

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

July 2017

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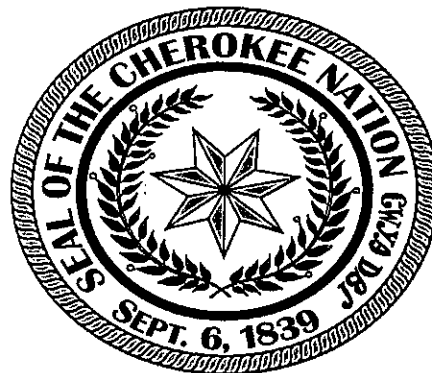


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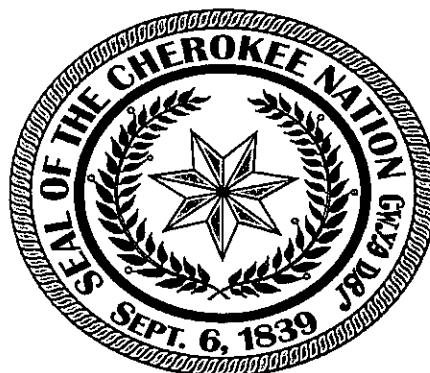
**HUMAN SERVICES**

Number of Employees	268
Number of Vacancies	22
Number of Volunteers	39

**Human Services Announcements:**

The Clothing Voucher Program was a huge success! Human Services would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help make this program possible for our Cherokee Children. WADO!

**Council Notes:**



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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

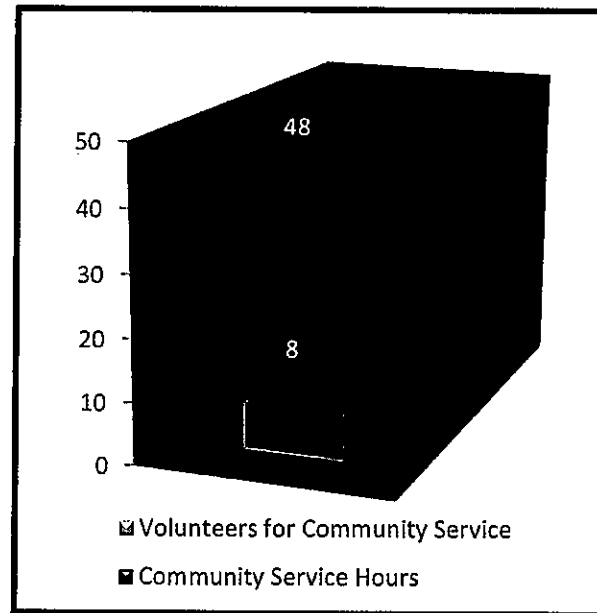
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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	7
Admissions	6



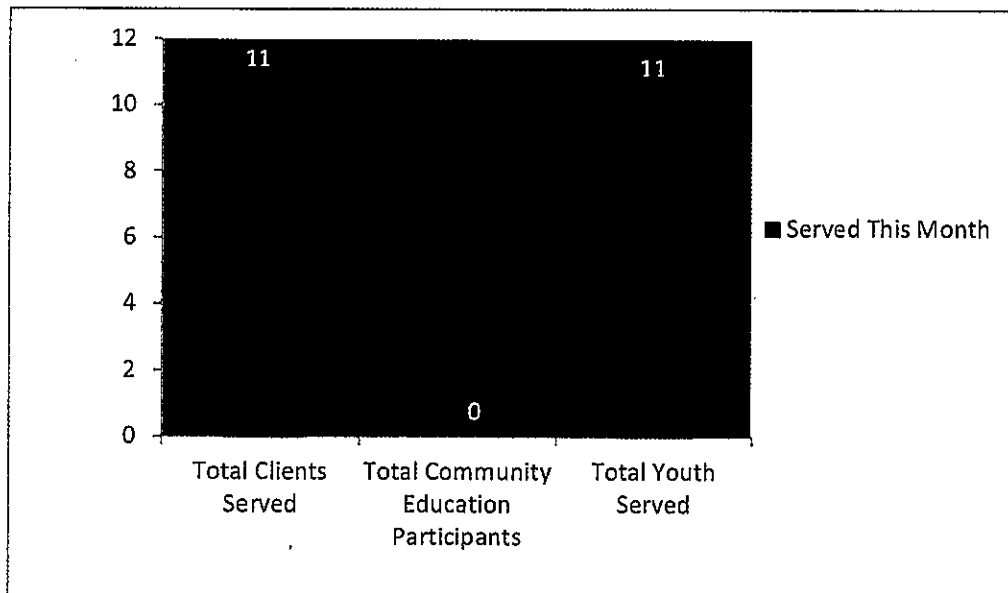
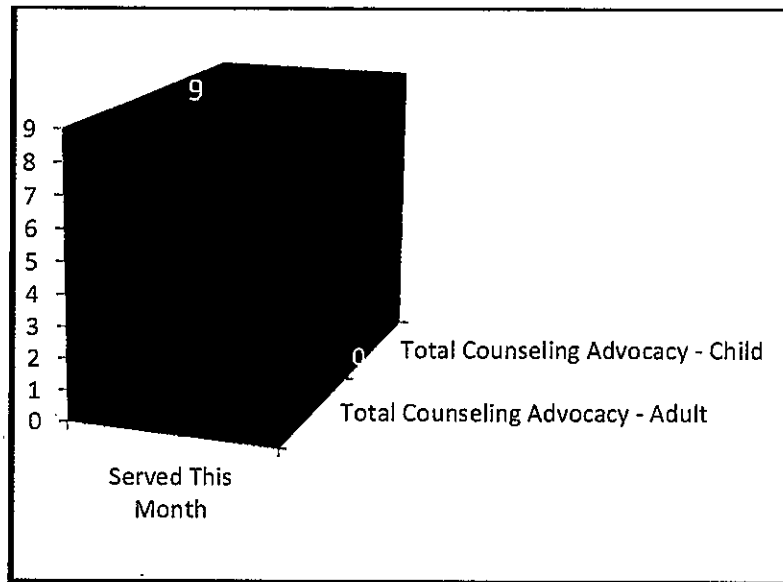
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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Youth Services :**

Total Community Events & Presentations

0

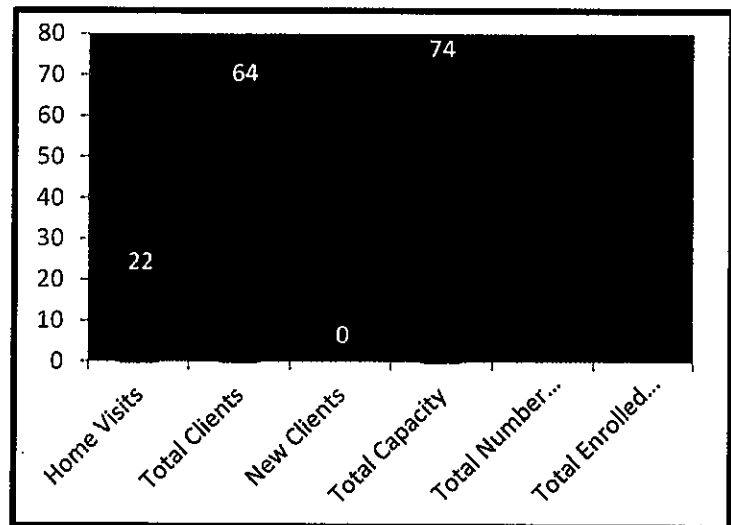


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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	64
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### ***Child Care Development Centers :***

- Stilwell - Has 9 children vacancies with current staff. We have 3 staff openings.
- Tahlequah - Has 12 children vacancies at this time with current staff. We have 2 vacant positions.
- Subsidy - Has 2 openings for a Customer Service Representative.
- Resource & Referral - Staff members attended the following: Children's Farmer's Market in Vinita and Tahlequah, Clothing Voucher distribution, Native American Association meeting, Head Start Parent Training, NICCA Planning meeting, Career Services 102-477 Training, NICCA CCDF 101 Training.
- Licensing - Attended and helped plan the Farmers Markets in Tahlequah and Vinita. Meetings attended was 102-477 Training, NICCA, and Oologah Community Meeting. Staff helped with Family Assistance yearly event Clothing Vouchers.



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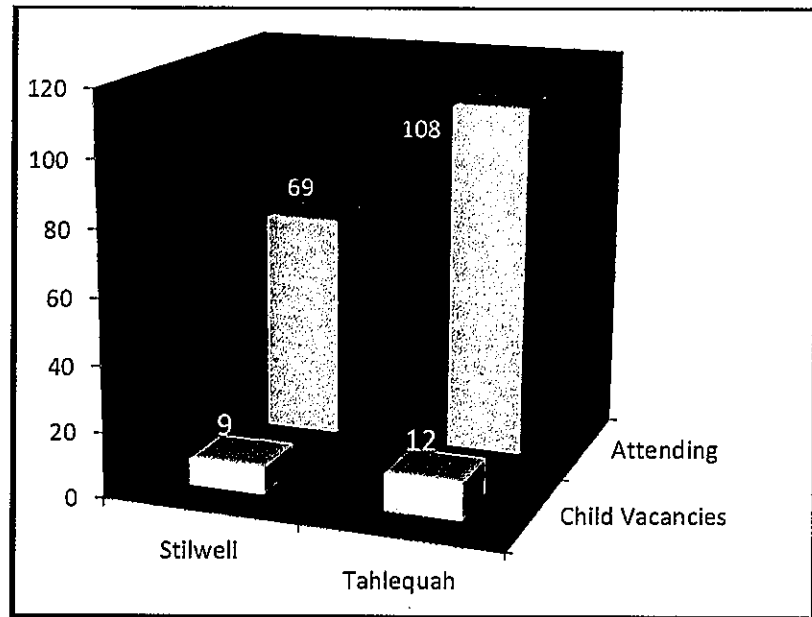
**CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	12
Number of Volunteers	0

