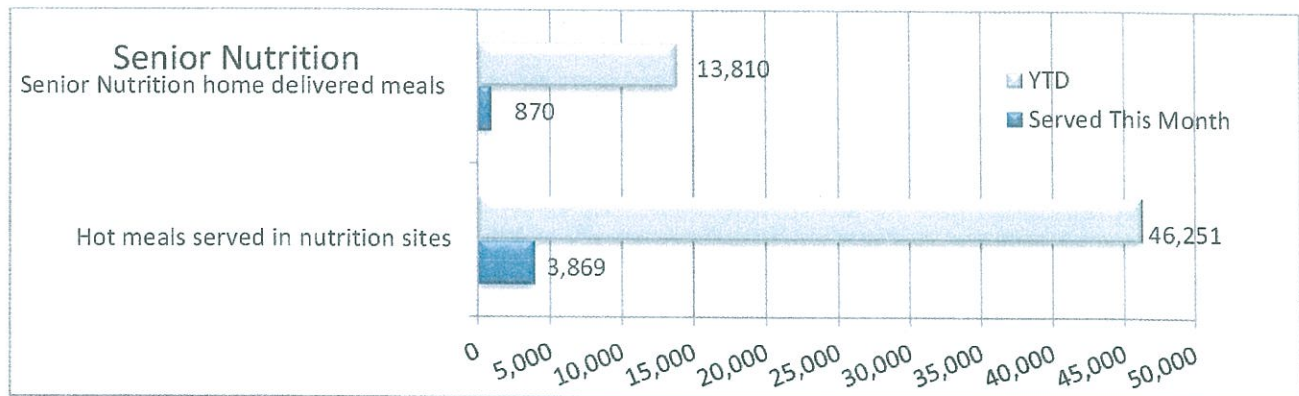
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LIHEAP:

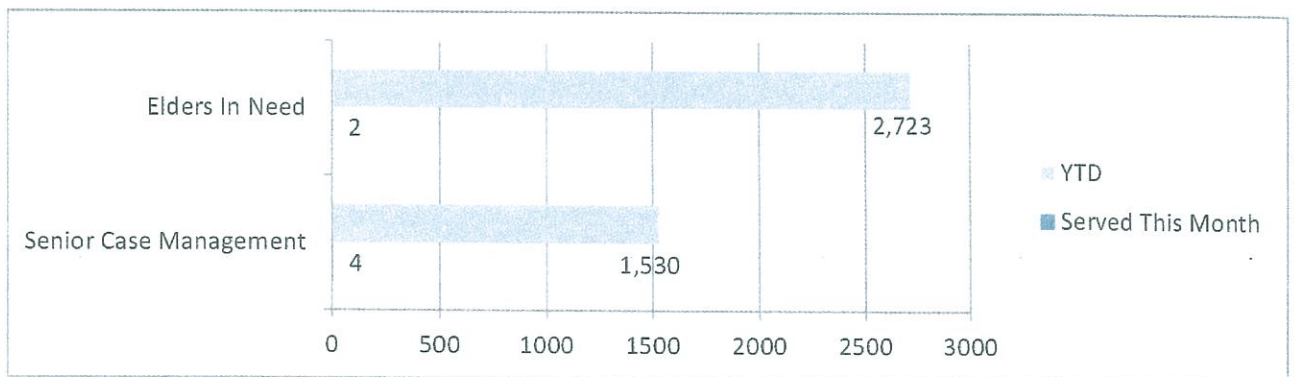


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April

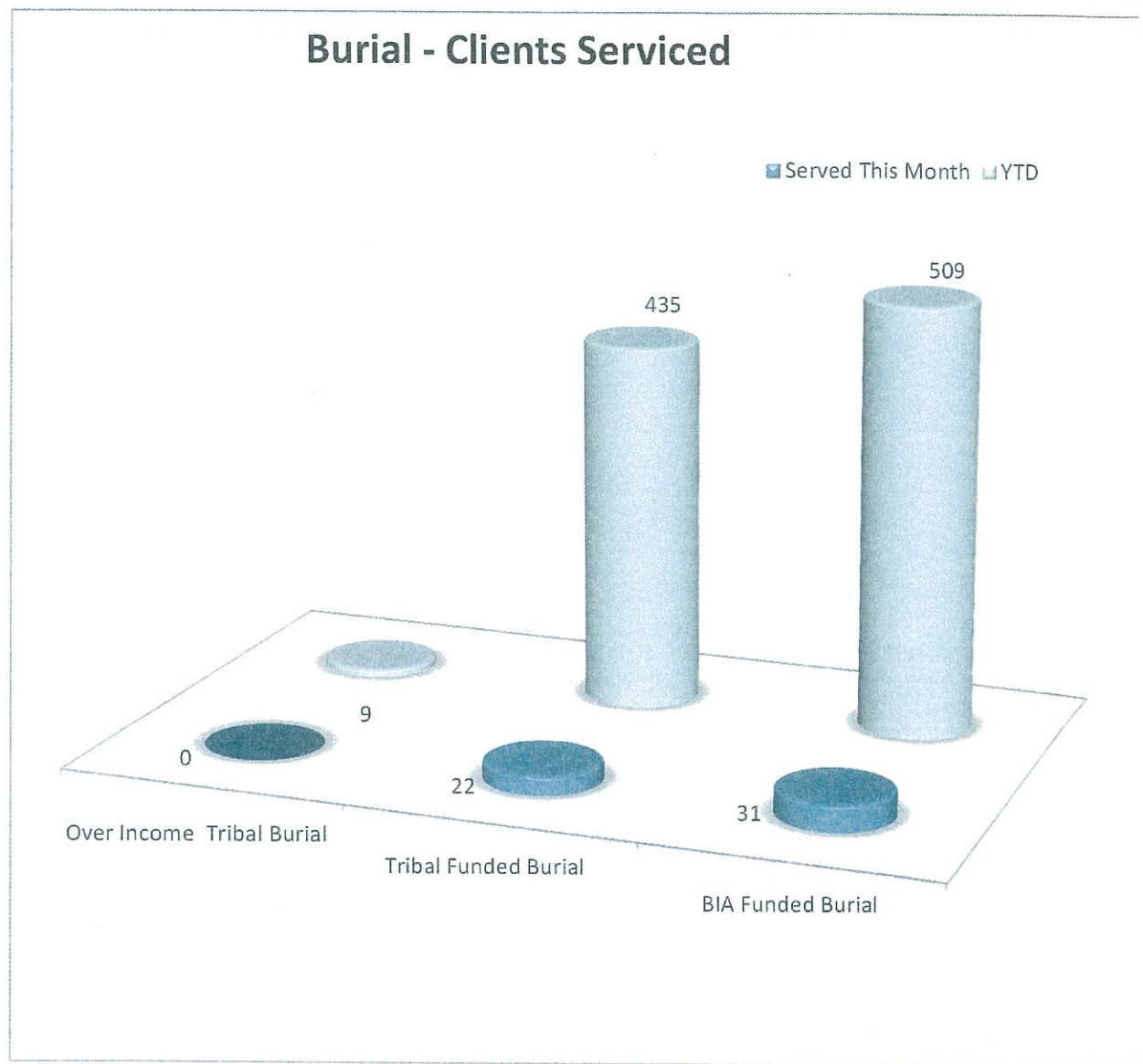


*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



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Burial Assistance :

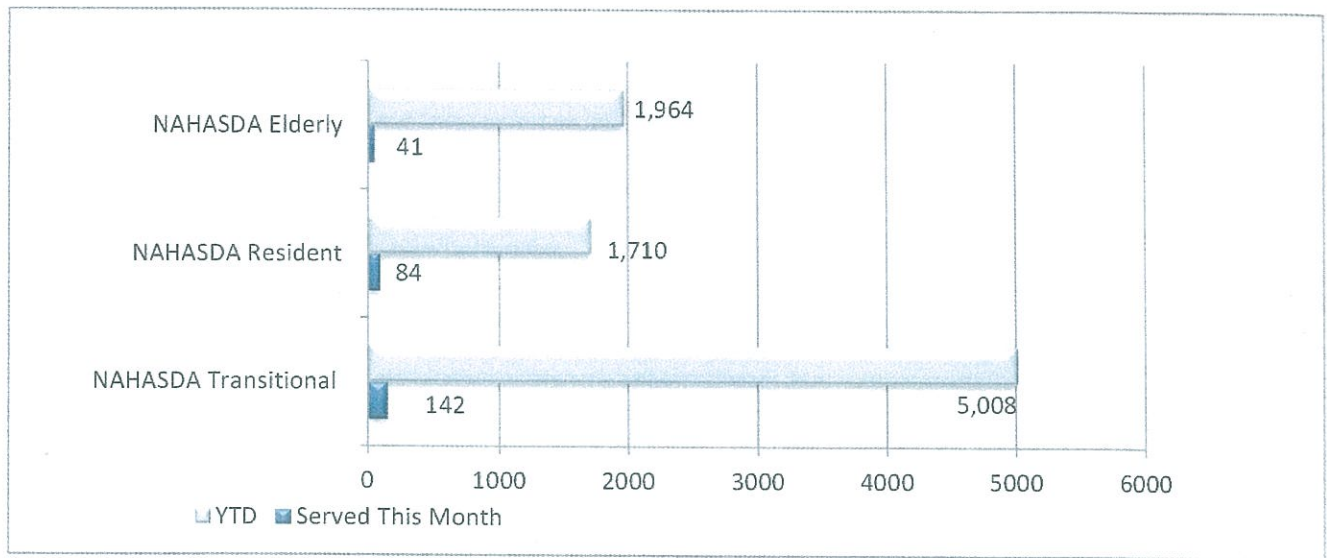


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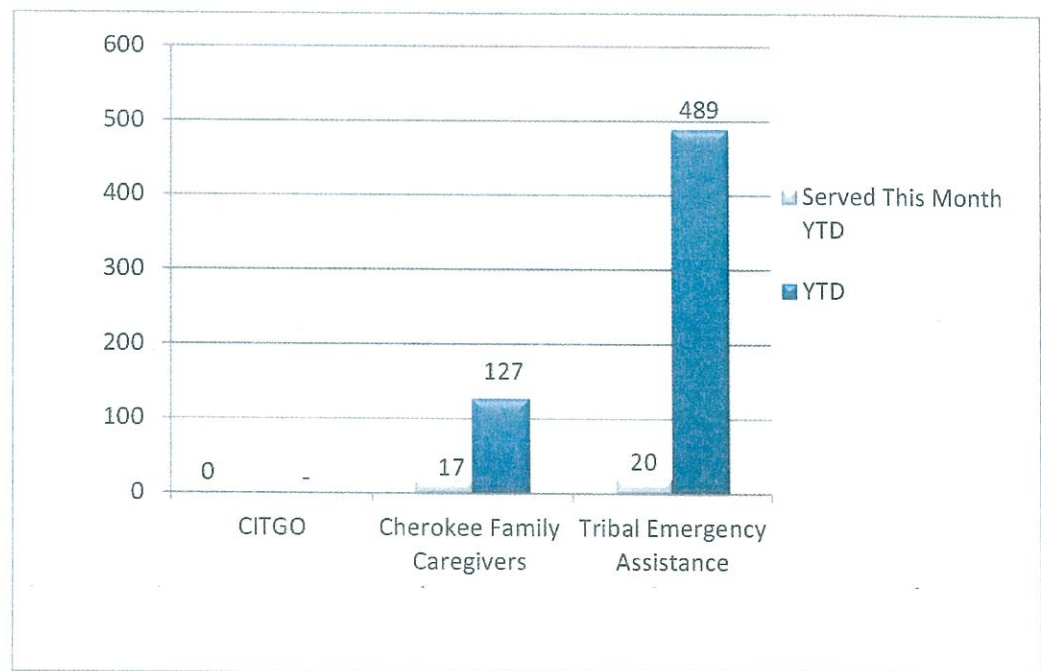
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NAHASDA :



Family Assistance :

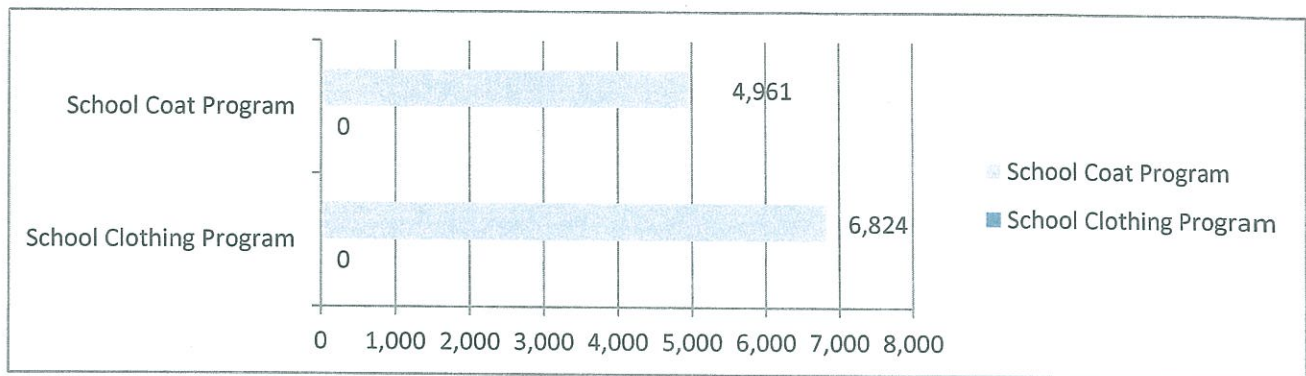


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FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

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

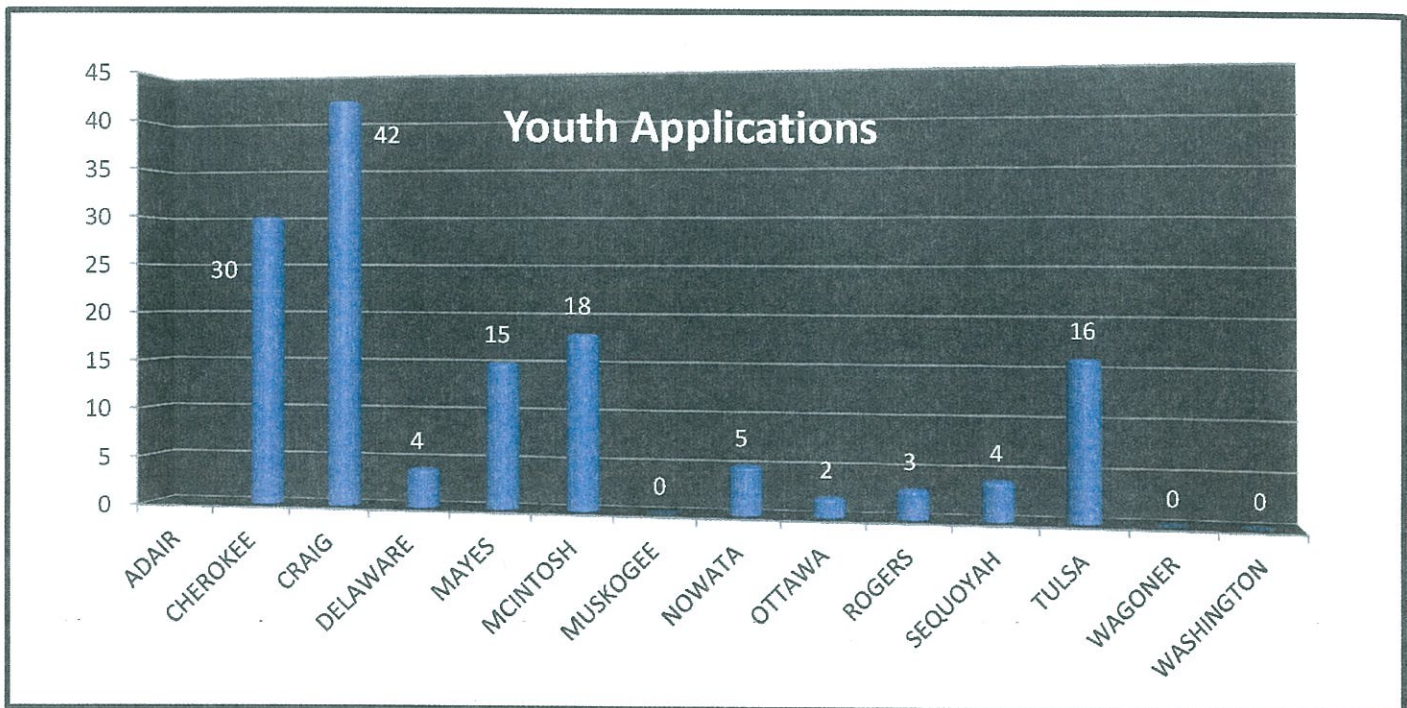
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

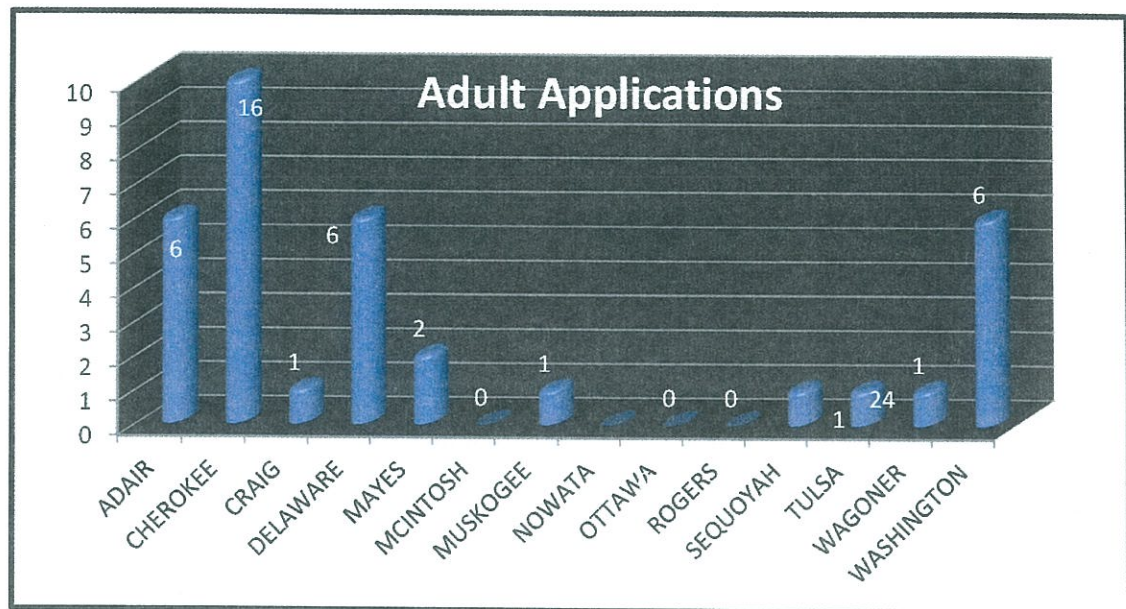
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,761
Total Applications Taken	183

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	142
Total Adult	41

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

May	\$ 36,600.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. Signed construction project agreements with IHS for Housing Support Project (\$1,100,000), Scattered Regular Project (\$872,100) and the Duck Lane Lift Station (\$123,000)

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 192 food handlers
2. Repaired 13 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 6 sewer and/or water facilities

b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction started on Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Project
2. Construction on Osage WL in Mayes Co substantially complete.
3. Construction on Lowrey Phase II in Cherokee Co approximately 50% complete with about 1.75 miles of waterline constructed.
4. 2 employees attended NEPA training in Stillwater.
5. 4 employees attended EPA water treatment certification in Pawhuska.
6. Signed MOA's for Muskogee RWD # 7 Improvement project and Mayes Co RWD # 5 Carbide Rd WL Replacement

c.) Future Plans

1. Bid out replacement of Duck Lane Sewer Lift Station in Adair Co.
2. Prepare FY17 SDS submittal to IHS for FY18 Funding
3. Working with CDC, Public Health Foundation and National Tribal Water Center on sampling for Snake Creek/Iron Post Area.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Public Disclosures:

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

The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.