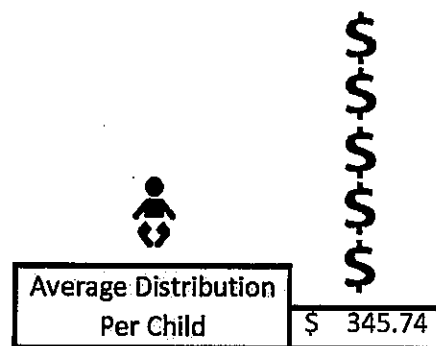
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

**Child Care Development Centers :**



**Subsidy :**

Children Receiving	1,800
Amount Distributed	\$ 622,333.60



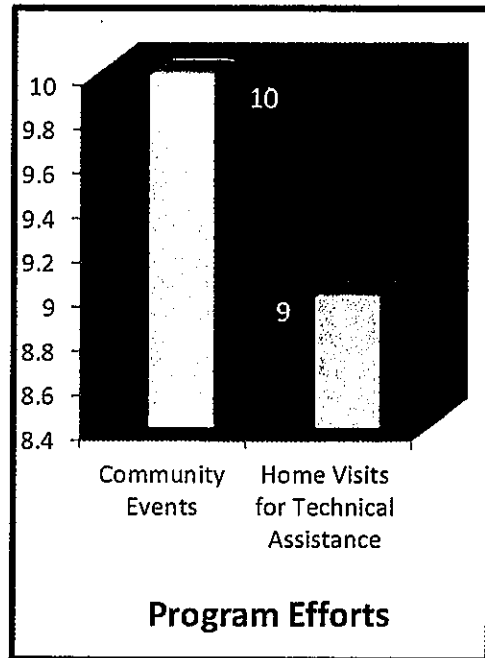
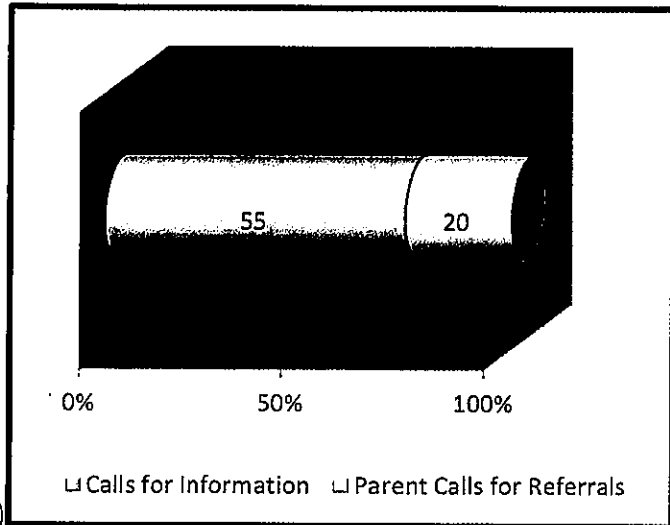
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**CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

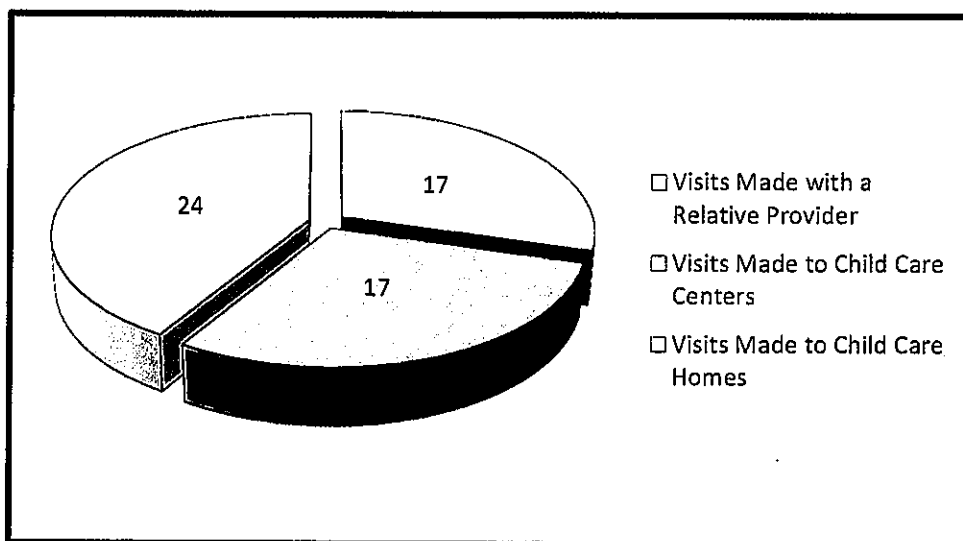
**Resource & Referral :**

Trainings for the Month

5



**Licensing & Monitoring :**





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**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT**

Director - Kara Whitworth

Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

July Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 256,011.00
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**Total Client Contacts**

2,373

**Total Court Hearings**

65

**Total Active Efforts Case**

839

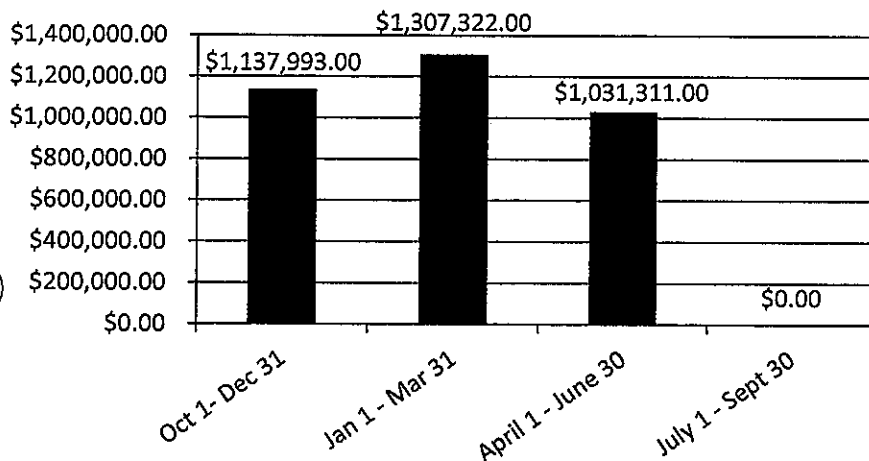
**Total Case Assessments for Service**

3

**Total Applications Distributed**

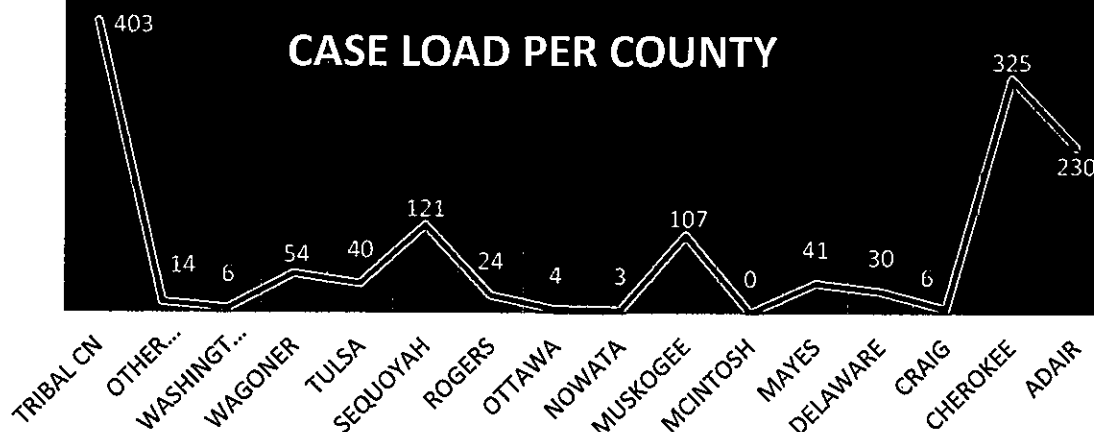
91

**Total Quarterly Collections**



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

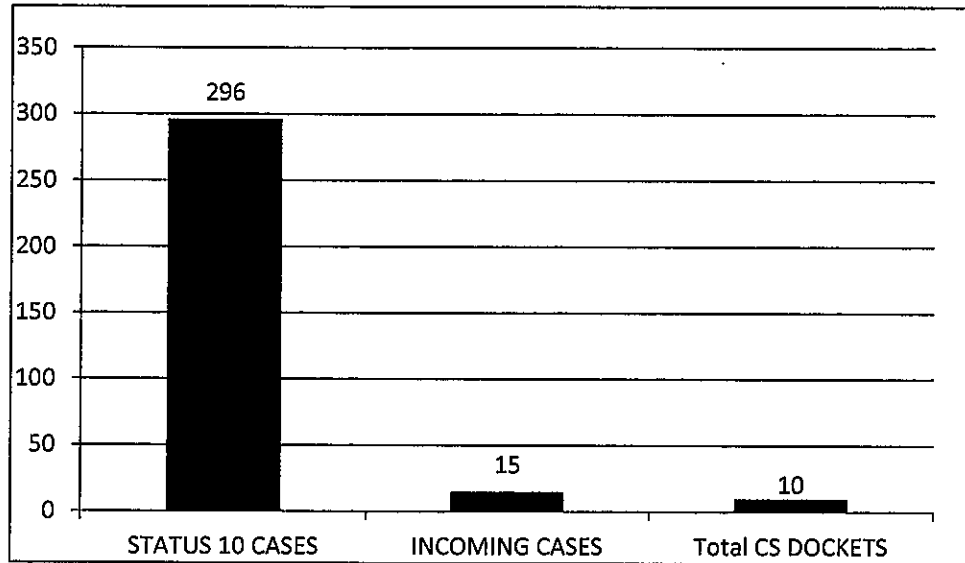
**CASE LOAD PER COUNTY**



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## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support Services continues to provide establishment & enforcement services and as of this past month have now had dockets in every county within the 14 county jurisdiction, absent McIntosh. The program is currently down one attorney, so the one Assistant Attorney General assigned to Child Support has been incredibly busy. It is exciting to see application requests up considerably. Some of the office staff went to 4 clothing voucher sites to provide information about our services and that was met positively by the people they came in contact with. The program recently celebrated 10 years of providing services and because of this office, there are many families who have received child support on an average of 4.25 million each year for the past 5 years.



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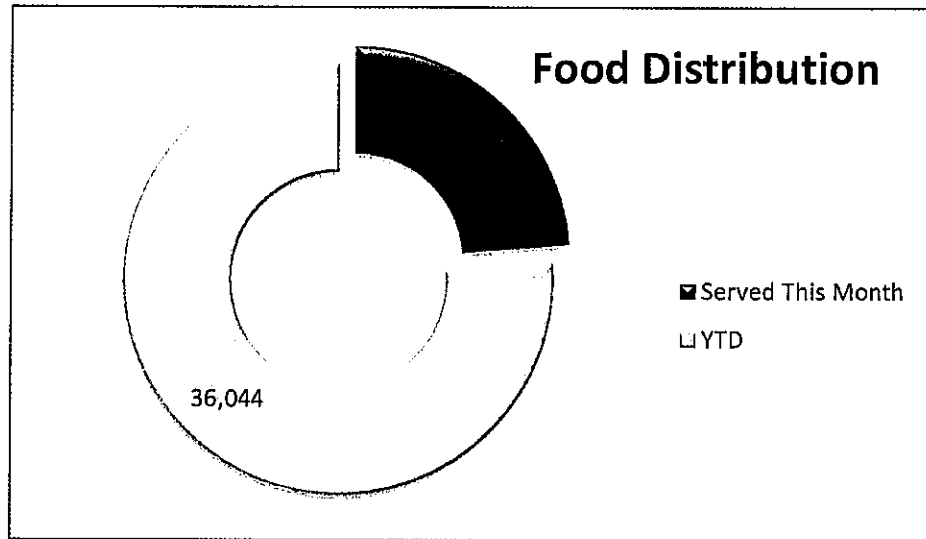
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

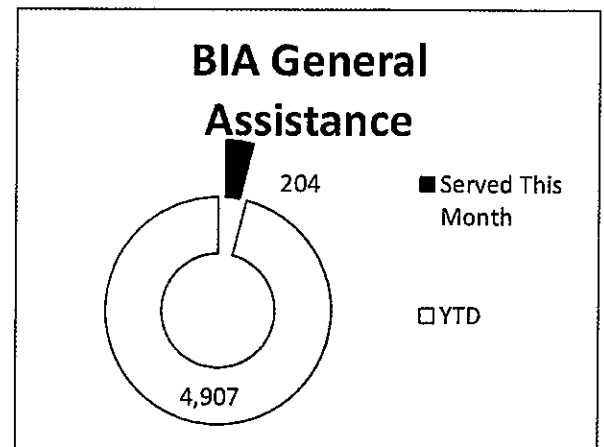
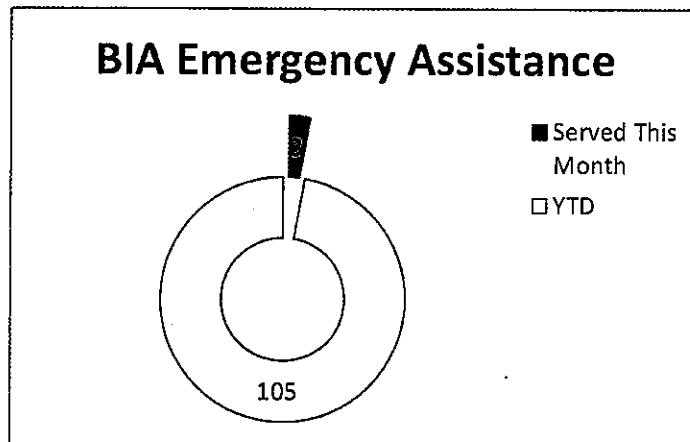
Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	39

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

### Food Distribution :



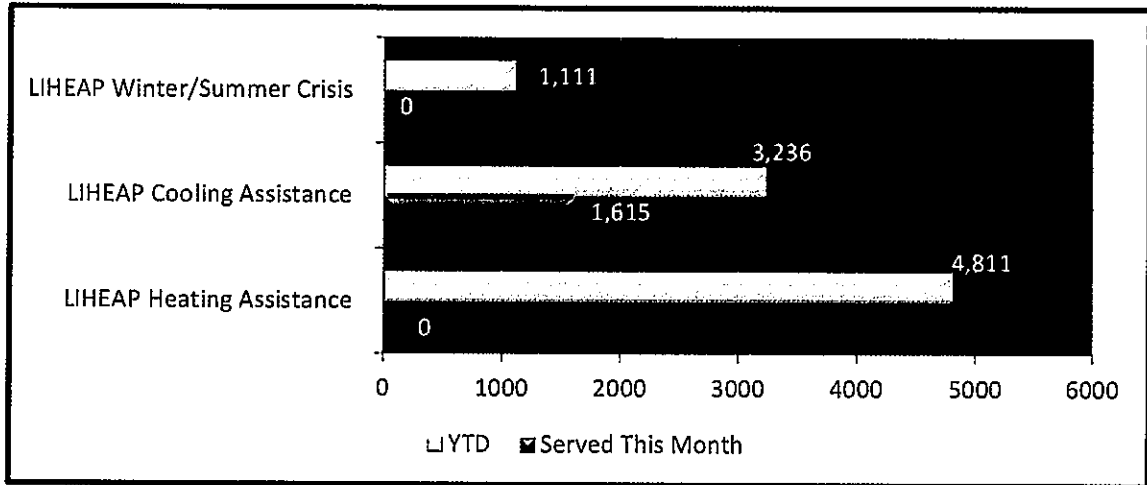
### BIA Social Services :



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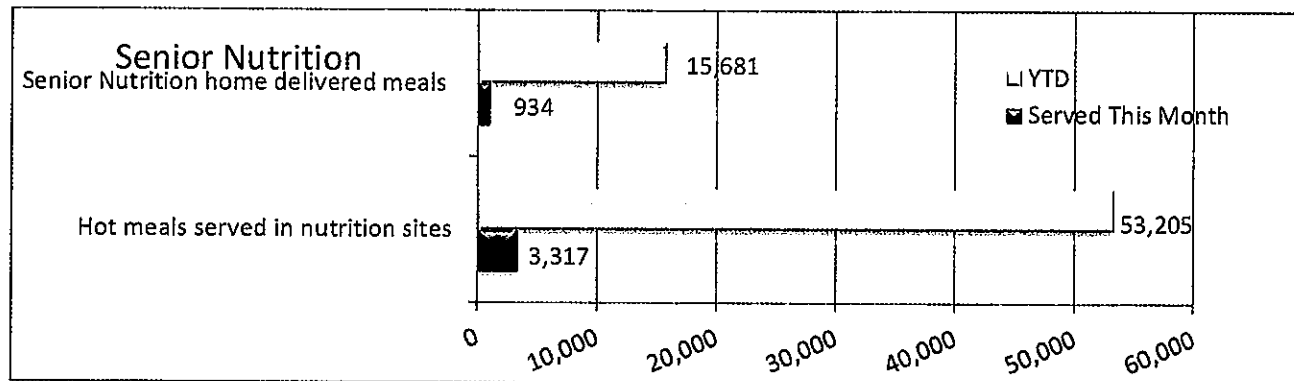
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