LOW RENT APARTMENT:

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

Kailey Courtney, mother is Lacie Roberts of HACN

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

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

None to report

RENTAL ASSISTANCE/TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING:

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

None to report

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

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

None to report

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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

None to report



Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

July 25 July Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Office Closures:

July 4 Independence Day

Other Info:

Jul 10-12 Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA)

Summer Quarterly Meeting, Durant, OK

Jul 13-14 Inter-Tribal Council Summer Quarterly Meeting, Catoosa, 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

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: May, 2017

Current Program Participants:

County	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance				Homeownership		Loans			Totals	
			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	154	116	7	9	112	59	21	3	961	15%		
Cherokee	576	166	328	8	15	242	131	61	2	1,529	23%		
Craig	41	60	38	0	6	11	13	2	0	171	3%		
Delaware	321	115	92	3	10	74	90	25	5	735	11%		
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	23	0%		
Mayes	226	126	59	3	9	59	36	11	1	530	8%		
Muskogee	128	52	61	4	1	48	42	13	0	349	5%		
Nowata	29	40	27	0	0	10	25	2	0	133	2%		
Ottawa	21	N/A	1	0	0	6	7	4	1	40	1%		
Rogers	145	73	189	7	10	80	31	49	3	587	9%		
Sequoyah	520	N/A	189	24	13	166	106	57	4	1,079	16%		
Tulsa	59	N/A	100	4	3	27	7	4	1	205	3%		
Wagoner	9	N/A	6	0	0	59	3	1	1	79	1%		
Washington	27	43	38	1	2	27	9	3	0	150	2%		
Total:	2,597	829	1,244	61	78	926	562	253	21	6,571	100%		
			1,383				1,488		274				

Current Applications:

County	Rehab Programs	Rehab Replacement Homes	Rehab Replacement Mobile	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	151	5	2	6	6	110	247	164	9%	691	10%
Cherokee	161	3	3	1	20	384	678	445	24%	1,695	25%
Craig	45	1	1	3	1	26	50	51	3%	178	3%
Delaware	168	1	0	26	6	126	159	231	12%	717	11%
McIntosh	9	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	12	1%	25	0%
Mayes	123	2	0	12	8	49	168	165	9%	527	8%
Muskogee	69	1	0	25	0	7	97	141	7%	340	5%
Nowata	33	0	0	5	0	36	26	44	2%	144	2%
Ottawa	12	0	0	2	0	N/A	16	24	1%	54	1%
Rogers	60	1	2	24	1	25	342	169	9%	624	9%
Sequoyah	192	4	2	24	7	N/A	289	227	12%	745	11%
Tulsa	84	1	0	24	3	N/A	309	143	8%	564	8%
Wagoner	18	0	0	1	1	N/A	27	28	1%	75	1%
Washington	41	1	0	21	1	104	77	39	2%	284	4%
Total:	1,166	20	10	174	54	867	2,489	1,883	100%	6,663	100%

**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
May, 2017

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	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete				
Adair	106	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	21	8	59	0	25	8	59
Cherokee	352	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	24	131	0	50	24	131
Craig	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13	13	0	6	13	13
Delaware	170	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	25	90	2	17	25	90
McIntosh	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3
Mayes	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9	36	0	18	9	36
Muskogee	118	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	42	2	16	4	42
Nowata	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	25	0	2	1	25
Ottawa	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	1	0	7
Rogers	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	31	0	5	3	31
Sequoyah	181	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	7	106	1	25	7	106
Tulsa	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	1	7
Wagoner	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	3
Washington	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	1	2	9
Total:	1,520	0	5	0	4	0	2	4	4	161	98	562	5	171	98	562
			5				171					660				

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

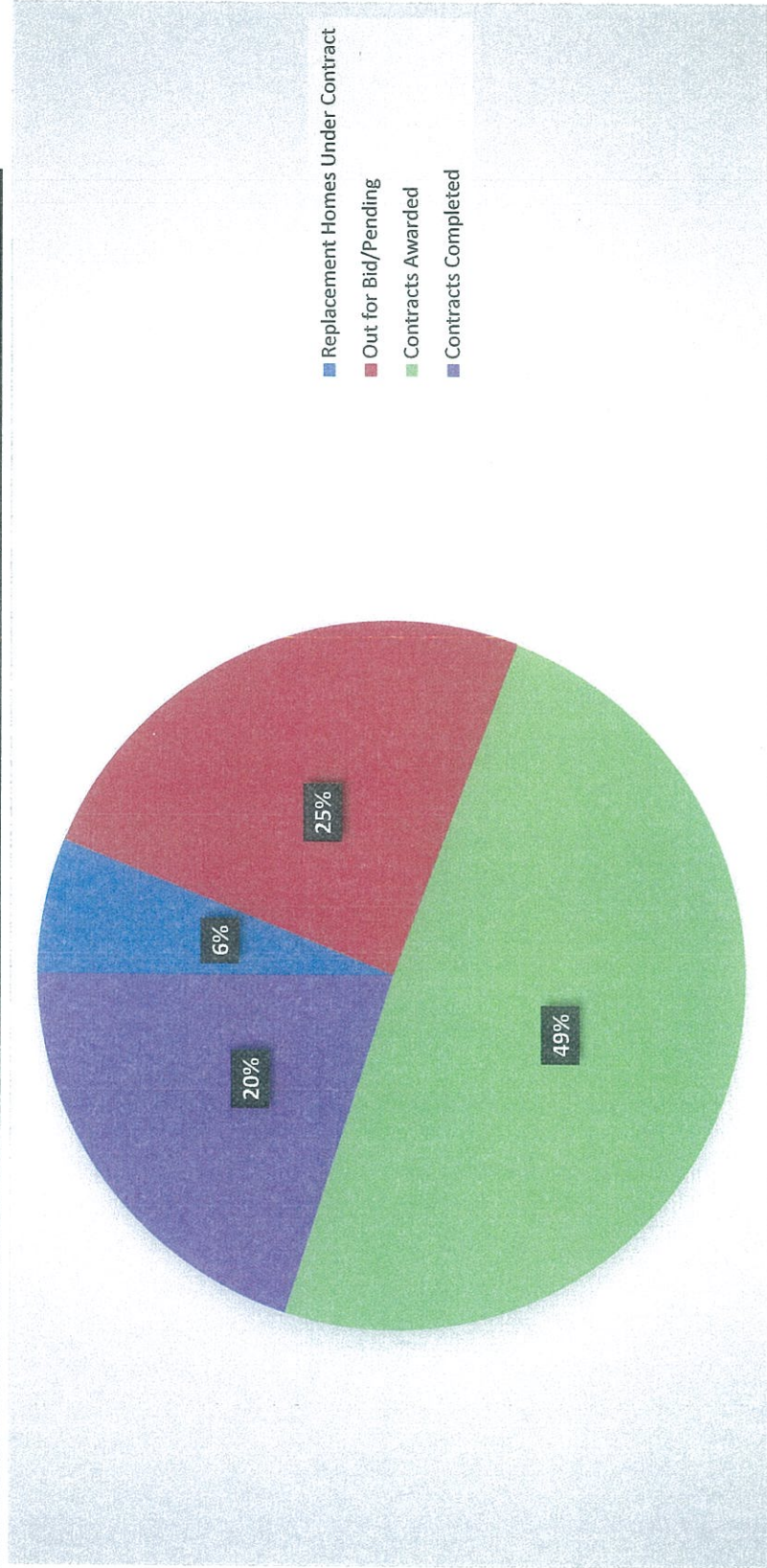
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
June, 2017

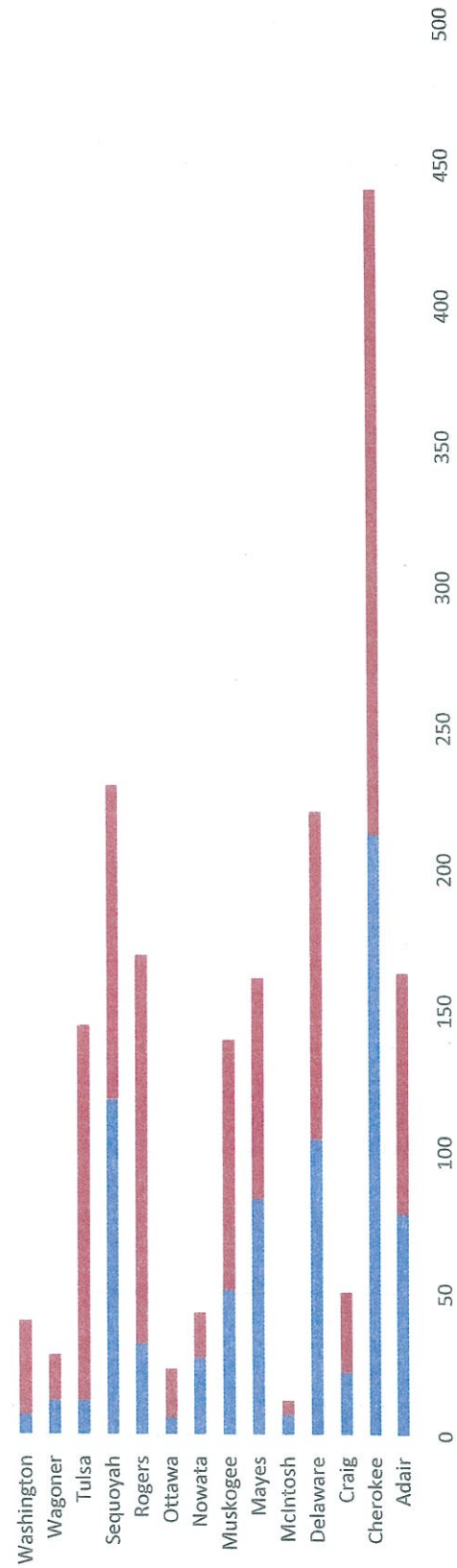
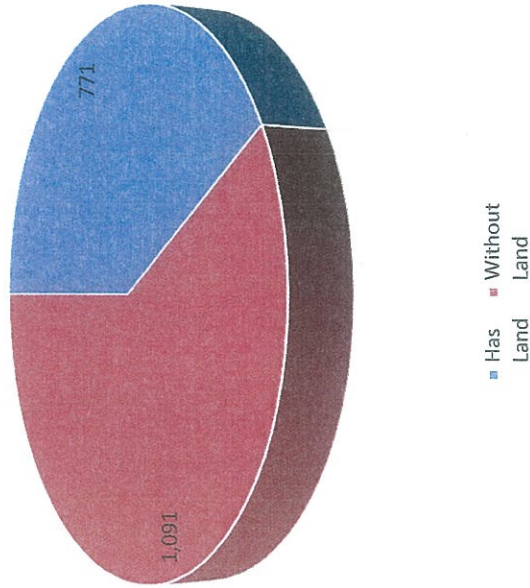
Replacement Homes Under Contract	8
Out for Bid/Pending	32
Contracts Awarded	64
Contracts Completed	26



New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

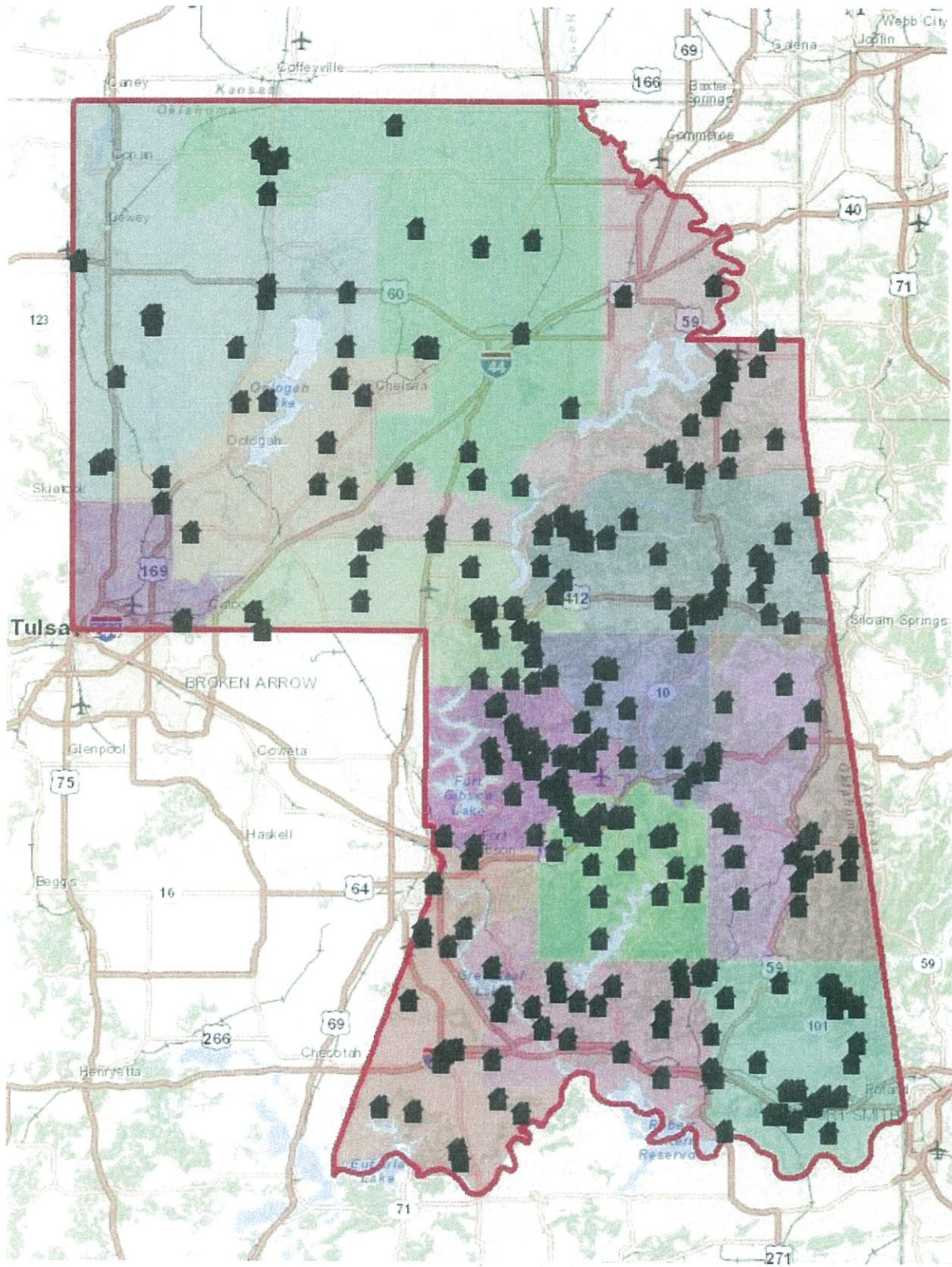
By Has Land/Does not have land:

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



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:** July 2017

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

Comments: The Federal Highway Administration visited the CNDOT May 17th.