**LIHEAP:**

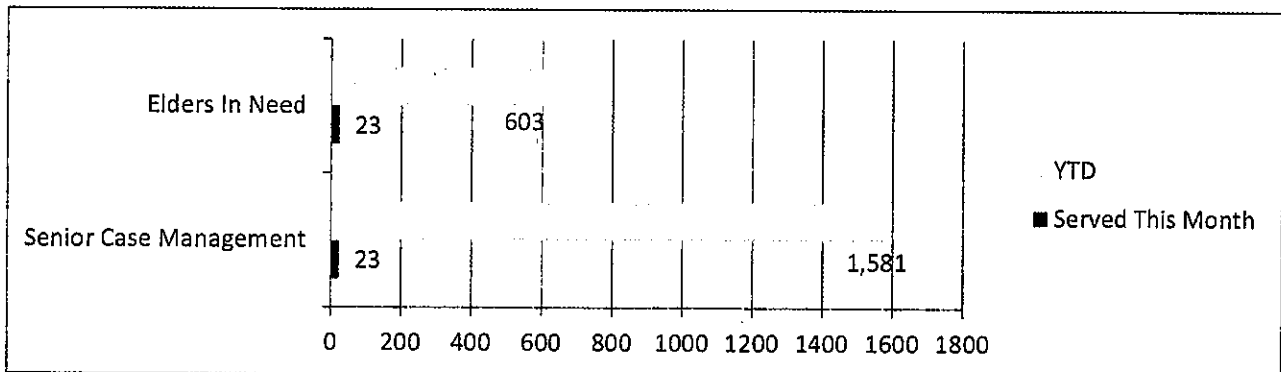


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

**Elder Services :**



\*Program starts in April



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

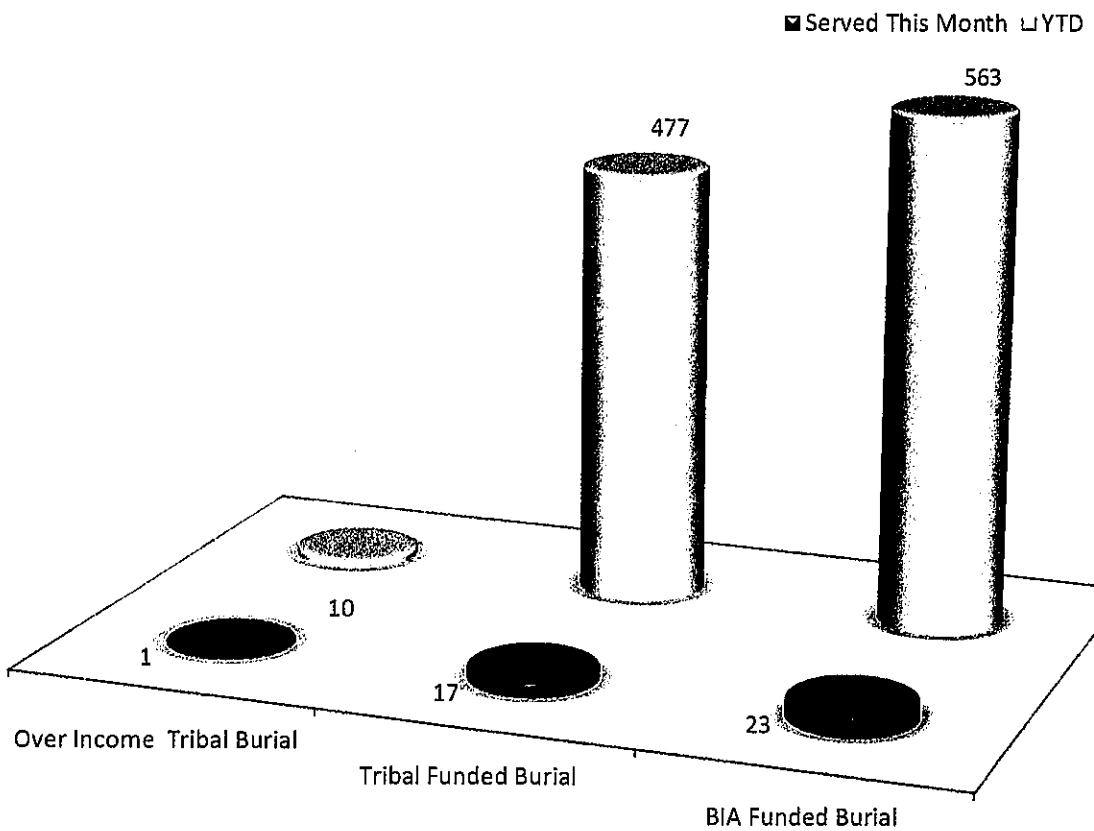


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**Burial Assistance :**

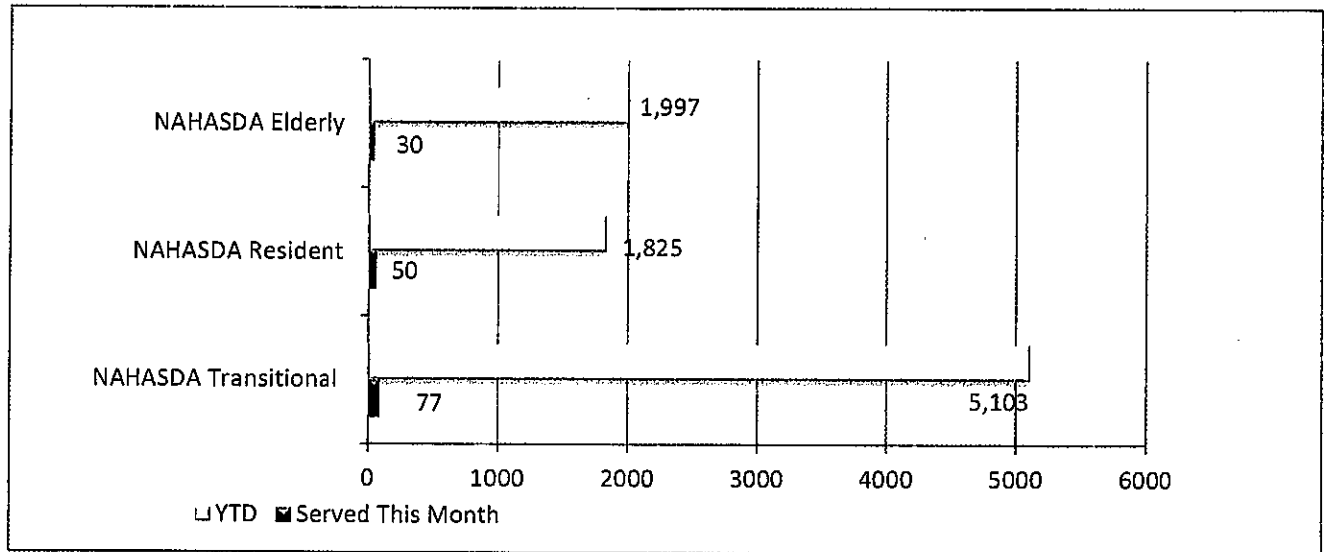
**Burial - Clients Served**



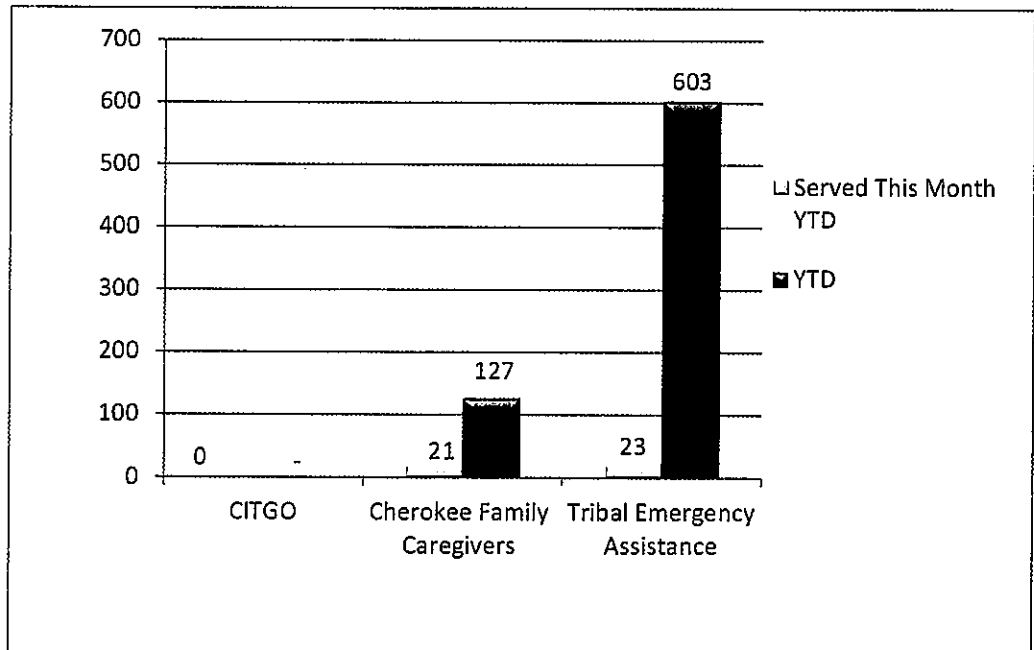
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**NAHASDA :**



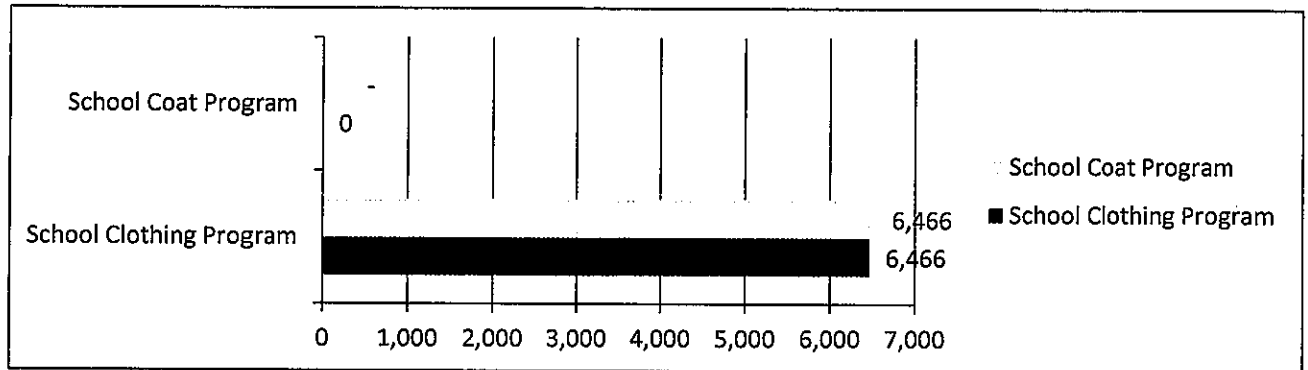
**Family Assistance :**



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**School Clothing Assistance Programs :**



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

**Family Assistance:**



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**CHEROKEE FIRST**

Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

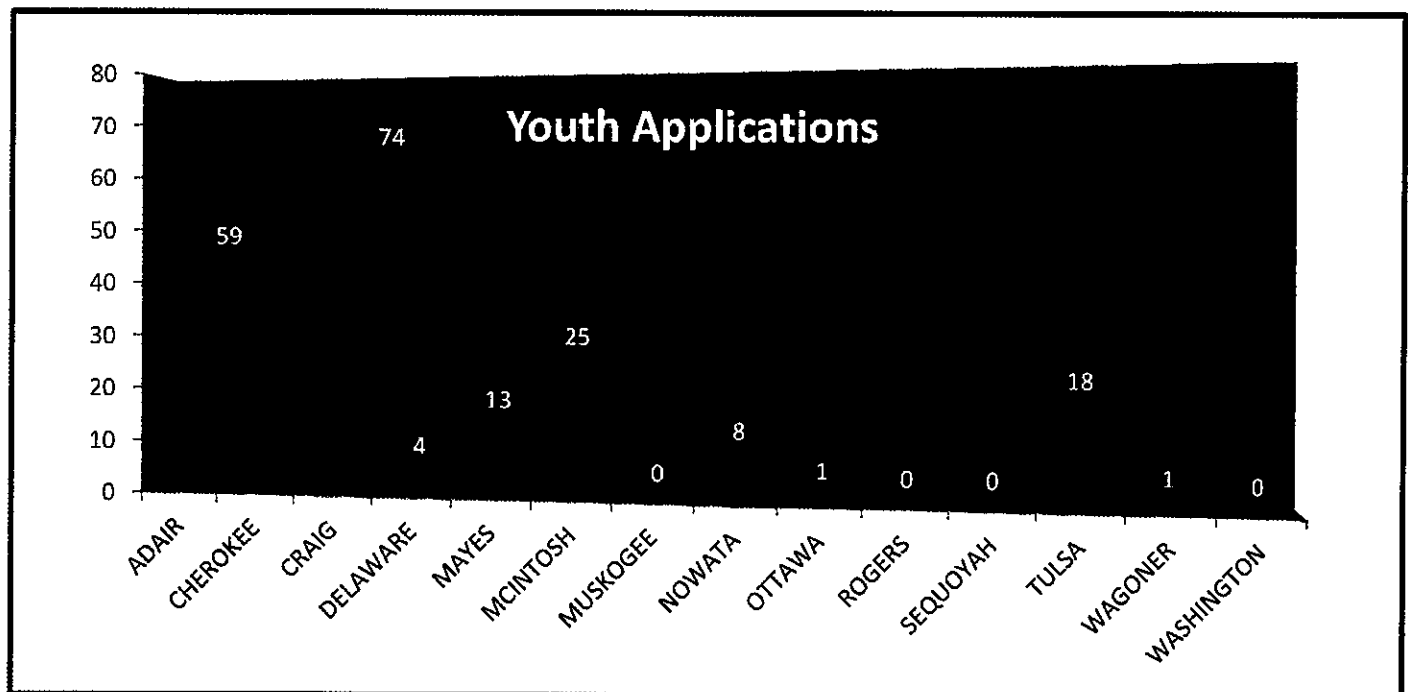
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

**Reception :**

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	2,037
Total Applications Taken	228

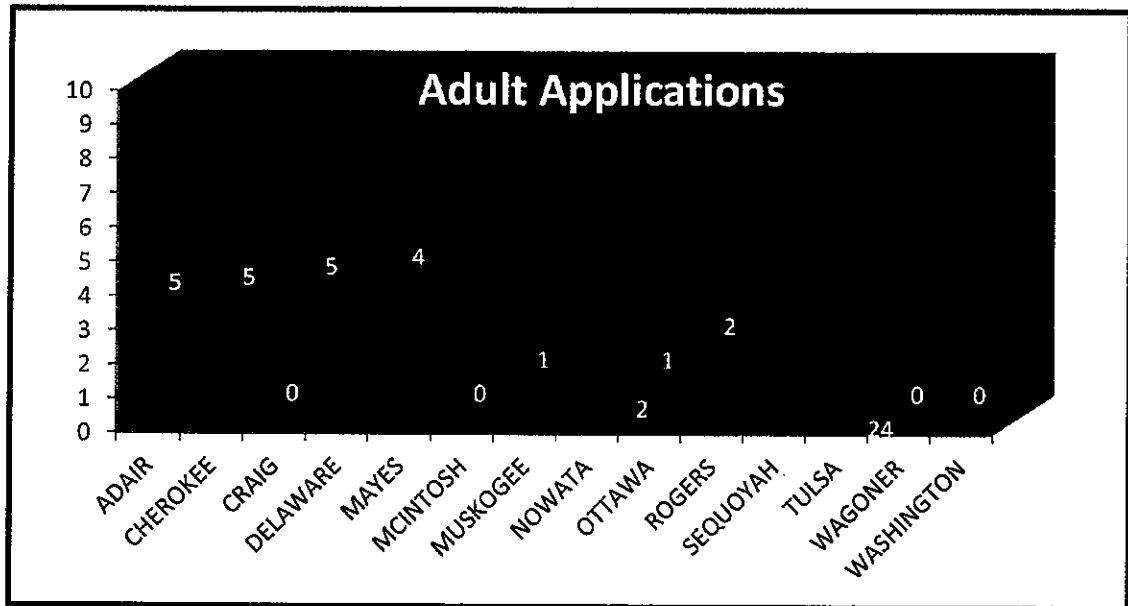
**Community Youth :**





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## Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	203
Total Adult	25

## Monthly Total Amount Distributed

July	\$ 45,600.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Community Services

**Month/Year of Report:** August 2017

**Executive  
Director:**

Ron Qualls

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

### I. Budget Highlights

1. We were notified by IHS that they would be able to partially fund the Ottawa Co RWD # 6 – 610 Rd Waterline extension for \$53,000. The remainder of the funds (\$86,000) will have to come from CN and RWD contributions.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 145 food handlers
2. Repaired 10 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 34 sewer and/or water facilities

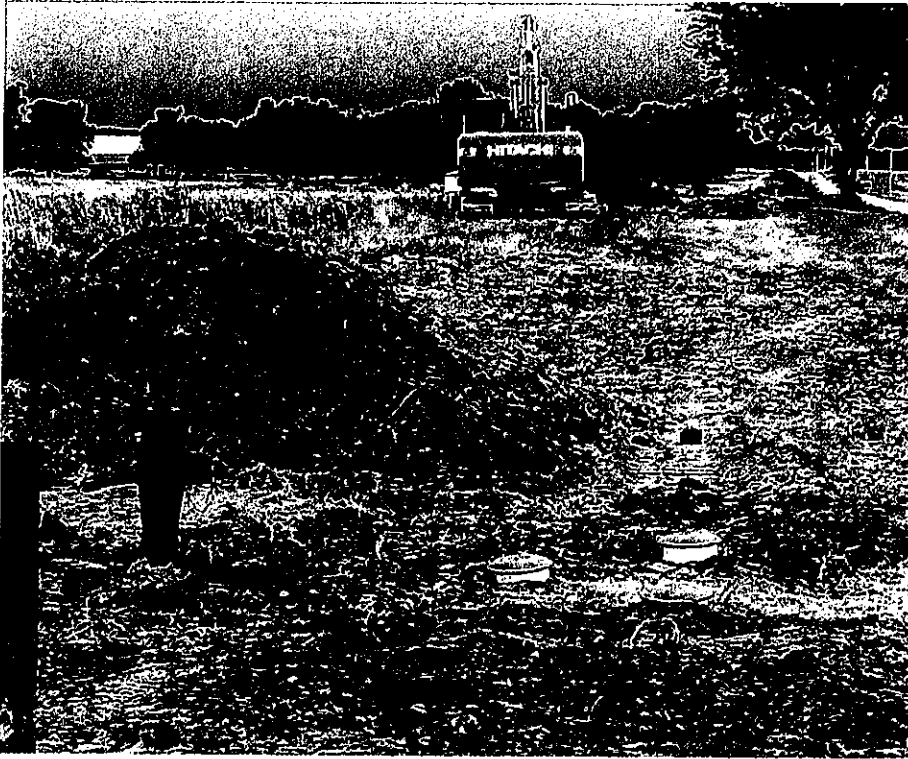
#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 60% complete.
2. Construction on Lowrey Phase II in Cherokee Co approximately 80% complete with about 3.0 miles of waterline constructed.
3. Moodys Water Storage Tank in Cherokee Co approx. 50% complete.
4. Signed MOA's for Adair Co RWD # 3.
5. Finalized SDS List to IHS.
6. Held pre-bid meetings for Delaware RWD # 11 Phase II and Muskogee RWD # 7 Two mile Rd projects

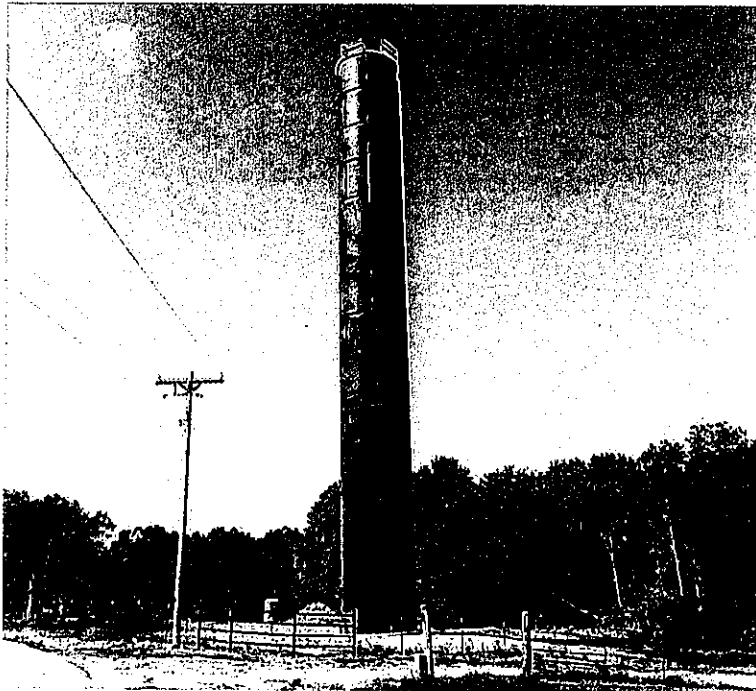
#### c.) Future Plans

1. MOA with Inola PWA for inspection of sanitary sewer system
2. Working with CDC, Public Health Foundation and National Tribal Water Center on sampling for Snake Creek/Iron Post Area.
3. Hosting a water well assessment training for Tribal and IHS staff in November.

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Lowrey Phase II WL Ext.



Southern Delaware Co Regional Water Project

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Moody's Water Storage Tank

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

**Public Disclosures:**

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

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

**LOW RENT APARTMENT:**

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

None to report.

**HOMEOWNERSHIP:**

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

None to report.