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell North – Right of Way sent the revisions to be made back to Red Plains March 8, 2017.
2. Bell School South – Design is complete. Right of Way is waiting for the appraisals to be completed. NEPA is complete, received floodplain permit, still need the Section 404 permit.
3. Bidding Springs Road - Aerials have been received to begin design. Survey is currently in progress.
4. Bunch Road – Held meeting with Engineer. Decided to design a 4-span bridge to replace low water crossing.
5. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts will start there acquisition process after appraisals are complete.
6. Dahlenegah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process November 1, 2016.
7. Dahlenegah West- Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers working on 60% plans.
8. Lyon South Road - Design is at 60% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers are finalizing H&H.
9. Lyon Switch Road - Design is working on 90% plans.
10. Malloy Hollow– Design is working with environmental services to supply information needed for the 404 application. Received preliminary relocation plans from Ozark Electric and attended Cherry Tree RWD board meeting to discuss the need to relocate the existing waterline. Final plans completed. Utility easements and R/W acquisition to begin when R/W department available.
11. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Red Plains is revising the exhibits and easements.
12. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Design complete. Waiting on 404 permit for NEPA to be approved.
13. Sally Bull Hollow – Awaiting the level III archeological report so we will know how to proceed in design.
14. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

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1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 68% (28 parcels out of 41 acquired).
2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design.
3. Northeast Fort Gibson- We have purchased credits from the conservation bank and have received the biological opinion. The NEPA process is complete. We are moving forward with coordinating utility relocations.
4. Ross Street- Monthly meeting for Engineering and Utility Coordination will be held on May 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. Identified utility companies along the project as LREC, AT&T, TPWA, and NOPFA. OG&E easement conflicts with roadway easement. Meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 1:30 p.m. to hopefully resolve the issue. Agreement between Cherokee Nation and the City of Tahlequah is in the Contracts Department for final review before delivering it to the City for signatures. Utility corridors have been approved by each of the utility companies. Awaiting final relocation plans from each utility. Construction plans are at 90% stage and are being reviewed by the second level engineer (CGA Engineers). Working with ODOT in regards to the US62 intersection.
5. Tenkiller School – Construction is -99% complete. Project contract currently in liquidated damages. Final estimate quantities being discussed.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road – Right of Way sent AT&T's packet to Real Estate Services October 22, 2016. Last check, March 10, 2017 AT&T's packet has not been submitted to the BIA.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road –Clearing is completed. Construction is 42% complete. Contrac liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utility relocation is moving forward.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed. Pavement borings being performed. Preliminary design underway.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for June 27th with awarded contractor JOB Construction. This project has a fixed completion date of July 31, 2017.
2. Moonshine Road – Utility relocation complete. Plans are being revised regarding pavement design and should be complete by June 30, 2017.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY PROJECTS:

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

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

There are currently three van orders: order #1 – two bi-fuel conversion vans with an expected delivery date of late May and order #2 – one gasoline conversion van. This van has been delivered and is waiting on a CN tag. Bids on 6 additional gasoline vans are due June 23rd.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 122 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 752 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 59 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 3 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 172 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 32 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 374 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 222 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 22 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,321

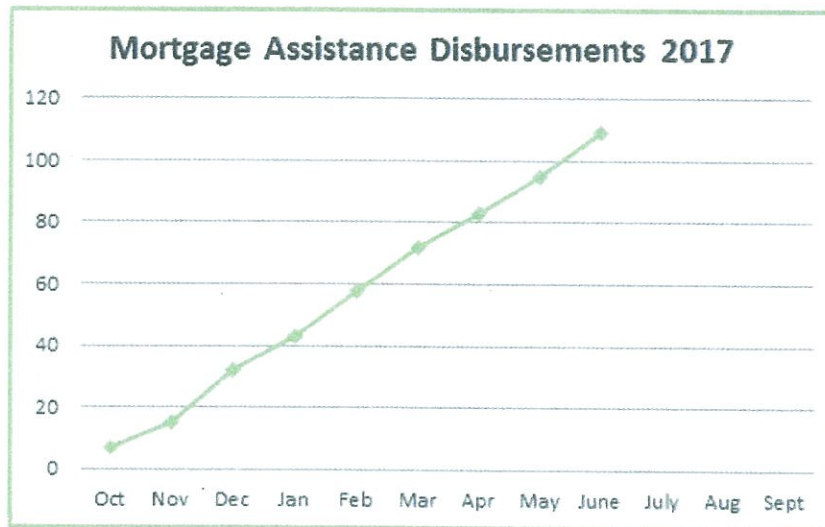
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

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Mortgage Assistance Program

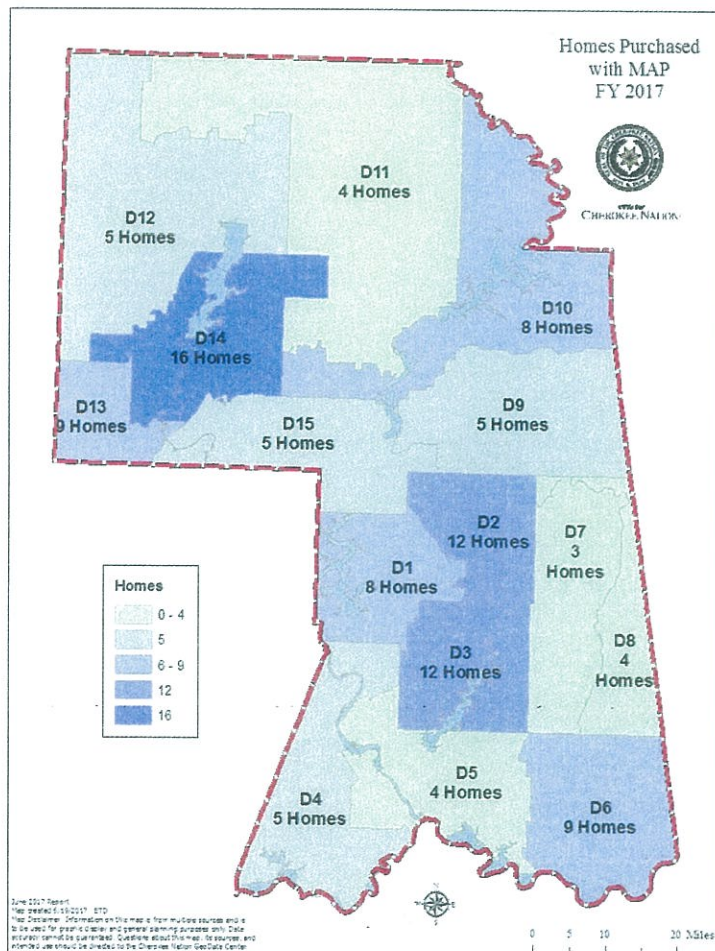


109 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

74 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$37,473.45
Home Price	\$104,714.50



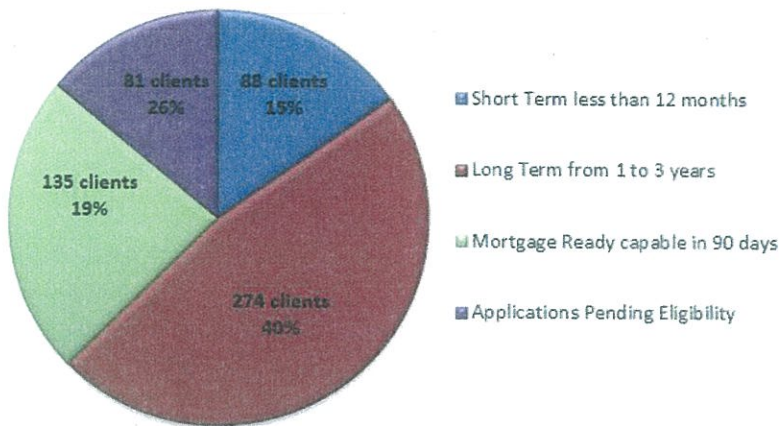
The Mortgage Assistance Program has implemented its prioritization policy. The number of eligible applicants exceeds the amount of funding available so until the end of the fiscal year, families who have previously owned a stick built home or a mobile home at any point in the past will not receive down payment assistance funds until after October 1, 2017. Families who have participated in self sufficiency counseling for at least 3 months will be exempt from the previous home ownership stipulation.

The Mortgage Assistance Program staff is supportive and encouraging; the program made buying a home possible for me.

D. Bailey, Cherokee County Mortgage Assistance recipient

Home Buying and Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling

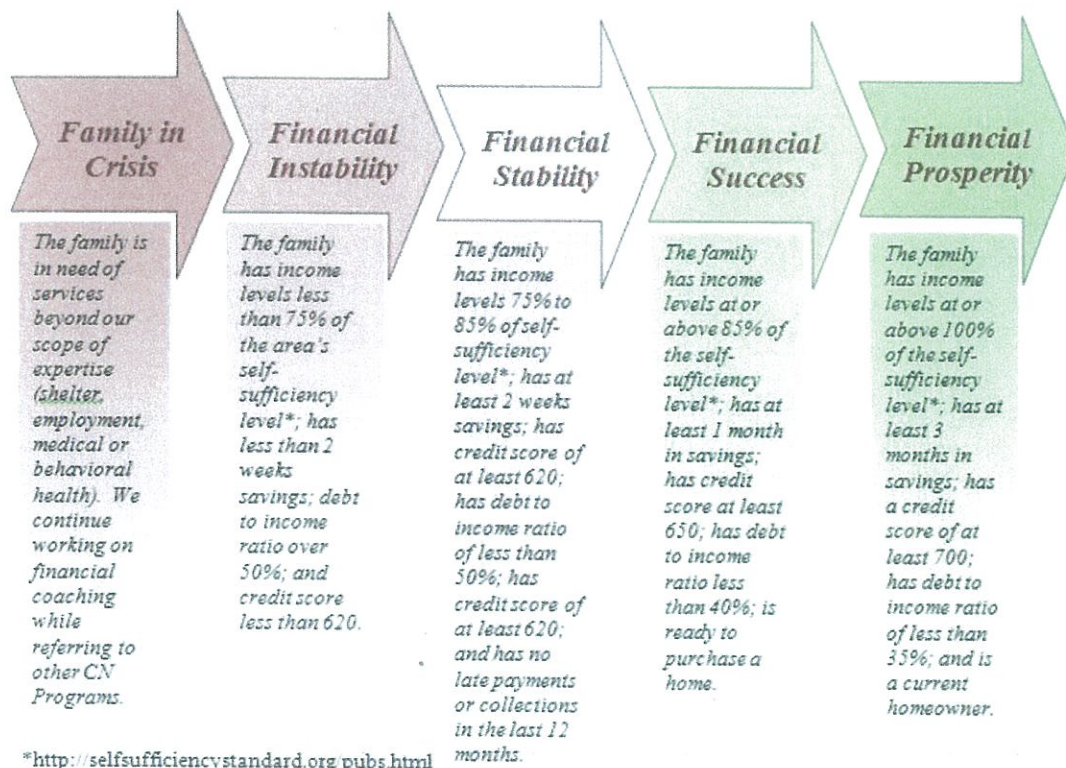


578 families are in the home buyers' pipeline, either having completed or active in financial counseling.

Since FY07, 772 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

50 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.



We would recommend this program to anyone buying a home. Every minute spent in the classes and counseling were well worth it. We gained so much knowledge.

P. Bargas, Rogers County Mortgage Assistance recipient

Commerce Group
Home Buyers and Asset Building Report

1,030 families have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

551 families still actively pursuing goals

- 2% financial prosperity
- 25% financial success
- 17% financially stable
- 56% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	31 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	30.80%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5.2%

1,098 consumer loans totaling \$1,276,434.89 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of June 15th. Five of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$84,891.18.**

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

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **373 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Citizens, Cherokee Nation employees and CNB employees have the opportunity to attend financial education classes on topics ranging from spending plans, balancing checkbooks and couponing. Year to date **657 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

Training Schedule

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
July 6	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Financial Education Class
July 10-13	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 12-13	Jay	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 13	Jay	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 17-19	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 19	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 22	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
July 24-26	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 26	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 31	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Financial Education Class
August 3	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
August 5	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
August 7-9	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 10	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
August 14-15	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 16	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
August 17	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace



CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT May 2017

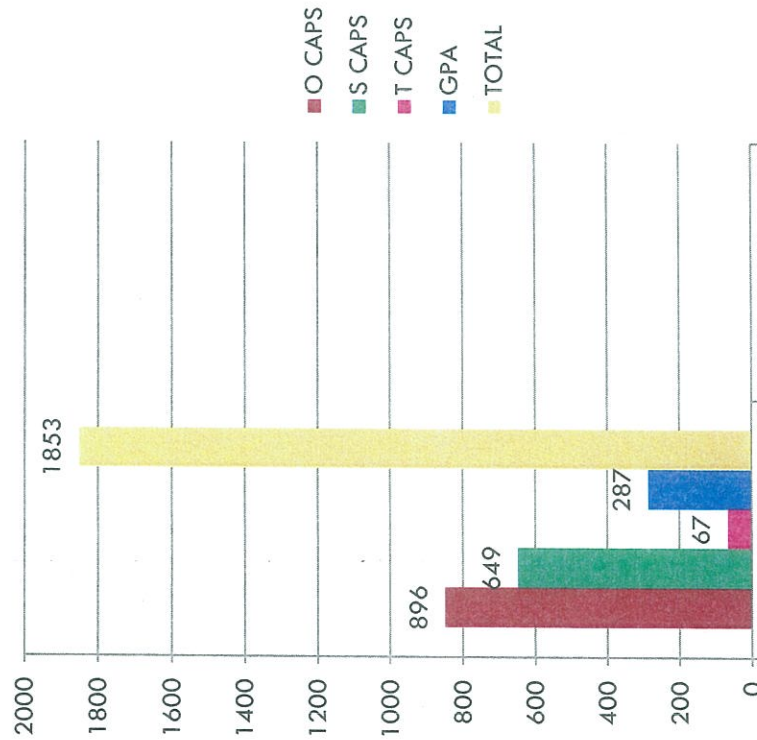
Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of May:
1,853 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.

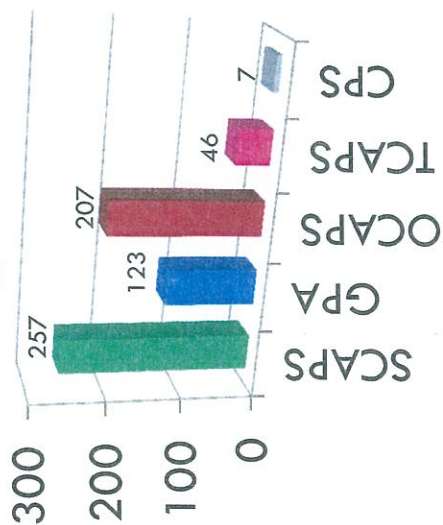


Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

In May:

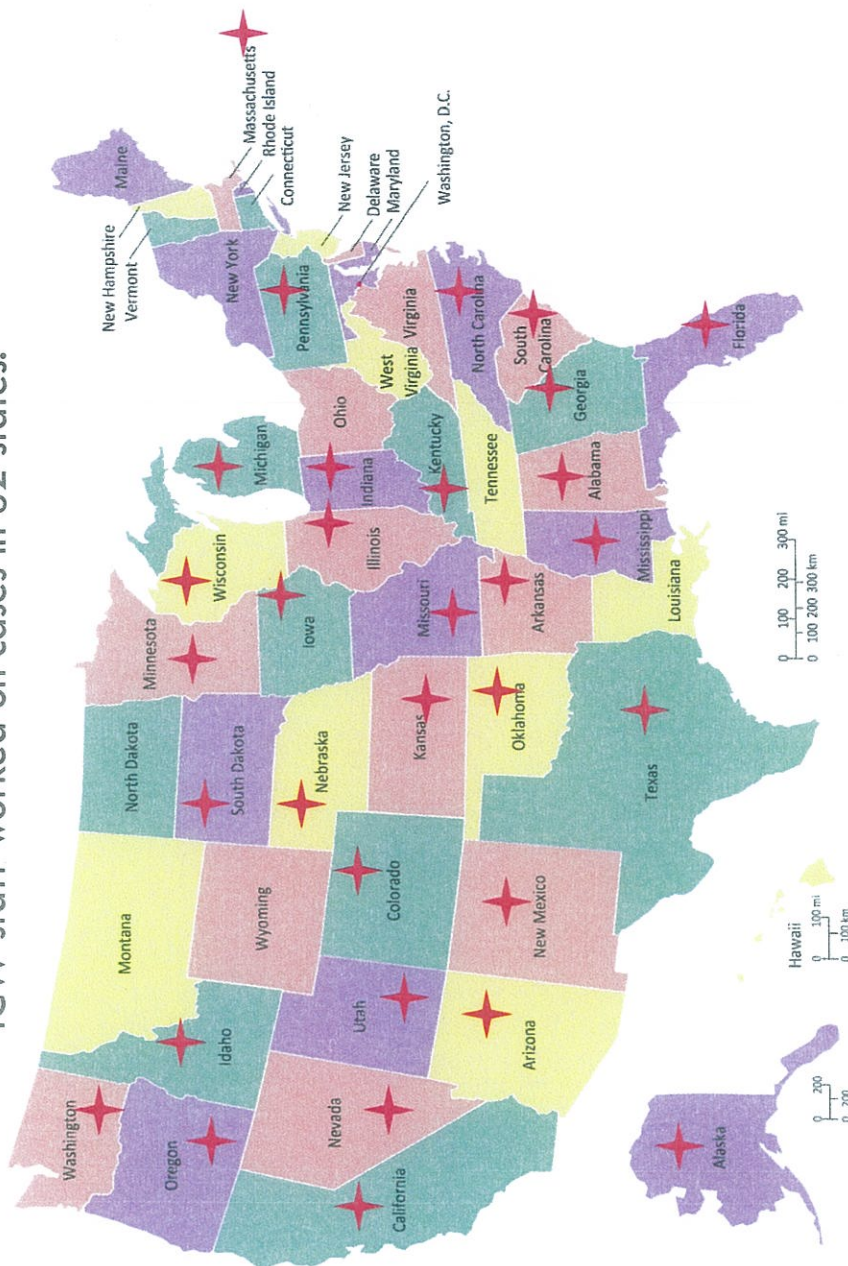
Indian Child Welfare workers
went to court 640 times on
behalf of Cherokee children
and families.