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

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

Michael Nickerson, cousin is Cindy Bryant of HACN  
Jennie Scott, sister is Anita Lockhart of HACN  
Jasmine Buttery, mother is Evelyn Pettigrew of HACN

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

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

None to report

**HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

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

JoAnn Fields, brother is Dwayne McCarter of HACN



*Keys to a brighter future*

## **Announcements**

### **Board of Commissioners Meeting:**

Sept 12 September Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

### **Office Closures:**

Sept 4 Labor Day

### **Other Info:**

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](http://www.hacn.org)**

**Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation**  
**Month Ending: July, 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	489	149	111	2	0	110	61	21	3	946	15%
Cherokee	589	180	284	8	0	242	134	61	2	1,500	23%
Craig	41	59	36	0	0	11	13	2	0	162	3%
Delaware	319	124	86	1	0	96	99	25	5	755	12%
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	23	0%
Mayes	224	124	60	1	0	59	39	11	1	519	8%
Muskogee	129	51	58	2	0	49	42	13	0	344	5%
Nowata	29	43	28	0	0	10	26	2	0	138	2%
Ottawa	21	N/A	1	0	0	7	7	4	1	41	1%
Rogers	149	72	179	2	0	80	31	49	3	565	9%
Sequoyah	518	N/A	176	34	0	162	117	57	4	1,068	16%
Tulsa	57	N/A	94	3	0	27	7	4	1	193	3%
Wagoner	10	N/A	3	0	0	59	3	1	1	77	1%
Washington	28	42	39	0	0	26	9	3	0	147	2%
Total:	2,618	844	1,155	53	0	943	591	253	21	6,478	100%
			1,208			1,534		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	125	4	3	6	7	133	282	174	9%	734	11%
Cherokee	138	3	5	49	18	200	516	487	25%	1,416	22%
Craig	32	1	1	3	0	31	59	52	3%	179	3%
Delaware	151	2	0	25	3	148	128	214	11%	671	10%
McIntosh	8	0	0	0	1	N/A	4	13	1%	26	0%
Maries	102	3	1	11	12	77	130	137	7%	473	7%
Muskogee	53	1	0	12	0	53	134	141	7%	394	6%
Nowata	23	0	0	6	1	29	31	46	2%	136	2%
Ottawa	13	0	0	2	0	N/A	11	23	1%	49	1%
Rogers	48	2	2	24	0	32	408	189	10%	705	11%
Sequoyah	158	3	4	22	8	N/A	366	241	12%	802	12%
Tulsa	54	1	0	24	4	N/A	349	151	8%	583	9%
Wagoner	17	0	0	1	1	N/A	24	34	2%	77	1%
Washington	30	1	0	20	1	80	88	43	2%	263	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,508</b>	<b>100%</b>





# Tribal HUD - VASH

## VA Supportive Housing Program

County	Applications			Assistance	Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List	Housed Veteran	Total	% of Participants
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Cherokee	2	1	0	1	4	40%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	10%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayes	1	0	0	0	1	10%
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	1	0	0	2	3	30%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	1	1	10%
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total:	4	1	0	5	10	100%



## **TRIBAL HUD-VASH HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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

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

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**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Development Files Processing**

Month of:  
July, 2017

		Applications		Processing								Construction		In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
				Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV								
County	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing	Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete						
Adair	116	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	21	8	61	0	31	8	61		
Cherokee	397	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	48	23	134	0	51	23	134		
Craig	31	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	13	0	7	2	13		
Delaware	157	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	15	24	99	1	19	24	99		
McIntosh	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3		
Mayes	100	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	16	5	39	0	19	5	39		
Muskogee	119	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	42	1	16	4	42		
Nowata	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	0	1	1	26		
Ottawa	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7		
Rogers	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	31	0	5	3	31		
Sequoyah	200	0	2	5	0	0	0	1	23	4	117	2	29	4	117		
Tulsa	149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	1	7		
Wagoner	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	3		
Washington	40	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	2	2	9		
Total:	1,592	0	4	20	3	0	4	3	155	78	591	4	185	78	591		
		4		185								669					

**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

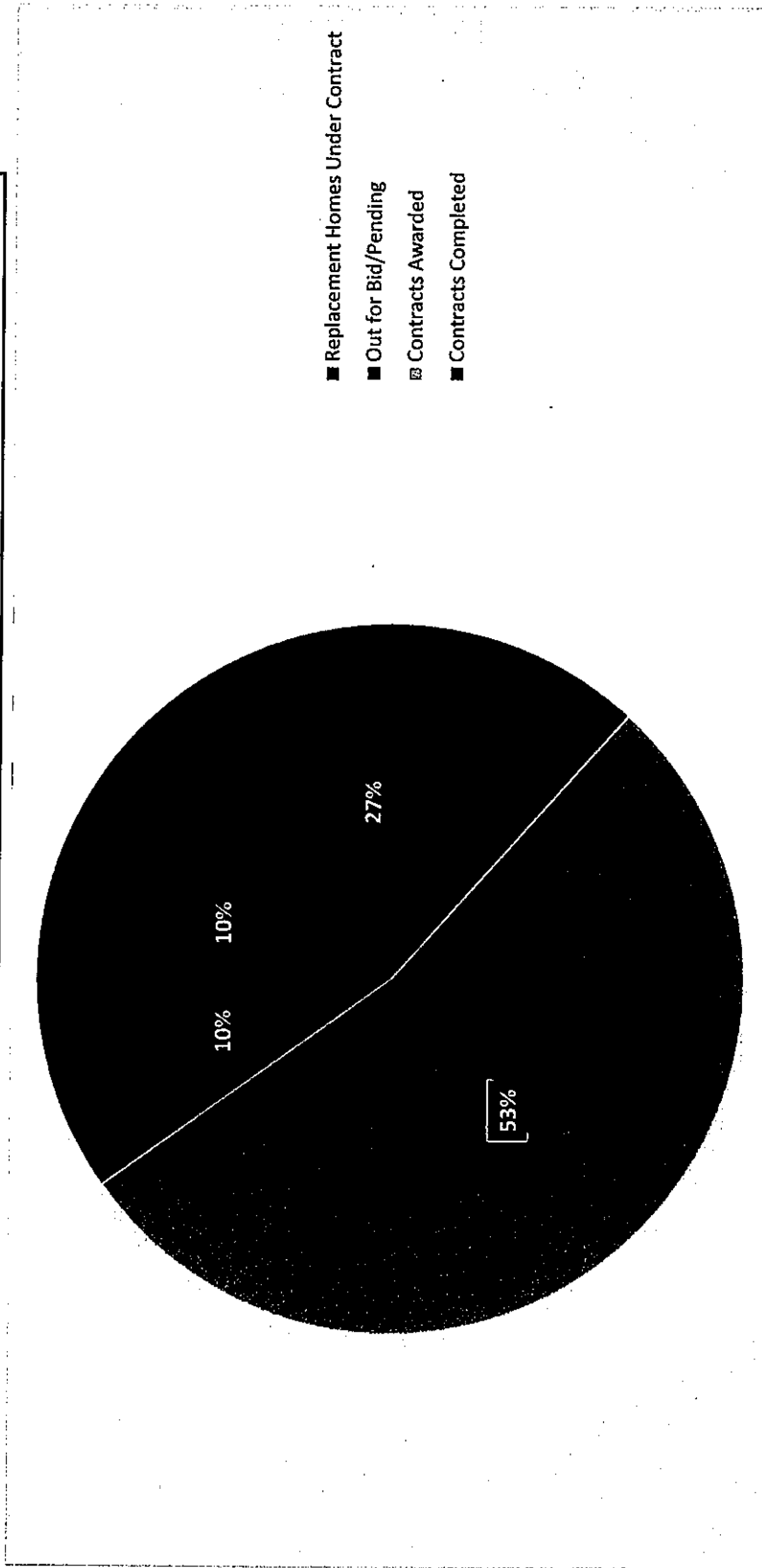
**STAGE III:**  
Order/Receive Survey  
Order/Receive Perc Test  
Receive Utility Assurance  
Receive Abstract from participant

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

# Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:  
July, 2017

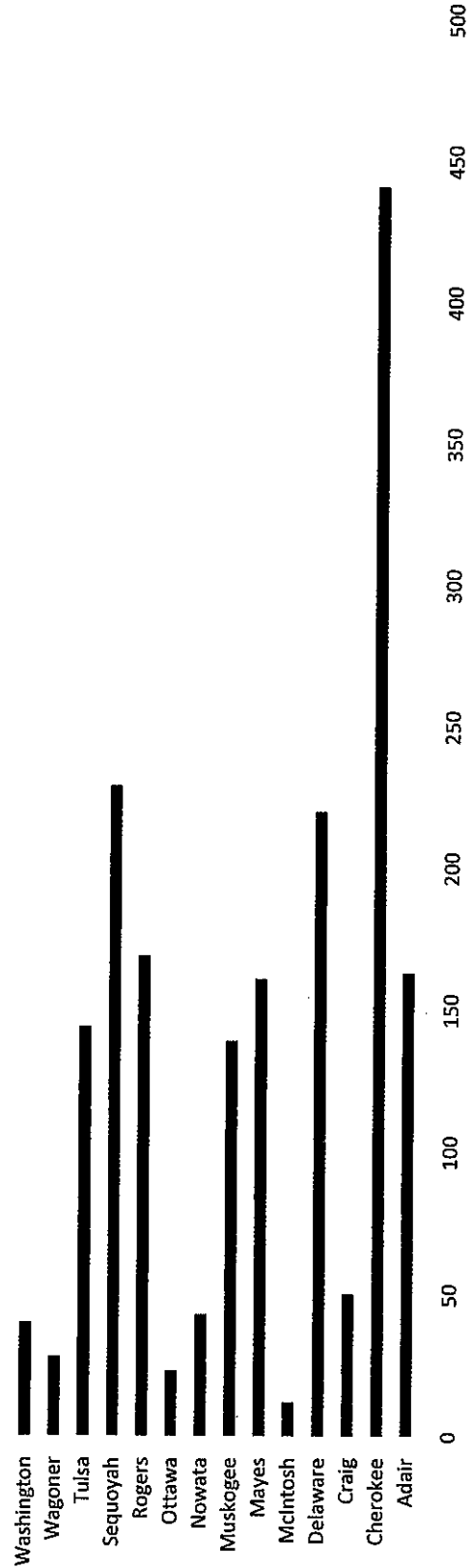
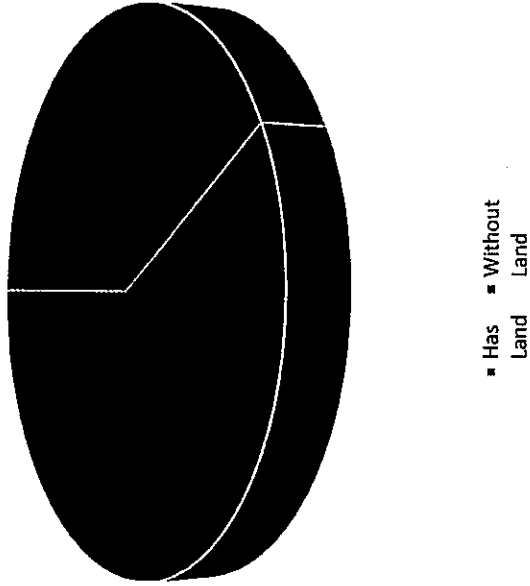
Replacement Homes Under Contract	10
Out for Bid/Pending	27
Contracts Awarded	54
Contracts Completed	10



## New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

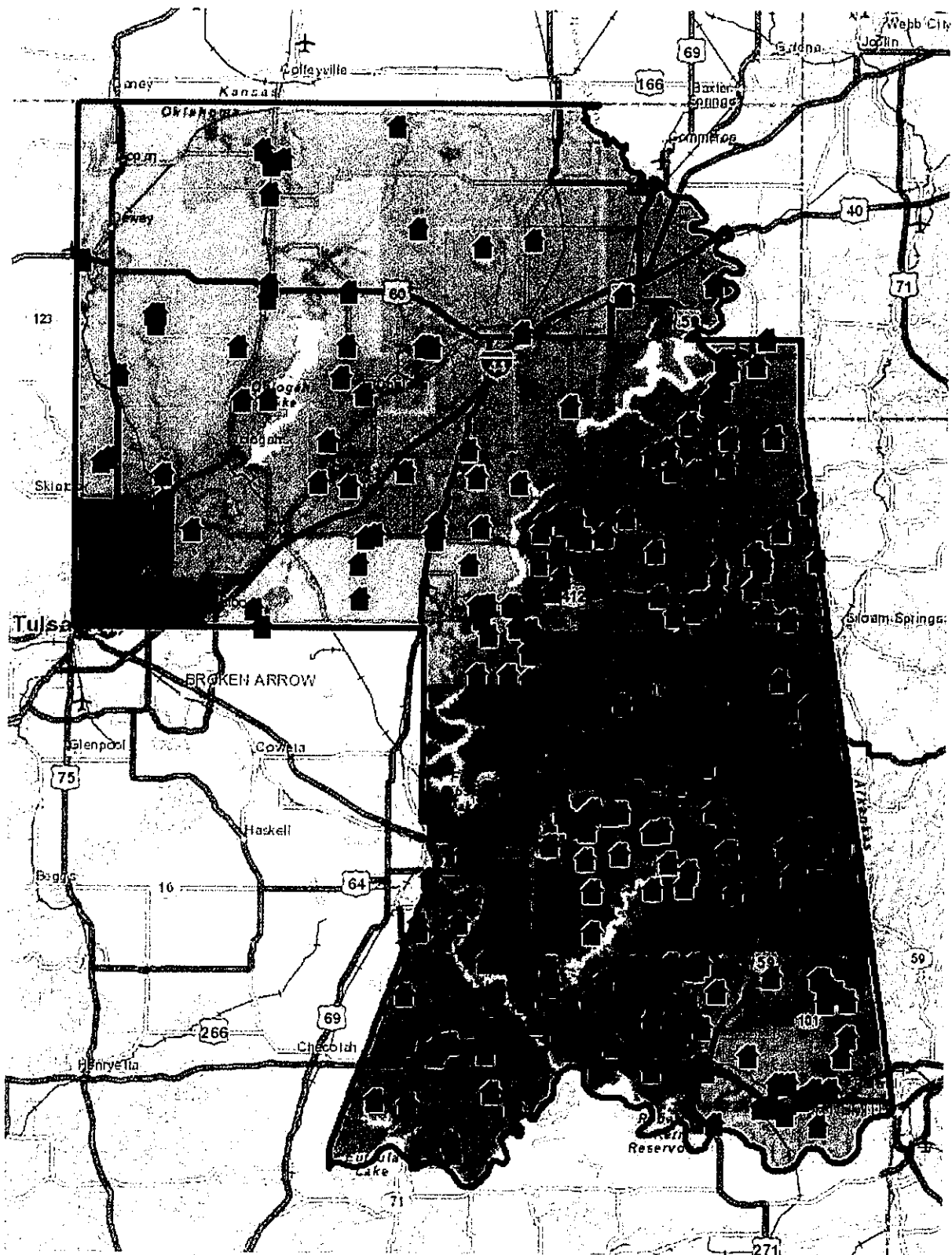
By Has Land/Does not have land:

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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>1,862</b>



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

## HACN New Construction Program



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

# **CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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

**Comments:** The Federal Highway Tribal Coordinator, Misty Klann visited the CNDOT August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Bell North – Red Plains sent final exhibits on June 21, 2017.
2. Bell School South – Design is complete. Acquisition has begun. NEPA is complete.
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. Four parcels out of 22 parcels have been acquired.
7. Dahlenegah West- Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers working on 60% plans.
8. Honey Hill Phase I – Prebid meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2017. The bid opening will be September 7, 2017.
9. Lyon South Road - Design is at 60% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers are finalizing H&H.
10. Lyon Switch Road - Design is working on 90% plans.
11. 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.
12. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Red Plains is revising the exhibits and easements.
13. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Design complete. Waiting on 404 permit for NEPA to be approved.
14. Sally Bull Hollow – Awaiting the level III archeological report so we will know how to proceed in design.
15. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

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**CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 78% ( 32 parcels out of 41 acquired). Five of the remaining parcels are Restricted Indian Land and r/w packets were submitted to RES on 5/22/2017.
2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design.
3. Northeast Fort Gibson- The NEPA process is complete. Utilities are in the process of being relocated.
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). CGA is also working on the traffic signaling plans which have been submitted to ODOT for their review. Guy Engineering will be acquiring the right of way on this project. They are currently preparing the r/w documents and securing appraisals.
5. Tenkiller School – Construction is -100% 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. All remaining utility easement applications on Trust Lands were submitted to the BIA for approval on 6/12/2017. Additional corporation documents were requested by the BIA for PSO. 7/11/2017 BIA approved the AT&T utility easements that cross CN Trust Land & Jerline Chisholm Brown Trust Land.

**DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Leach/Kenwood Road –Clearing is completed. Construction is 44.4% complete. Contrac liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.
2. Kansas/Dry Creek – Holloway Updike & Bellen completed all ownership changes and submitted updated easements and exhibits on 7/18/2017. Appraiser is finishing appraisals. Right of Way is preparing parcel folders to begin r/w acquisition in the next few months

**MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**



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1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utility relocation is moving forward.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed. Pavement borings being performed. Preliminary design underway. Right of Way is completing title research for all property owners.

**SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> with awarded contractor JOB Construction. This project has a fixed completion date of July 31, 2017. September 15 currently under construction 55%
2. Moonshine Road – Four bids were received with Glover coming in the lowest at \$2,460,090.71 with a completion date of December 15, 2017

**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 two van orders: order #1 – two bi-fuel conversion vans . This delivery has been delayed due to a Ford recall. There is no current estimated delivery date. . Bids for 6 additional gasoline vans were received with John Vance Auto being the lowest bidder. Estimated time of delivery is November 29, 2017. One van order has been completed with the van being tagged and picked up by KATS. This van will travel the Stilwell to Tahlequah route and the replaced bus will be used on the Tahlequah to Catoosa route.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 105 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 699 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 26 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 43 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 29 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 374 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 276 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 40 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,764

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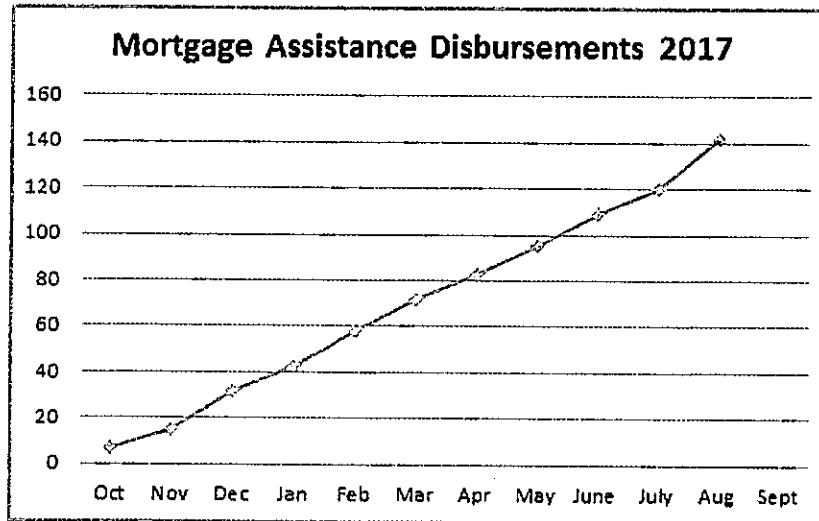
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

# Commerce Group

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

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## Mortgage Assistance Program