Court Appearances



■ SCAPS ■ GPA ■ OCAPS ■ TCAPS ■ CPS

ICW staff worked on cases in 32 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.

Month of May

Cherokee Nation received:

- ☐ CN Jurisdictional area – 0 notices involving 0 children
- ☐ Outside of CN Jurisdictional area – 187 notices for 325 children.
- ☐ Totaling – 325 children.
- ☐ The longest Response-to-Notice time this month was 39 days.

Prevention and Intervention

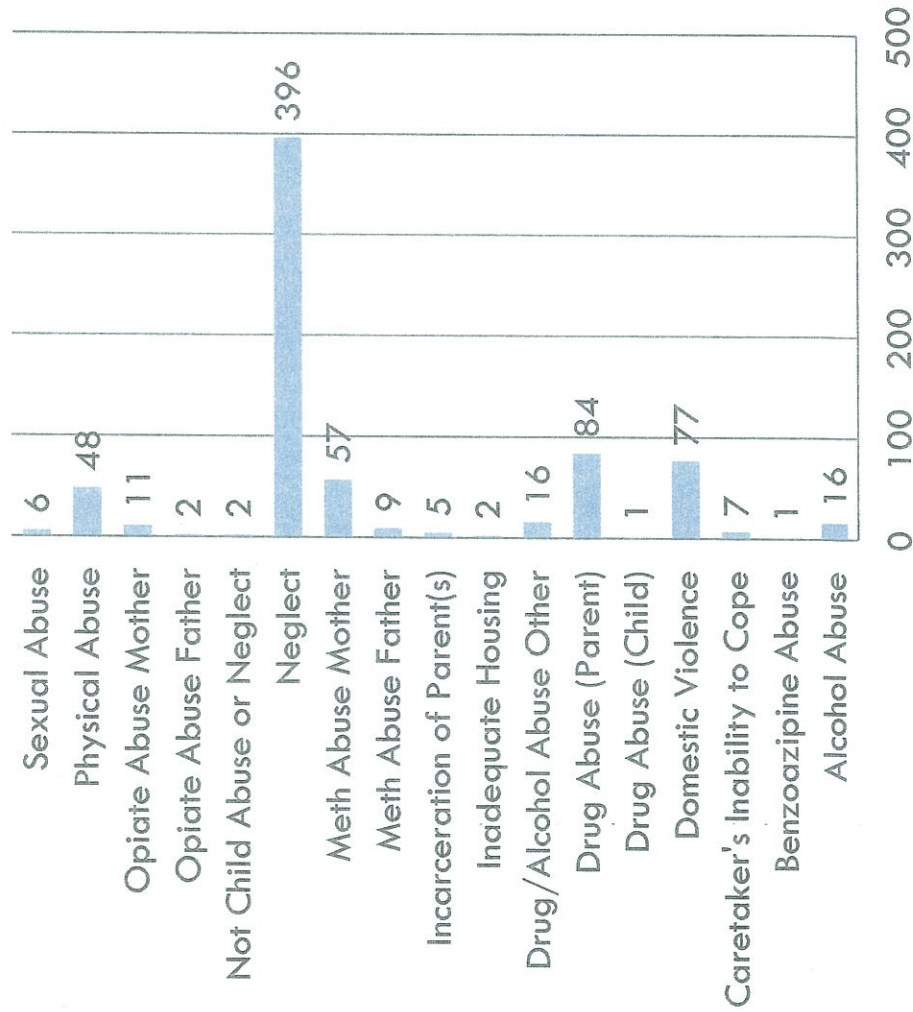
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 56 children and 32 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



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

Month of May

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 281 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 281 referrals involved 492 children
 - 5 of the 281 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 5 of the 281 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
 - 0 of the 281 cases were investigations from a casino related referral
- 5 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

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 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.

Certification Homes by Type

168 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories

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

Homes by Type

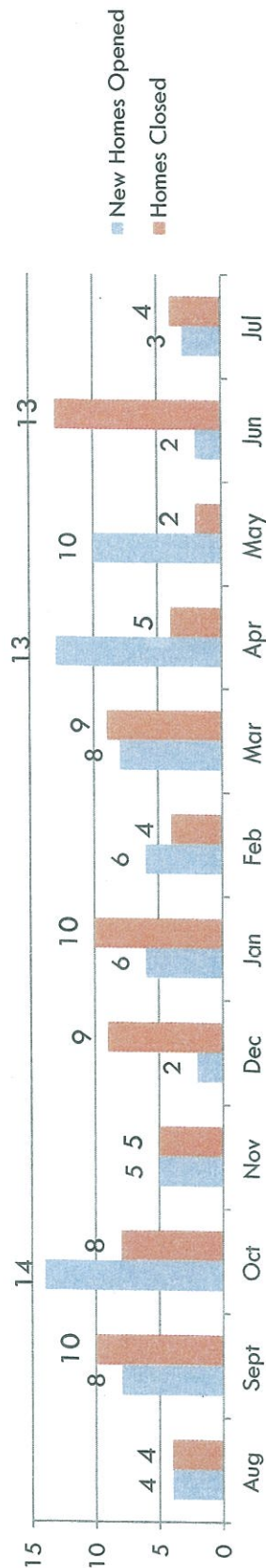
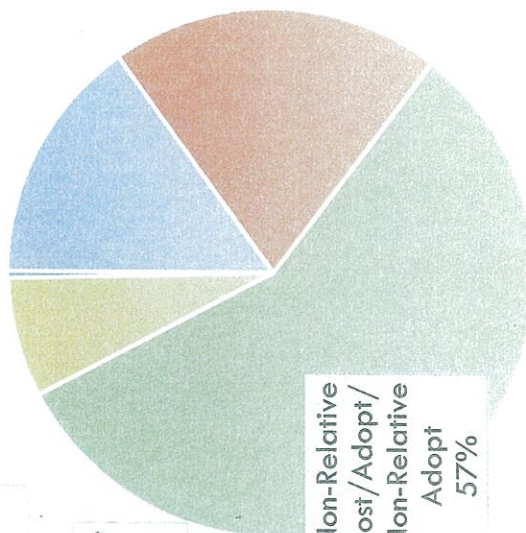
Non-Relative
Foster Only
15%

Relative
Foster and
Adoptive
20%

Emergency/R
espice
1%

Adoptive
Only
7%

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



HUMAN SERVICES

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HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

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HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	277
Number of Vacancies	16
Number of Volunteers	44

Human Services Announcements:

Council Notes:



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

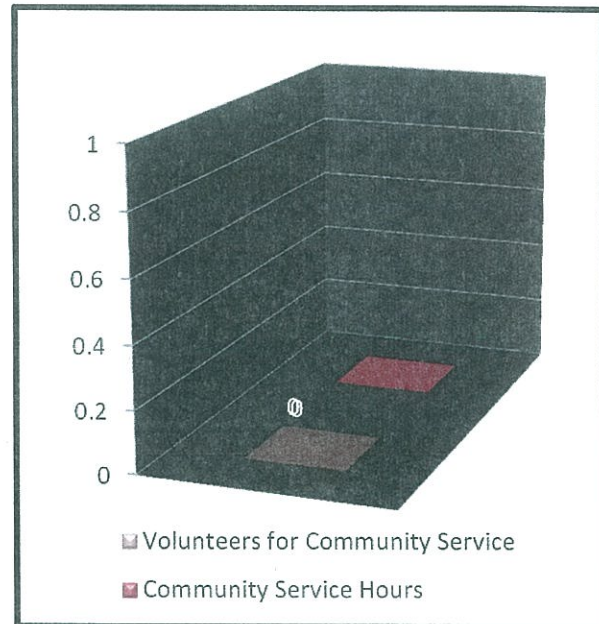
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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

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

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

Young people served	4
Admissions	1

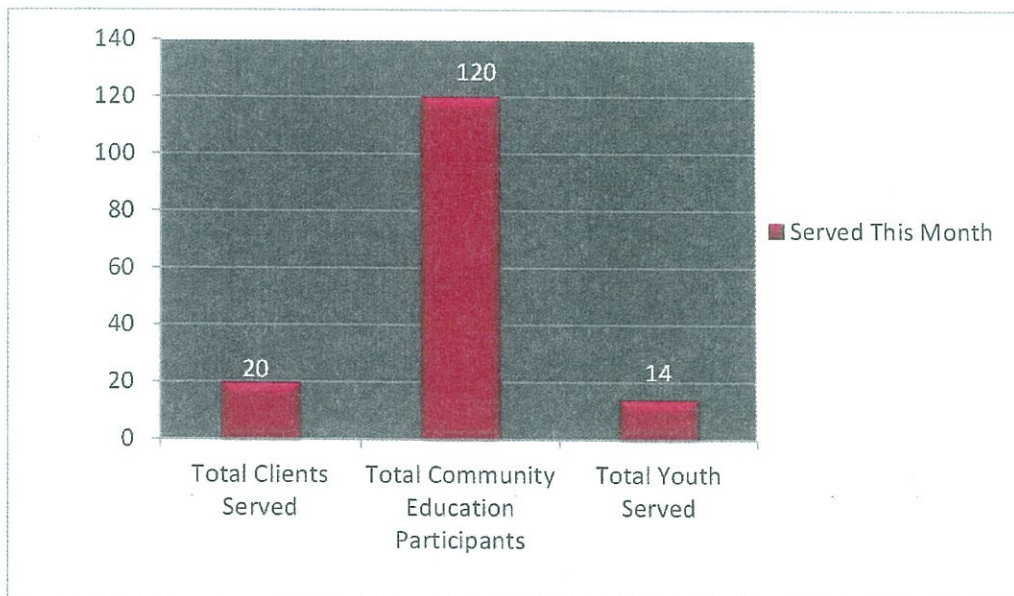
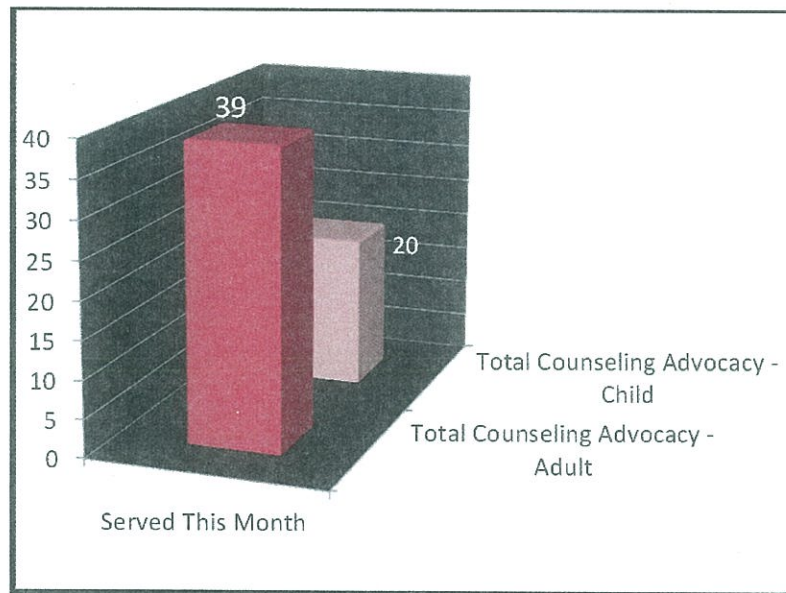


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations 120



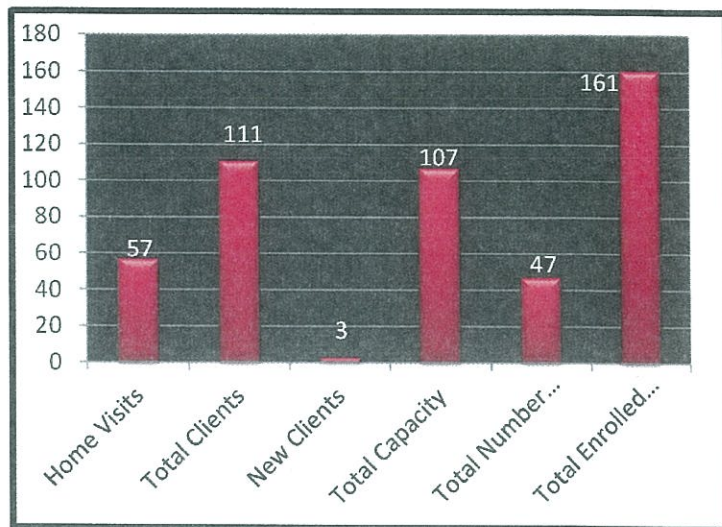
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	111
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Veteran's Center :

Calls for information	39
In Person Visits	75
Transportation	6
other services- home visits	0



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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

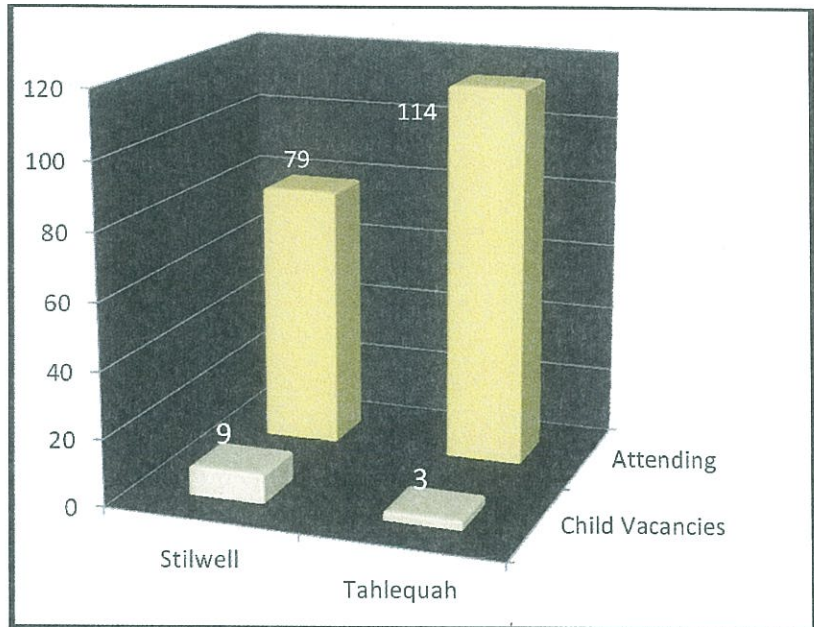
Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	112
Number of Vacancies	6
Number of Volunteers	0

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


Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Summer Care began May 15th with 15 children enrolled. Our Parent Teacher conferences was held the week of May 1-5 and all of our parents attended. On May 15th the State Dept. of Health conducted our immunization audit; we scored 100% because all of our children are current on their immunizations. On May 23rd, Dr. Sneaks, from WWH Dental came and checked our children's teeth for problems as well as did sealants to prevent cavities.
- Tahlequah - Summer Program for School Age kids started on May 16th. Annual CDC Track Meet was held on May 26, we had a lot of attendees.
- Subsidy - We have added a job duty to a current staff member to assist with monthly billing forms.
- Resource & Referral - Staff members attended the following events: Children's Farmers Market meetings in Jay and Tahlequah, Native American Assoc., HS Parent Training, Chouteau, TELI meeting, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day booth, NICCA Cultural Committee meetings for NICCA conference.
- Licensing - Conducted the training for Requirements and Creative Cooking. Attended meetings for Professional Development, Adair County Community Meeting, Stars Hearing, and Oklahoma DHS Training.



Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,824
Amount Distributed	\$ 494,419.62

	
Average Distribution Per Child	\$ 271.06

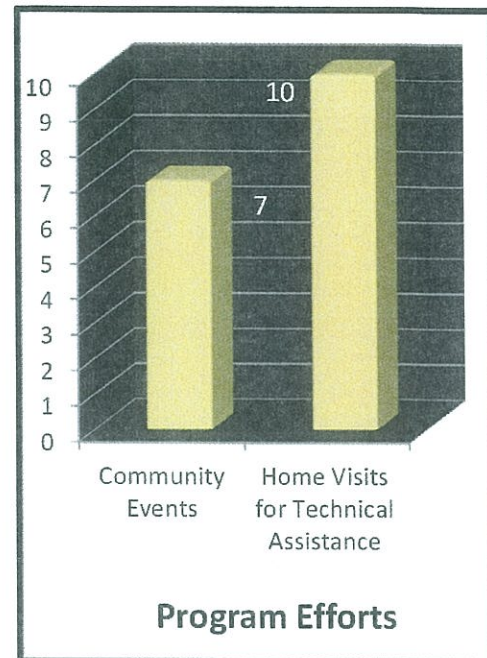
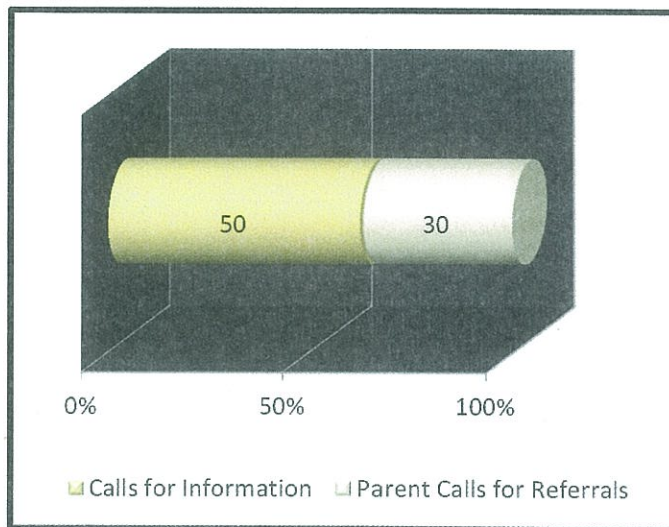


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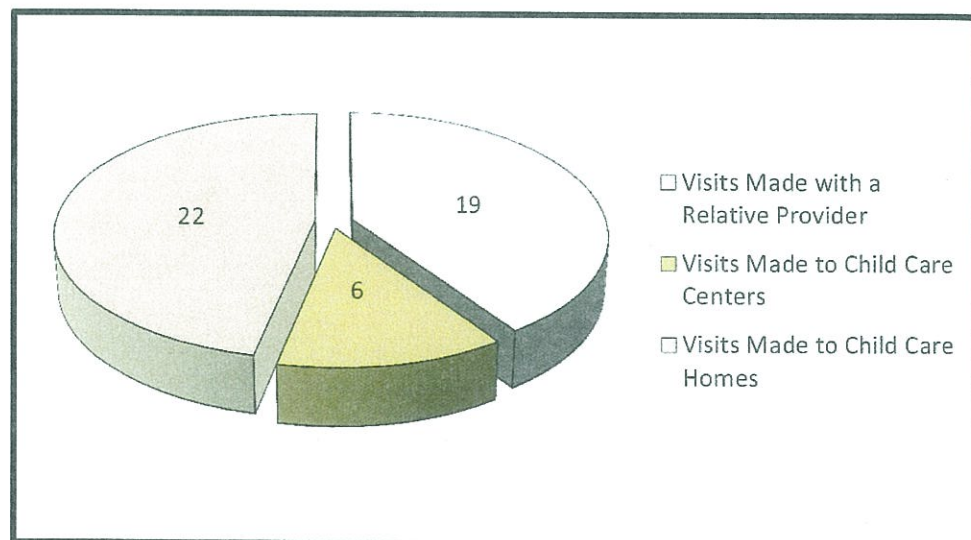
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

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Licensing & Monitoring :



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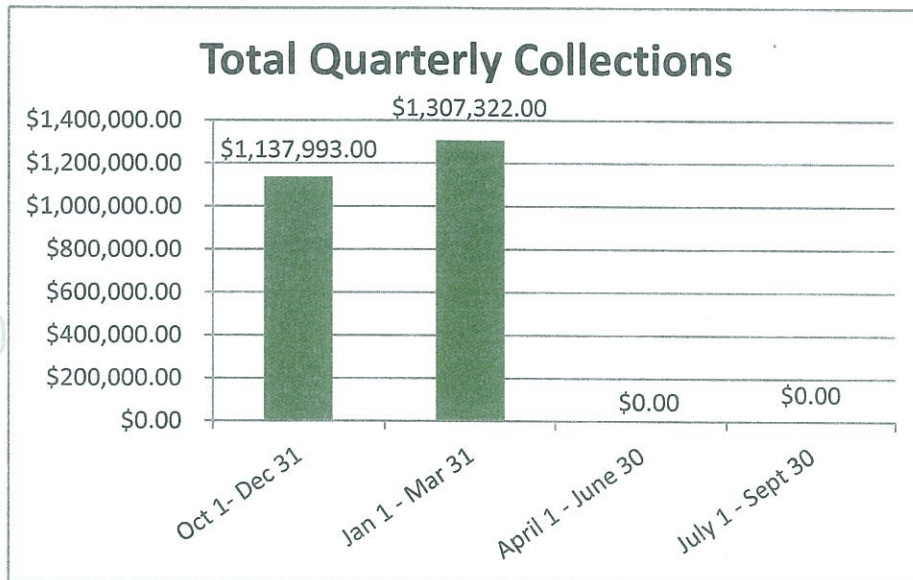
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

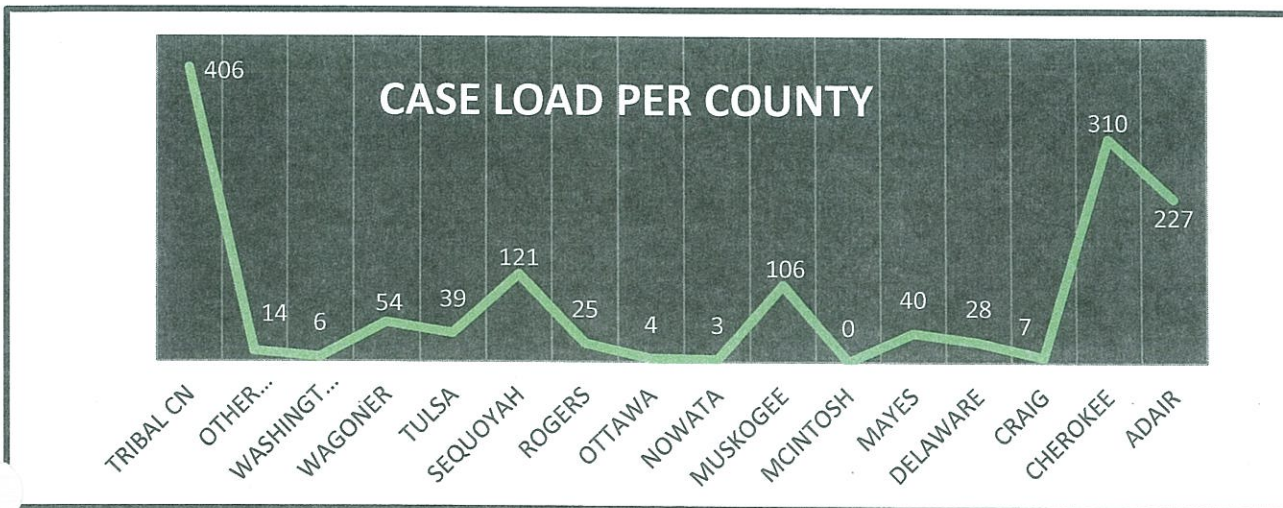
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

May Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 279,391.00
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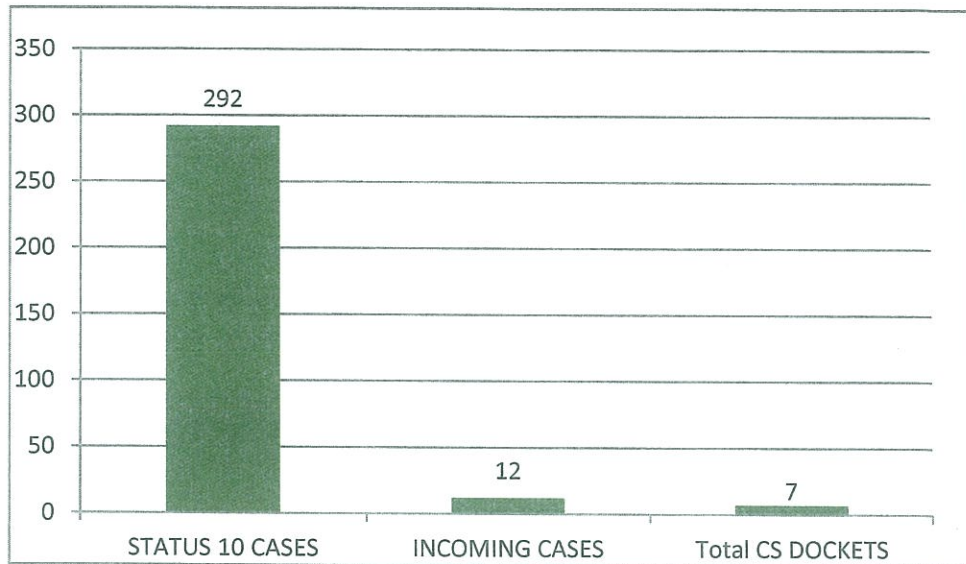
Total Client Contacts	2,520
Total Court Hearings	64
Total Active Efforts Case	722
Total Case Assessments for Service	12
Total Applications Distributed	42



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

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



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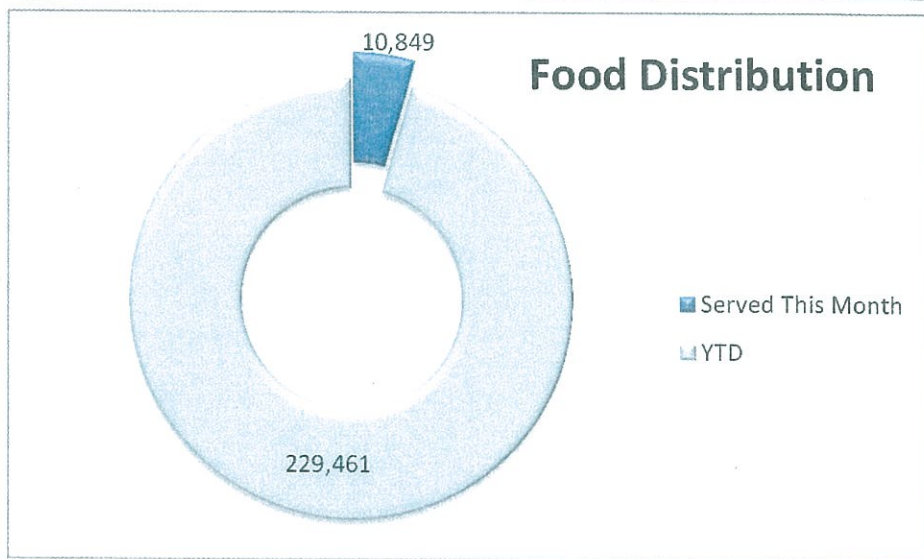
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

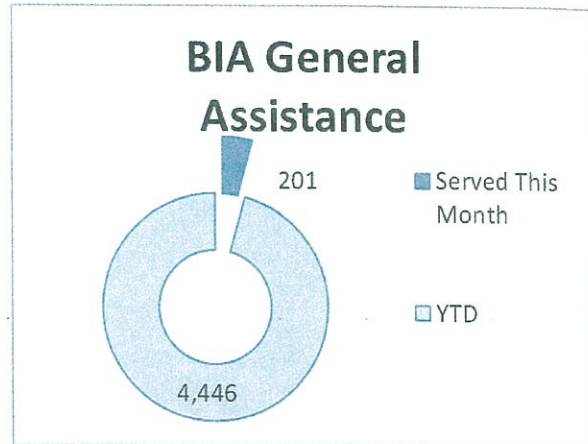
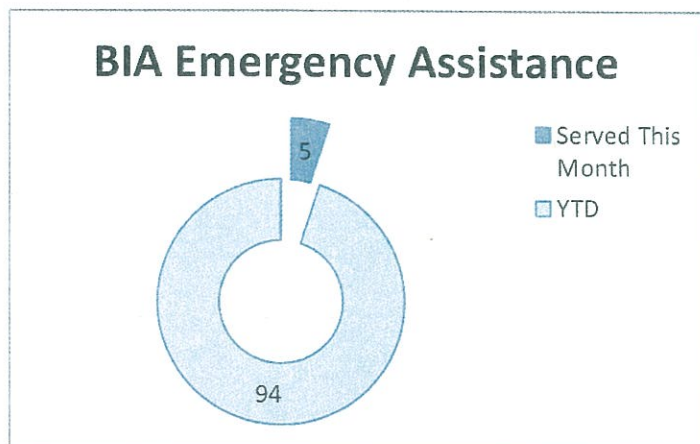
Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	44

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

Food Distribution :



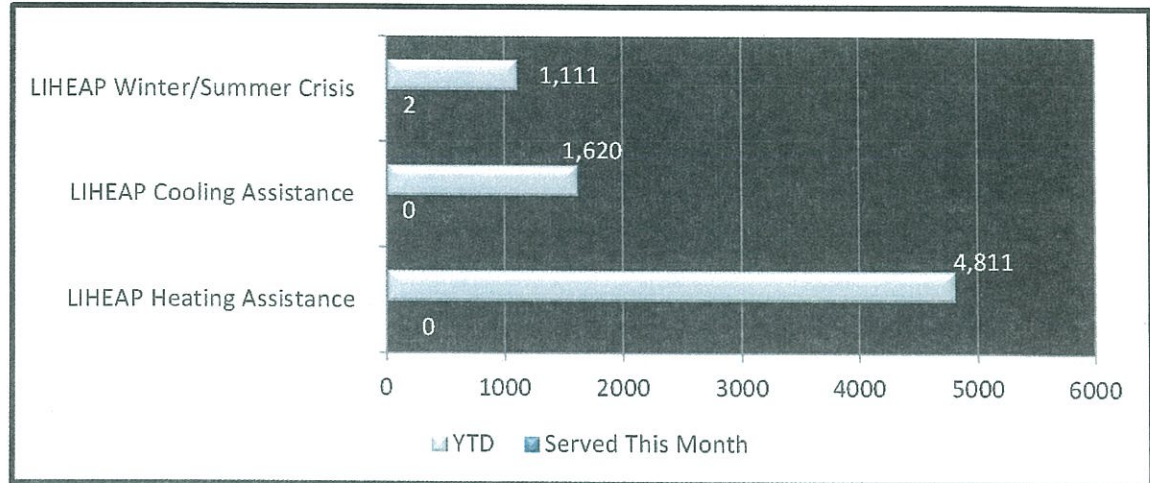
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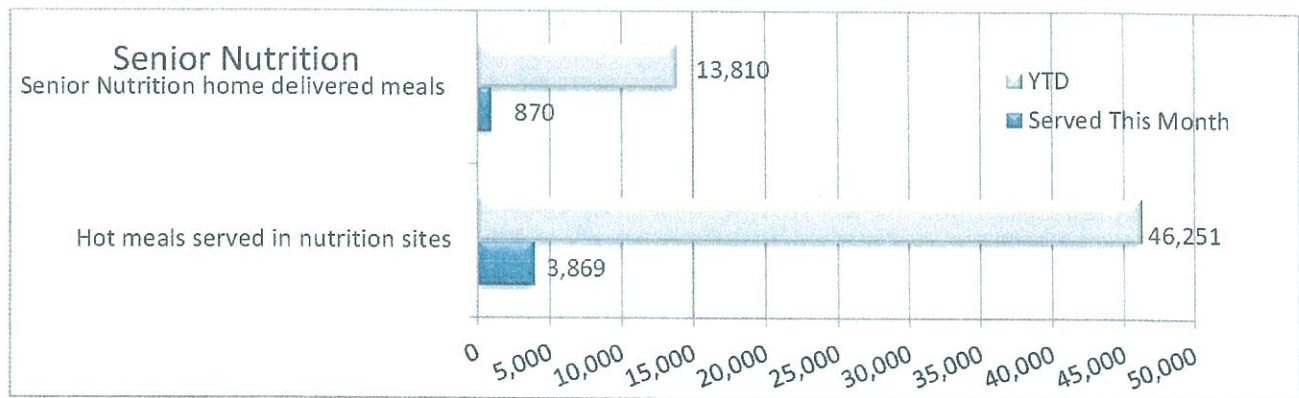
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LIHEAP:

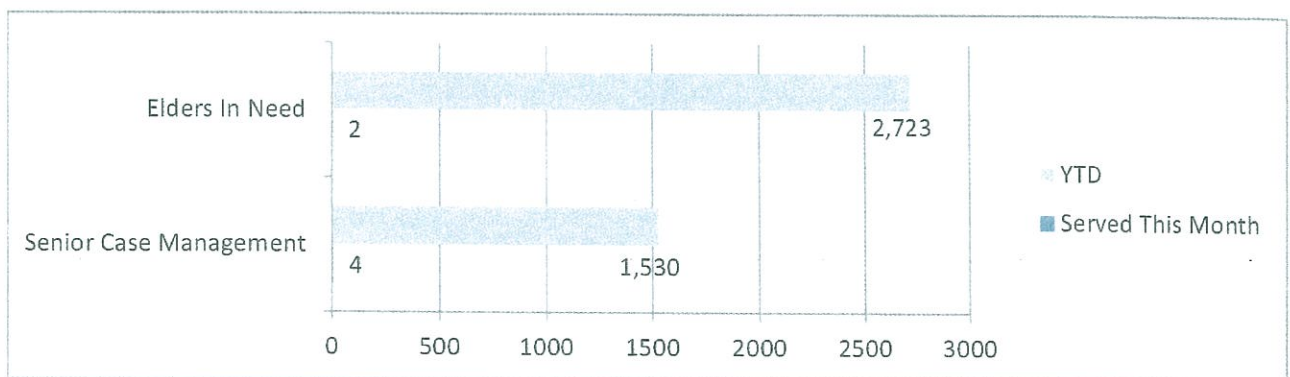


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April

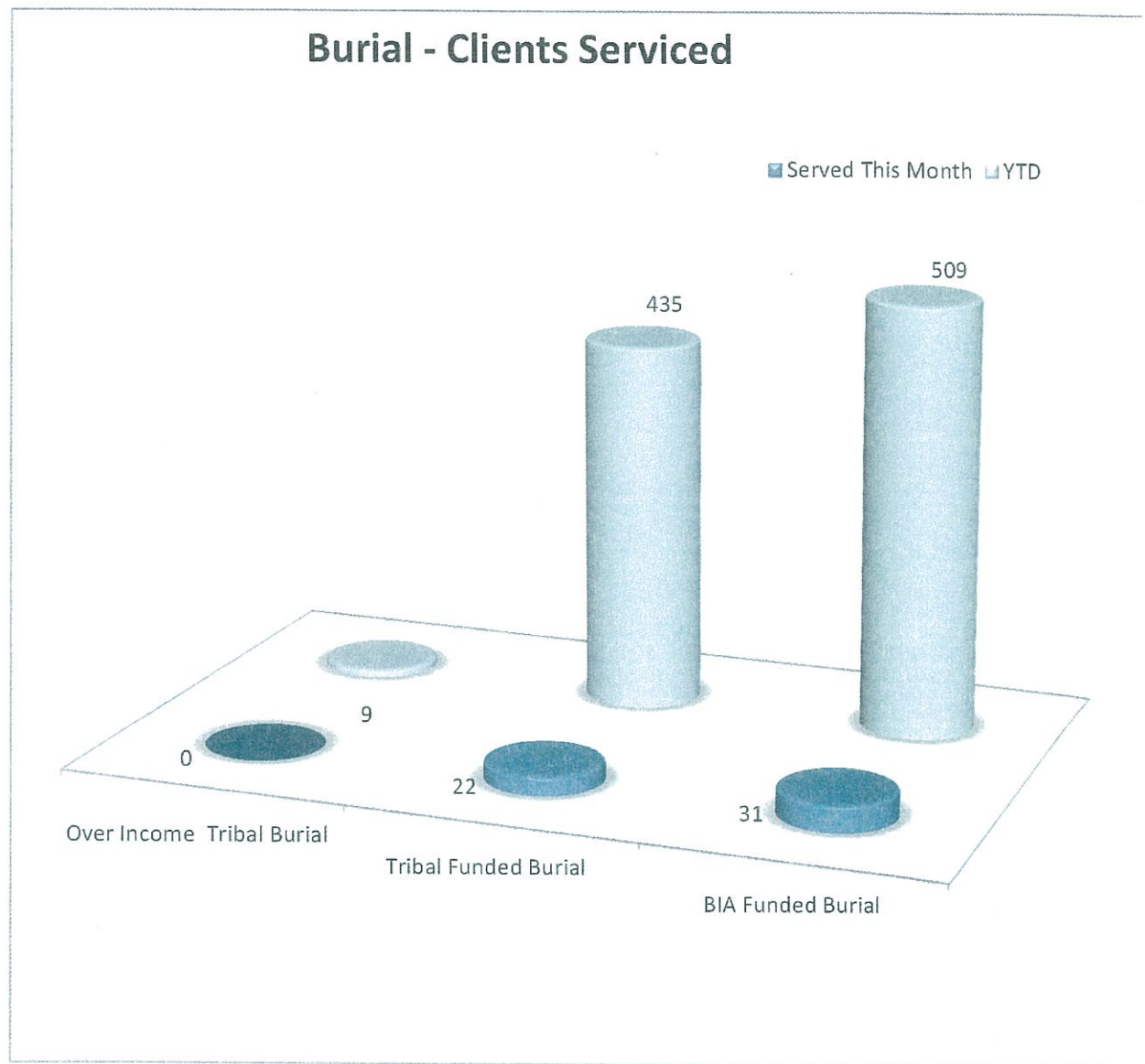


*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



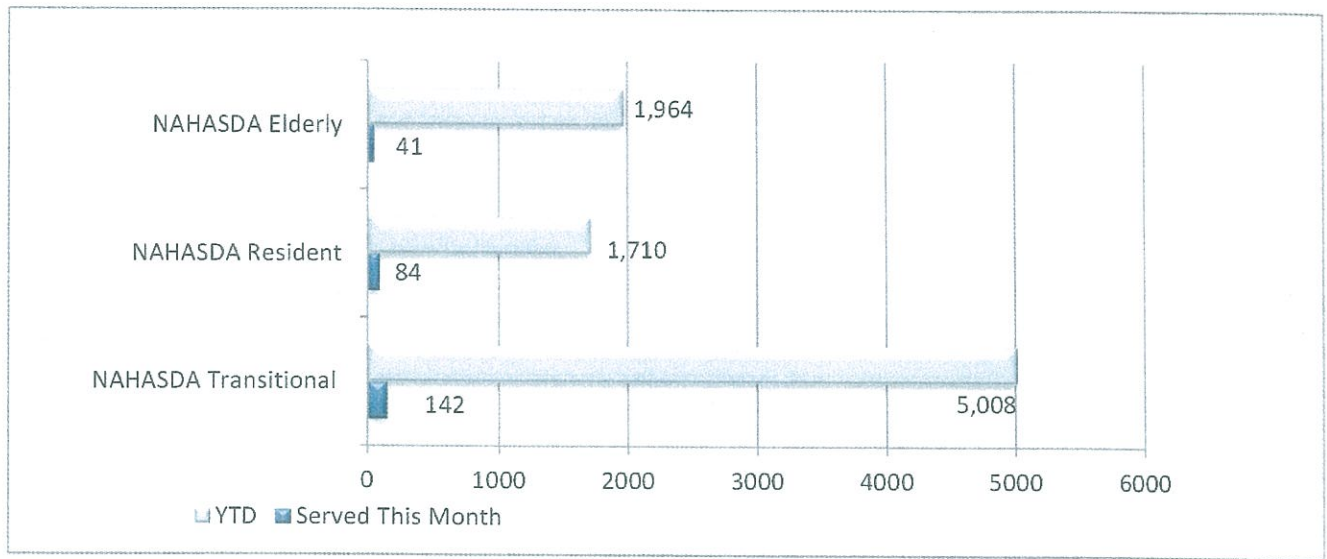
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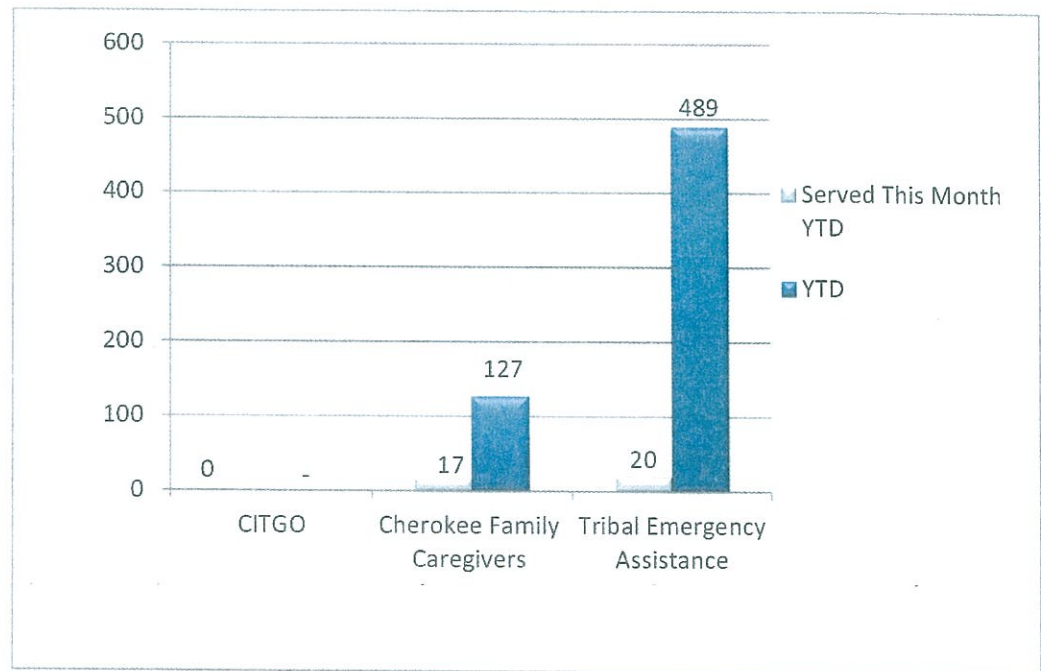


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NAHASDA :



Family Assistance :

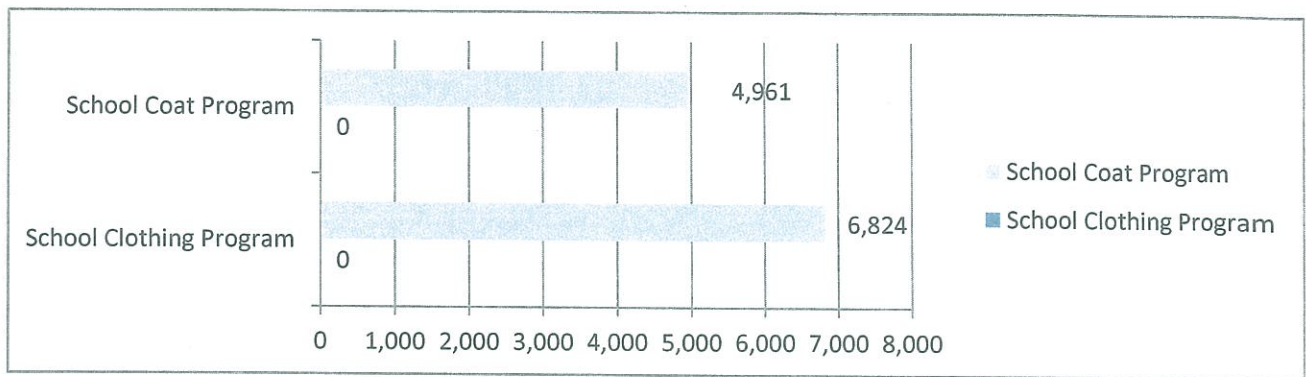


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FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



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CHEROKEE FIRST

Deputy Executive Director - Barbara Foreman

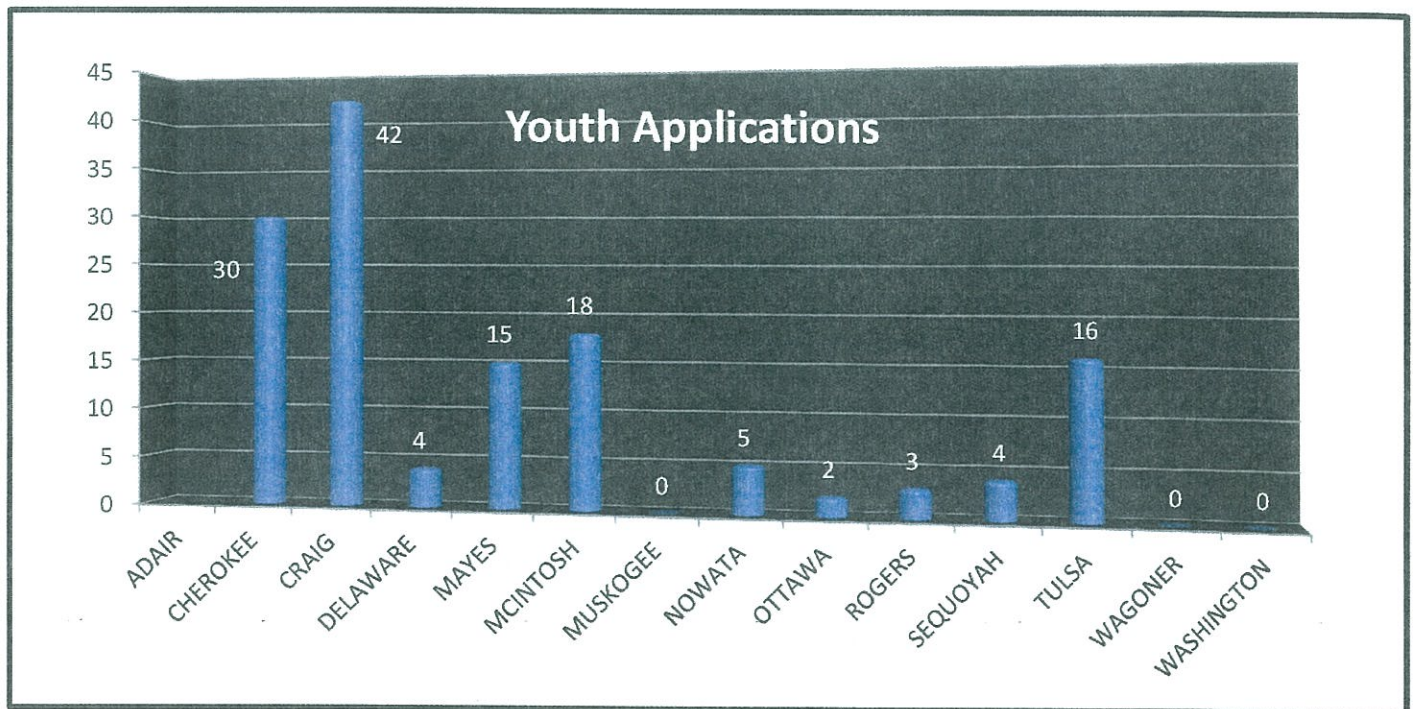
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

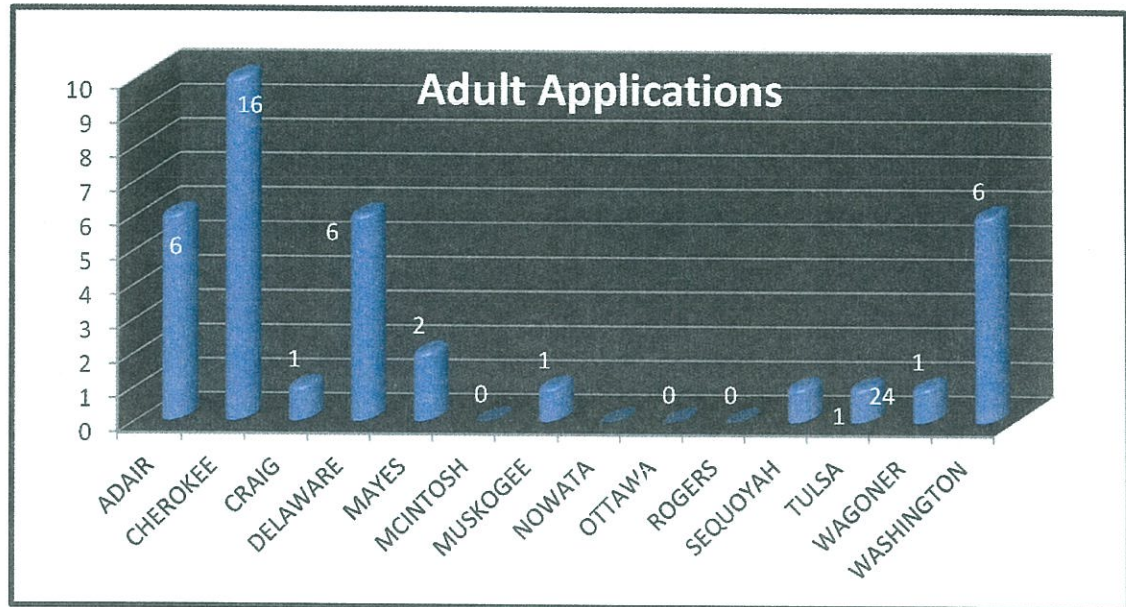
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,761
Total Applications Taken	183

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	142
Total Adult	41

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

May	\$ 36,600.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. Signed construction project agreements with IHS for Housing Support Project (\$1,100,000), Scattered Regular Project (\$872,100) and the Duck Lane Lift Station (\$123,000)

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 192 food handlers
2. Repaired 13 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 6 sewer and/or water facilities

b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction started on Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Project
2. Construction on Osage WL in Mayes Co substantially complete.
3. Construction on Lowrey Phase II in Cherokee Co approximately 50% complete with about 1.75 miles of waterline constructed.
4. 2 employees attended NEPA training in Stillwater.
5. 4 employees attended EPA water treatment certification in Pawhuska.
6. Signed MOA's for Muskogee RWD # 7 Improvement project and Mayes Co RWD # 5 Carbide Rd WL Replacement

c.) Future Plans

1. Bid out replacement of Duck Lane Sewer Lift Station in Adair Co.
2. Prepare FY17 SDS submittal to IHS for FY18 Funding
3. Working with CDC, Public Health Foundation and National Tribal Water Center on sampling for Snake Creek/Iron Post Area.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Kailey Courtney, mother is Lacie Roberts of HACN

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

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

None to report

RENTAL ASSISTANCE/TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING:

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

None to report

NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM: (Non-NAHASDA Program)

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

None to report

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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

None to report



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

July 25 July Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Office Closures:

July 4 Independence Day

Other Info:

Jul 10-12 Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA)
Summer Quarterly Meeting, Durant, OK

Jul 13-14 Inter-Tribal Council Summer Quarterly Meeting, Catoosa, 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

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: May, 2017

Current Program Participants:

County	Rental Assistance				Homeownership		Loans			Totals	
	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs	New Construction Homes	Title VI Mortgage Program	Assumable/ Other Mtg. Program	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants
Adair	480	154	116	7	9	112	59	21	3	961	15%
Cherokee	576	166	328	8	15	242	131	61	2	1,529	23%
Craig	41	60	38	0	6	11	13	2	0	171	3%
Delaware	321	115	92	3	10	74	90	25	5	735	11%
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	23	0%
Mayes	226	126	59	3	9	59	36	11	1	530	8%
Muskogee	128	52	61	4	1	48	42	13	0	349	5%
Nowata	29	40	27	0	0	10	25	2	0	133	2%
Ottawa	21	N/A	1	0	0	6	7	4	1	40	1%
Rogers	145	73	189	7	10	80	31	49	3	587	9%
Sequoyah	520	N/A	189	24	13	166	106	57	4	1,079	16%
Tulsa	59	N/A	100	4	3	27	7	4	1	205	3%
Wagoner	9	N/A	6	0	0	59	3	1	1	79	1%
Washington	27	43	38	1	2	27	9	3	0	150	2%
Total:	2,597	829	1,244	61	78	926	562	253	21	6,571	100%
			1,383				1,488		274		

Current Applications:

County	Rehab Programs	Rehab Replacement Homes	Rehab Replacement Mobile	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	151	5	2	6	6	110	247	164	9%	691	10%
Cherokee	161	3	3	1	20	384	678	445	24%	1,695	25%
Craig	45	1	1	3	1	26	50	51	3%	178	3%
Delaware	168	1	0	26	6	126	159	231	12%	717	11%
McIntosh	9	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	12	1%	25	0%
Mayes	123	2	0	12	8	49	168	165	9%	527	8%
Muskogee	69	1	0	25	0	7	97	141	7%	340	5%
Nowata	33	0	0	5	0	36	26	44	2%	144	2%
Ottawa	12	0	0	2	0	N/A	16	24	1%	54	1%
Rogers	60	1	2	24	1	25	342	169	9%	624	9%
Sequoyah	192	4	2	24	7	N/A	289	227	12%	745	11%
Tulsa	84	1	0	24	3	N/A	309	143	8%	564	8%
Wagoner	18	0	0	1	1	N/A	27	28	1%	75	1%
Washington	41	1	0	21	1	104	77	39	2%	284	4%
Total:	1,166	20	10	174	54	867	2,489	1,883	100%	6,663	100%

**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
May, 2017

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	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete				
Adair	106	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	21	8	59	0	25	8	59
Cherokee	352	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	24	131	0	50	24	131
Craig	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13	13	0	6	13	13
Delaware	170	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	25	90	2	17	25	90
McIntosh	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3
Mayes	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9	36	0	18	9	36
Muskogee	118	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	42	2	16	4	42
Nowata	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	25	0	2	1	25
Ottawa	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	1	0	7
Rogers	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	31	0	5	3	31
Sequoyah	181	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	7	106	1	25	7	106
Tulsa	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	1	7
Wagoner	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	3
Washington	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	1	2	9
Total:	1,520	0	5	0	4	0	2	4	4	161	98	562	5	171	98	562
			5				171					660				

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

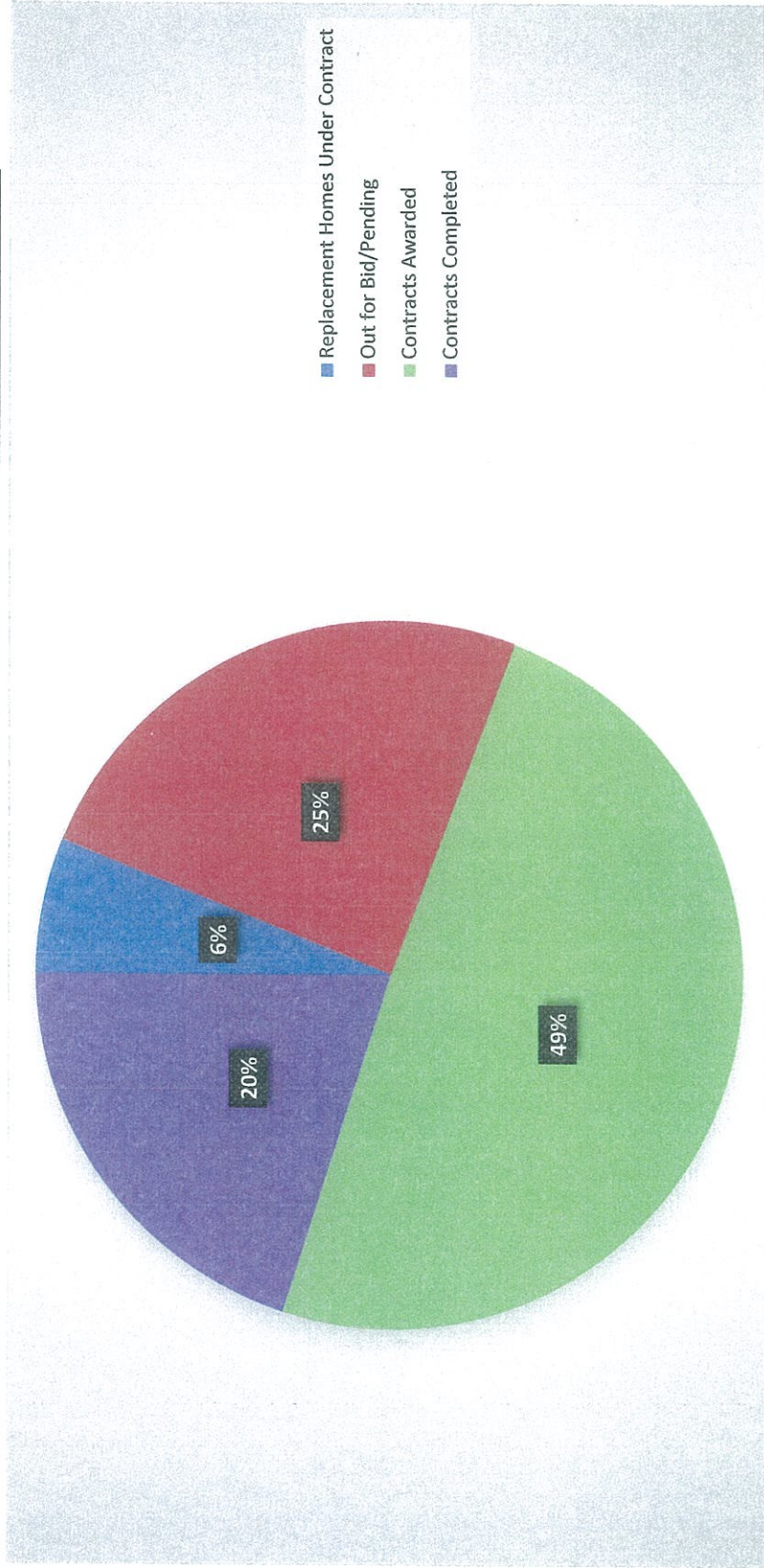
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
June, 2017

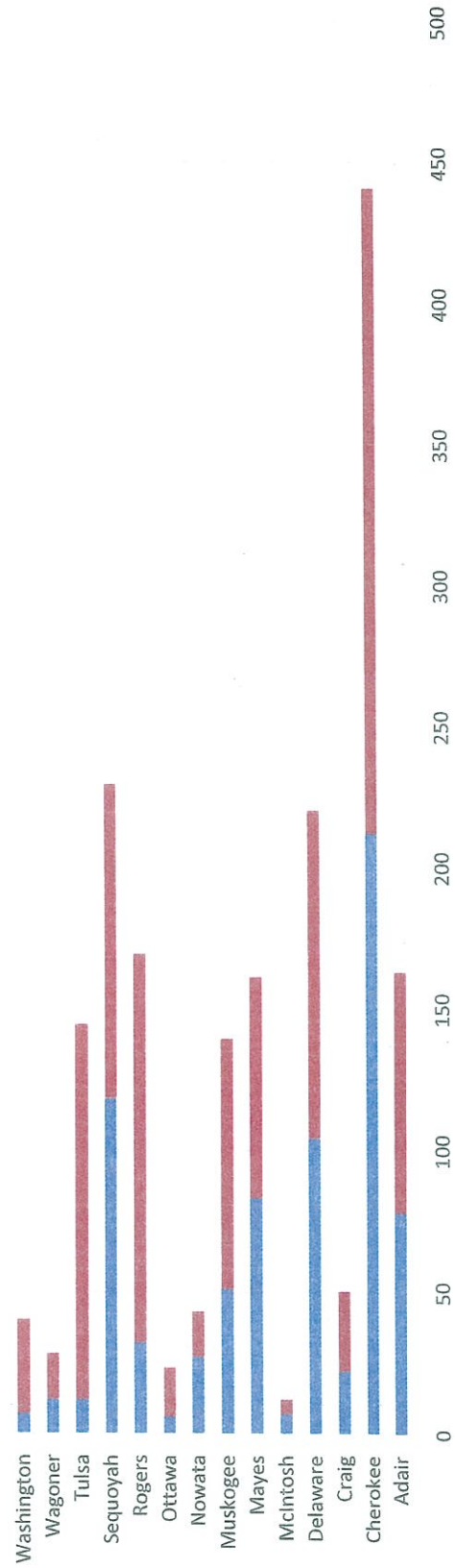
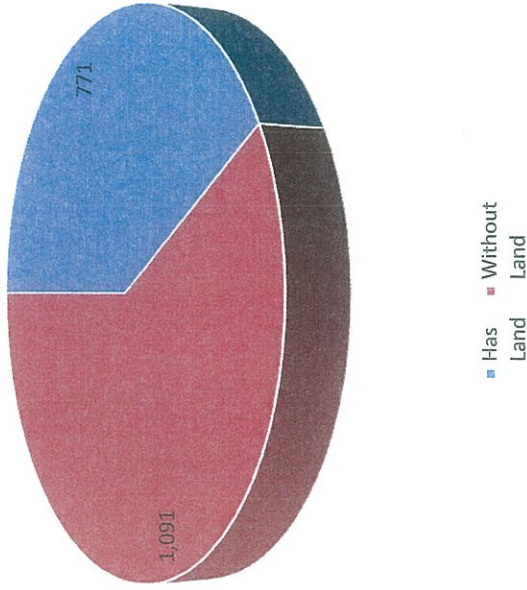
Replacement Homes Under Contract	8
Out for Bid/Pending	32
Contracts Awarded	64
Contracts Completed	26



New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

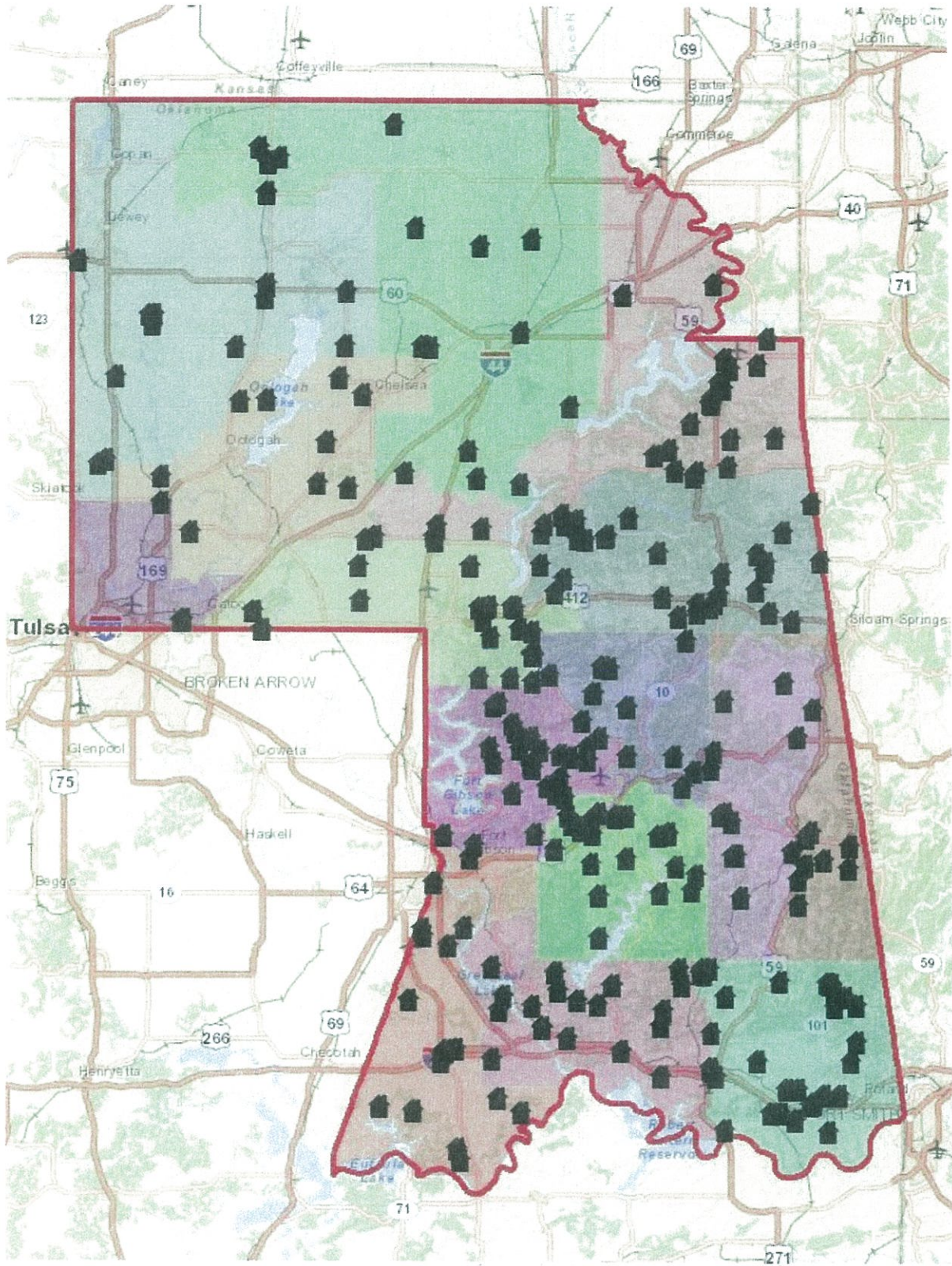
By Has Land/Does not have land:

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



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:** July 2017

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

Comments: The Federal Highway Administration visited the CNDOT May 17th.

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell North – Right of Way sent the revisions to be made back to Red Plains March 8, 2017.
2. Bell School South – Design is complete. Right of Way is waiting for the appraisals to be completed. NEPA is complete, received floodplain permit, still need the Section 404 permit.
3. Bidding Springs Road - Aerials have been received to begin design. Survey is currently in progress.
4. Bunch Road – Held meeting with Engineer. Decided to design a 4-span bridge to replace low water crossing.
5. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts will start there acquisition process after appraisals are complete.
6. Dahlongah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process November 1, 2016.
7. Dahlongah West- Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers working on 60% plans.
8. Lyon South Road - Design is at 60% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers are finalizing H&H.
9. Lyon Switch Road - Design is working on 90% plans.
10. Malloy Hollow– Design is working with environmental services to supply information needed for the 404 application. Received preliminary relocation plans from Ozark Electric and attended Cherry Tree RWD board meeting to discuss the need to relocate the existing waterline. Final plans completed. Utility easements and R/W acquisition to begin when R/W department available.
11. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Red Plains is revising the exhibits and easements.
12. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Design complete. Waiting on 404 permit for NEPA to be approved.
13. Sally Bull Hollow – Awaiting the level III archeological report so we will know how to proceed in design.
14. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 68% (28 parcels out of 41 acquired).
2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design.
3. Northeast Fort Gibson- We have purchased credits from the conservation bank and have received the biological opinion. The NEPA process is complete. We are moving forward with coordinating utility relocations.
4. Ross Street- Monthly meeting for Engineering and Utility Coordination will be held on May 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. Identified utility companies along the project as LREC, AT&T, TPWA, and NOPFA. OG&E easement conflicts with roadway easement. Meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 1:30 p.m. to hopefully resolve the issue. Agreement between Cherokee Nation and the City of Tahlequah is in the Contracts Department for final review before delivering it to the City for signatures. Utility corridors have been approved by each of the utility companies. Awaiting final relocation plans from each utility. Construction plans are at 90% stage and are being reviewed by the second level engineer (CGA Engineers). Working with ODOT in regards to the US62 intersection.
5. Tenkiller School – Construction is -99% complete. Project contract currently in liquidated damages. Final estimate quantities being discussed.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road – Right of Way sent AT&T's packet to Real Estate Services October 22, 2016. Last check, March 10, 2017 AT&T's packet has not been submitted to the BIA.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road –Clearing is completed. Construction is 42% complete. Contrac liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utility relocation is moving forward.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed. Pavement borings being performed. Preliminary design underway.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for June 27th with awarded contractor JOB Construction. This project has a fixed completion date of July 31, 2017.
2. Moonshine Road – Utility relocation complete. Plans are being revised regarding pavement design and should be complete by June 30, 2017.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WASHINGTON COUNTY PROJECTS:

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

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

There are currently three van orders: order #1 – two bi-fuel conversion vans with an expected delivery date of late May and order #2 – one gasoline conversion van. This van has been delivered and is waiting on a CN tag. Bids on 6 additional gasoline vans are due June 23rd.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 122 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 752 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 59 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 3 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 172 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 32 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 374 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 222 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 22 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,321

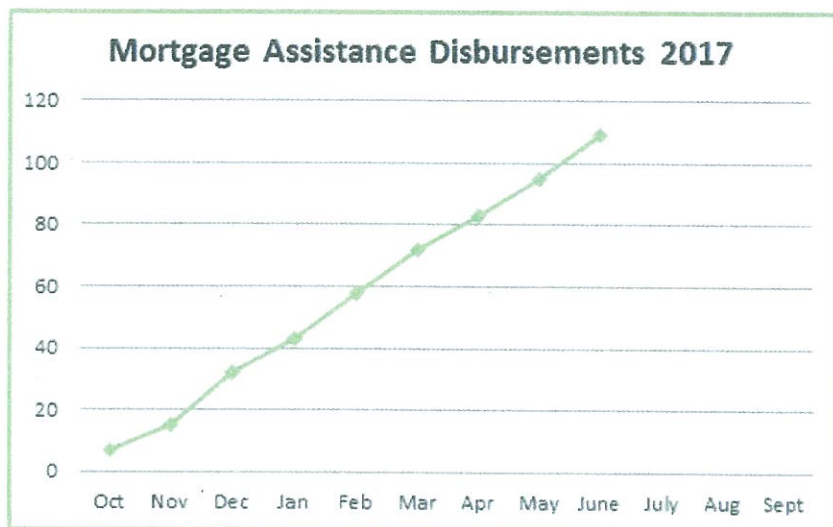
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

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

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Mortgage Assistance Program

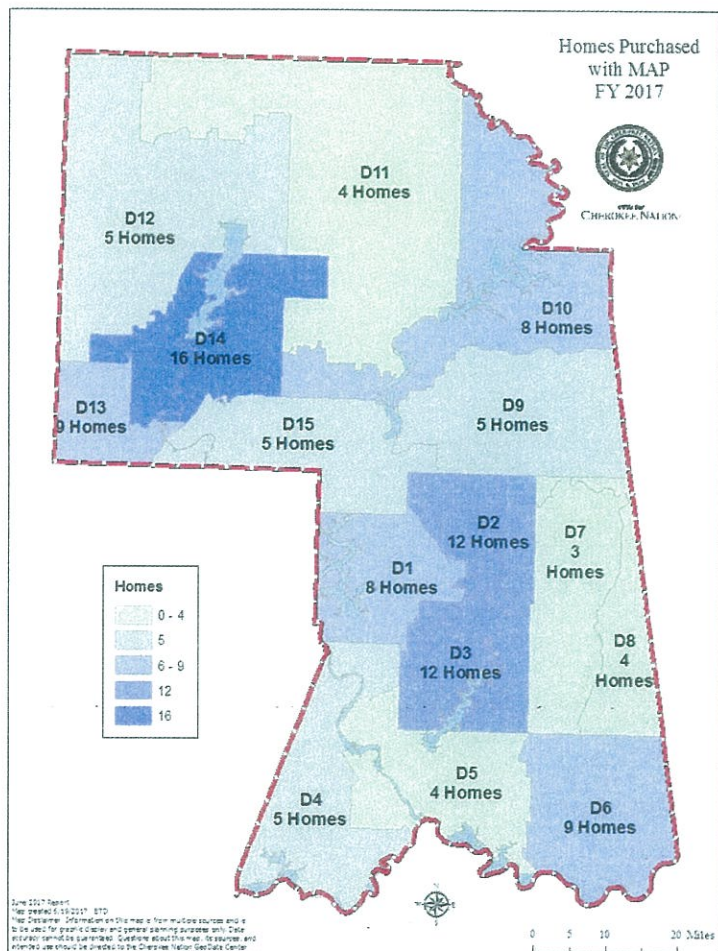


109 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

74 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$37,473.45
Home Price	\$104,714.50



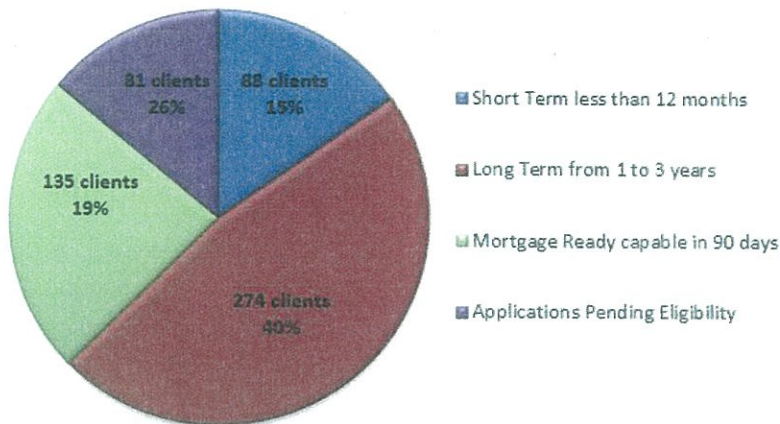
The Mortgage Assistance Program has implemented its prioritization policy. The number of eligible applicants exceeds the amount of funding available so until the end of the fiscal year, families who have previously owned a stick built home or a mobile home at any point in the past will not receive down payment assistance funds until after October 1, 2017. Families who have participated in self sufficiency counseling for at least 3 months will be exempt from the previous home ownership stipulation.

The Mortgage Assistance Program staff is supportive and encouraging; the program made buying a home possible for me.

D. Bailey, Cherokee County Mortgage Assistance recipient

Home Buying and Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling

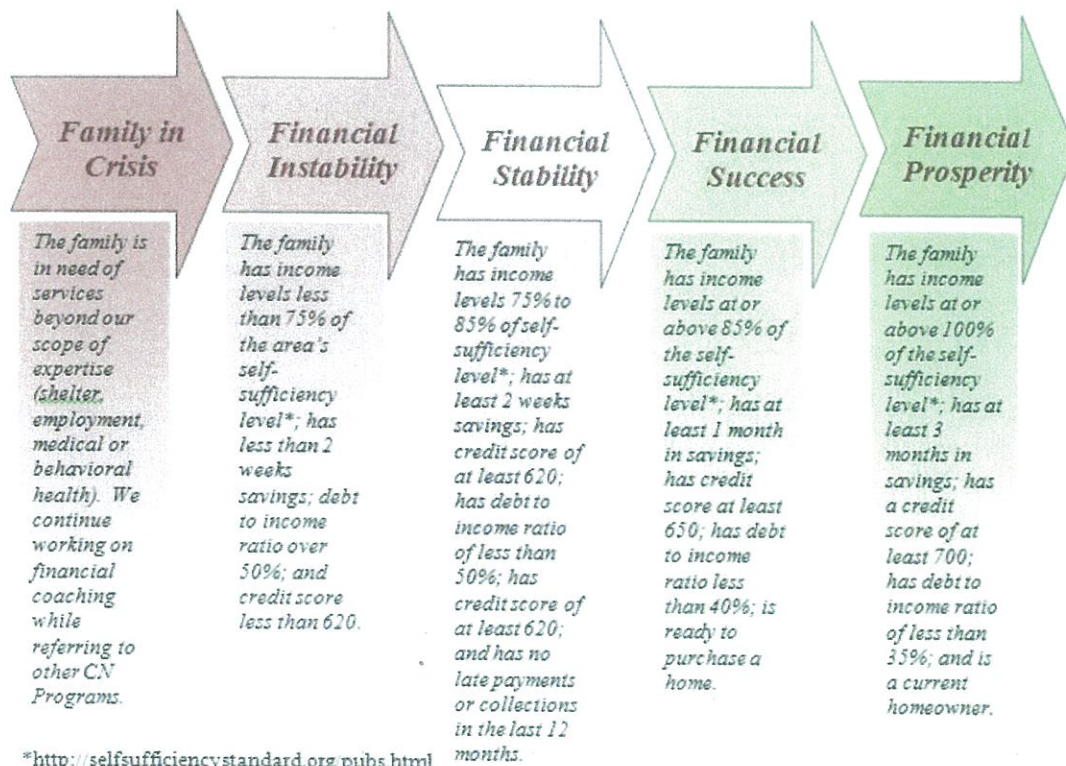


578 families are in the home buyers' pipeline, either having completed or active in financial counseling.

Since FY07, **772 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

50 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.



We would recommend this program to anyone buying a home. Every minute spent in the classes and counseling were well worth it. We gained so much knowledge.

P. Bargas, Rogers County Mortgage Assistance recipient

Commerce Group
Home Buyers and Asset Building Report

1,030 families have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

551 families still actively pursuing goals

- 2% financial prosperity
- 25% financial success
- 17% financially stable
- 56% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	31 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	30.80%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5.2%

1,098 consumer loans totaling \$1,276,434.89 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of June 15th. Five of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$84,891.18.**

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

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **373 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Citizens, Cherokee Nation employees and CNB employees have the opportunity to attend financial education classes on topics ranging from spending plans, balancing checkbooks and couponing. Year to date **657 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

Training Schedule

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
July 6	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Financial Education Class
July 10-13	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 12-13	Jay	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 13	Jay	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 17-19	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 19	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 22	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
July 24-26	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 26	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 31	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Financial Education Class
August 3	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
August 5	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
August 7-9	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 10	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
August 14-15	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 16	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
August 17	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace



CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT May 2017

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of May:
1,853 Children
with Assigned ICW Workers

Programs with court interaction

- OCAPS: Out-Of-District Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**

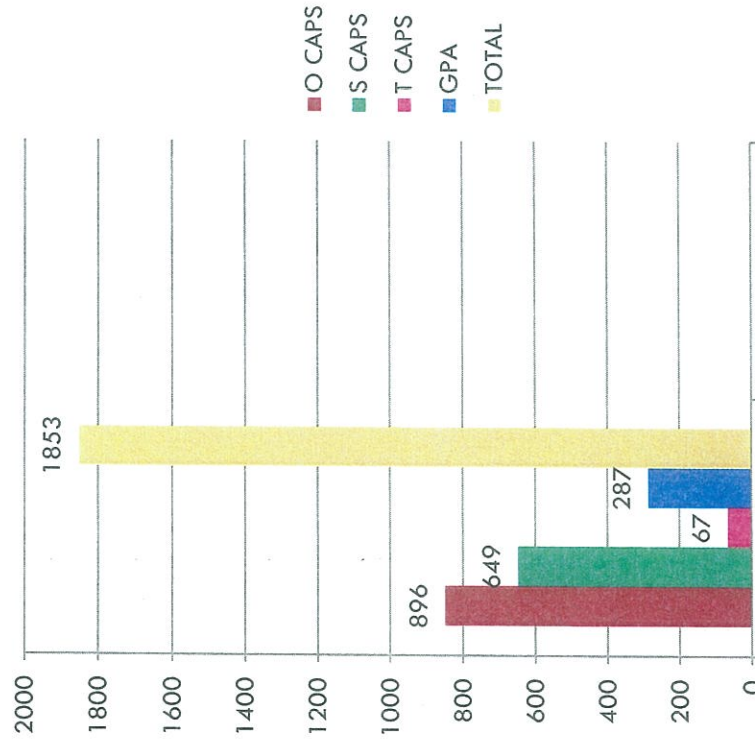
 - Involved in child welfare cases in non-jurisdiction counties in Oklahoma and all 50 states.
 - Most work is done telephonically or electronically.
 - Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring States comply with it.
- SCAPS: State Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**

 - 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.

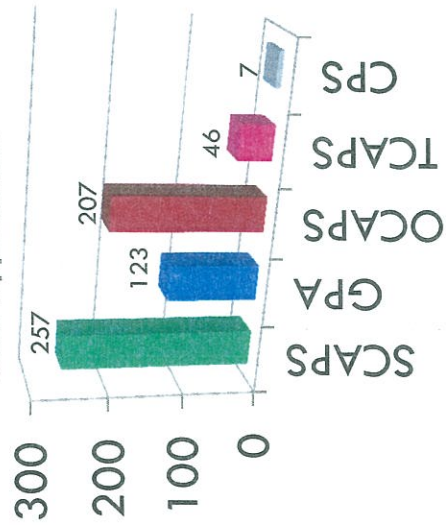


Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

In May:

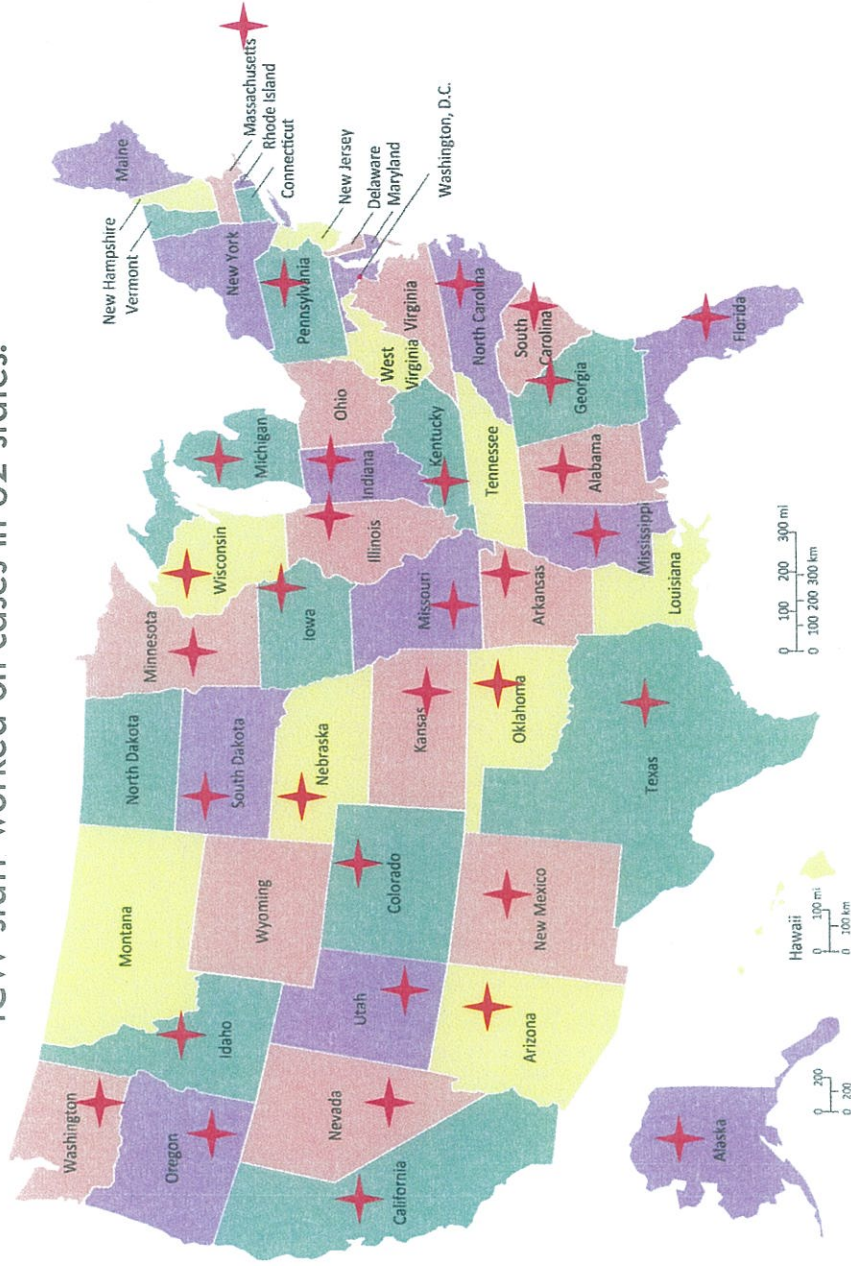
Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 640 times on behalf of Cherokee children and families.

Court Appearances



■ SCAPS ■ GPA ■ OCAPS ■ TCAPS ■ CPS

ICW staff worked on cases in 32 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.

Month of May

Cherokee Nation received:

- ☐ CN Jurisdictional area – 0 notices involving 0 children
- ☐ Outside of CN Jurisdictional area – 187 notices for 325 children.
- ☐ Totalling – 325 children.
- ☐ The longest Response-to-Notice time this month was 39 days.

Prevention and Intervention

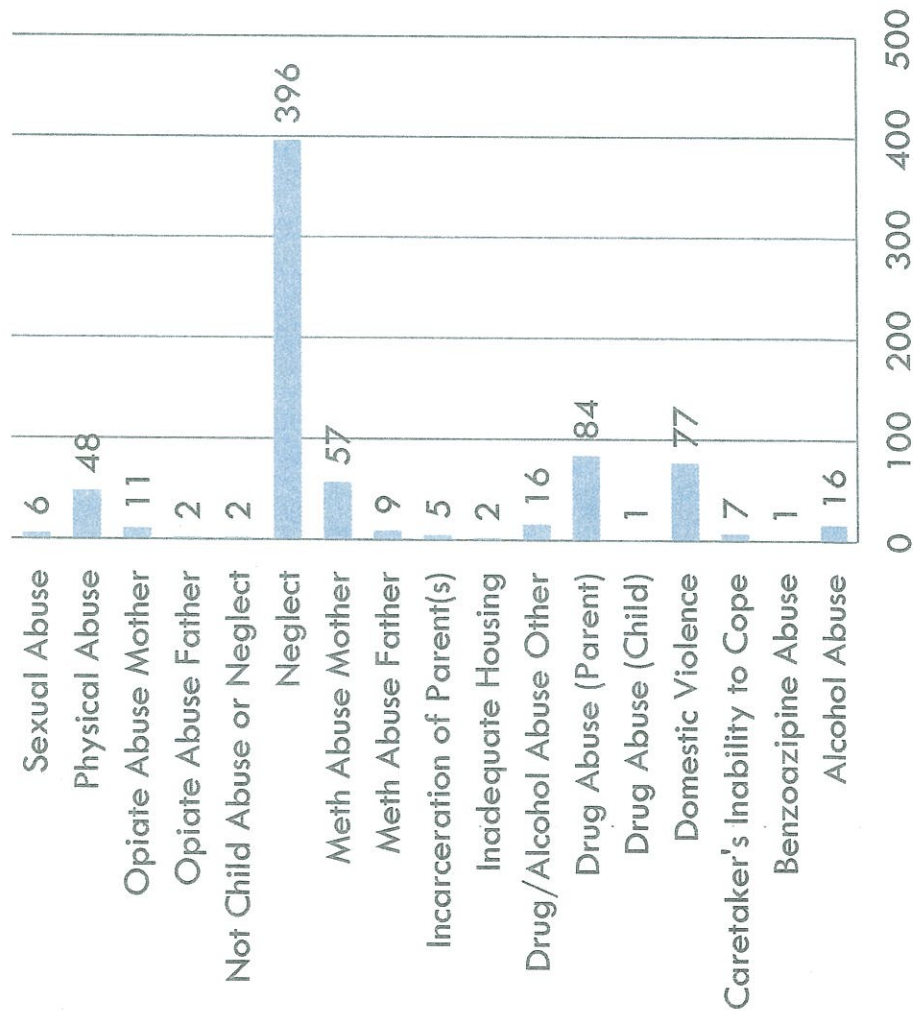
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 56 children and 32 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



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

Month of May

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 281 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 281 referrals involved 492 children
 - 5 of the 281 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 5 of the 281 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
 - 0 of the 281 cases were investigations from a casino related referral
- 5 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

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 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.

Certification Homes by Type

- 168 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories
- 35 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
 - 47 Relative Foster and Adoptive
 - 132 Non-Relative Foster/Adoptive, Non-Relative Adoptive
 - 17 Adoptive Only Home
 - 1 Emergency/Respite

Homes by Type

Non-Relative Foster Only
15%

Relative Foster and Adoptive
20%

Emergency/R espire
1%

Adoptive Only
7%

Non-Relative Foster/Adoptive/Non-Relative Adoptive
57%