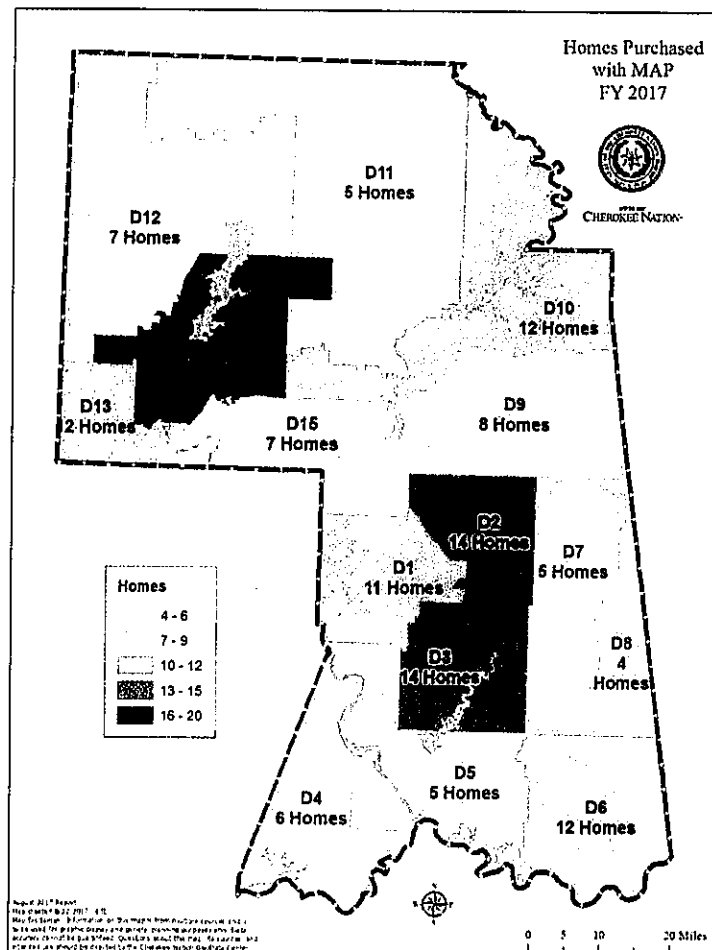


142 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

93 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

### MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$37,866.85
Home Price	\$105,765.71



**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.

*I had no idea what I was doing but after all the help I received I felt comfortable and confident buying my home. It was really beneficial.*

**L. Keeton, Tulsa County Mortgage Assistance recipient**

## Home Buying and Financial Counseling

### MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



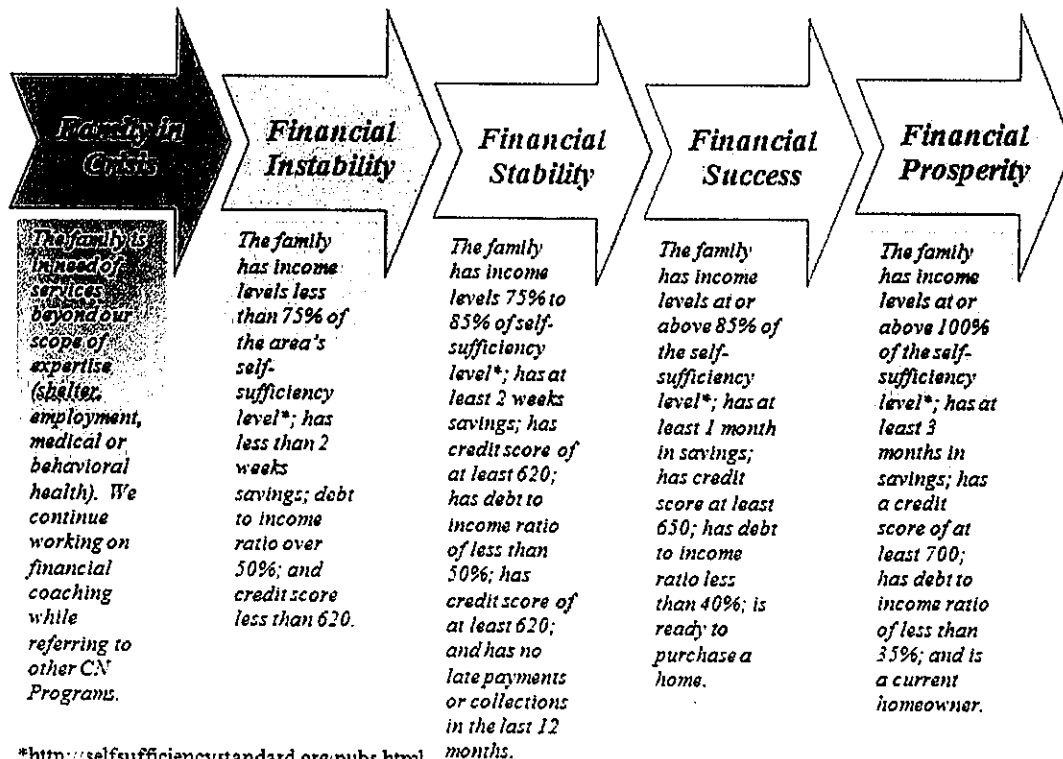
- Short Term less than 12 months
- Long Term from 1 to 3 years
- Mortgage Ready capable in 90 days
- Applications Pending Eligibility

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

Since FY07, **785 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

**62 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.



\*<http://selfsufficiencystandard.org/pubs.html>

*The credit counseling was the most beneficial to me. The program exceeded my expectations, thank you!*

**S. Bond, Cherokee County Mortgage Assistance recipient**

**1,061 families** have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

517 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 17% financial success
- 26% financially stable
- 53% financially instable

#### Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	34 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	30.20%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	5.6%

**1,465 consumer loans totaling \$1,703,922.86** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Five of these were **Foreclosure Prevention loans totaling \$84,891.18.**

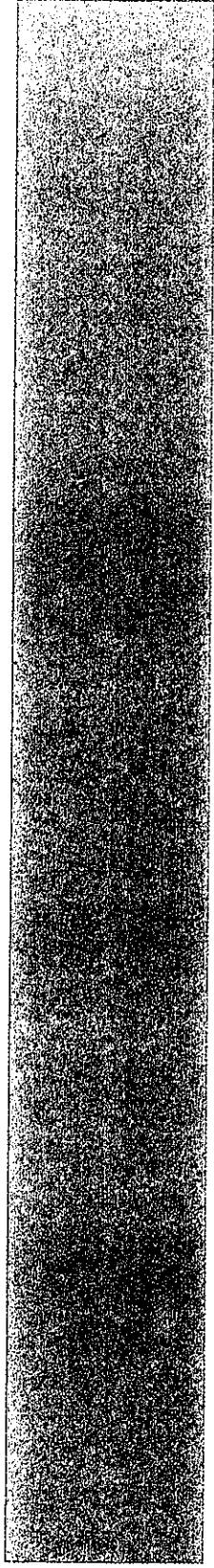
**419 families are actively saving in iSave** for home rehabilitation or home purchase. iSave is a *matched savings program* wherein income eligible families save a certain amount of money over a period of time and the iSave program matches the families' savings to build financial assets.

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **445 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 **4,202 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

#### Training Schedule

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
August 28	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Habits that Cost You Big
August 29	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Keys to Financial Success
September 5	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Protect Against Identity Theft
September 6	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Budgeting
September 9	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
September 11-14	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 18-20	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 20	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Credit in Financial Planning
September 23	Jay	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
September 25-27	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 27	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Credit in Financial Planning
October 4	Tahlequah	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Money Management
October 9-11	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 14	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
October 16-18	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 18	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Credit to Avoid
October 23-25	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training



# CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT

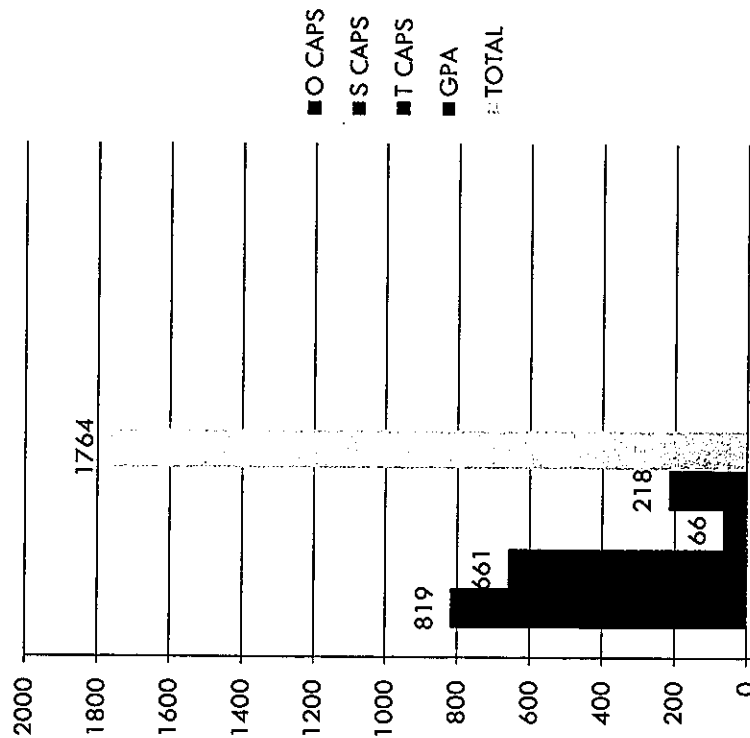
July 2017

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

# Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

**Month of July:**  
**1,764 Children**

with Assigned ICW Workers

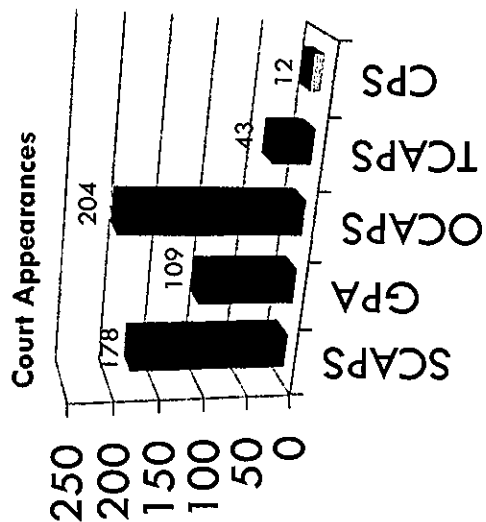


## Programs with court interaction

- ☐ **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.

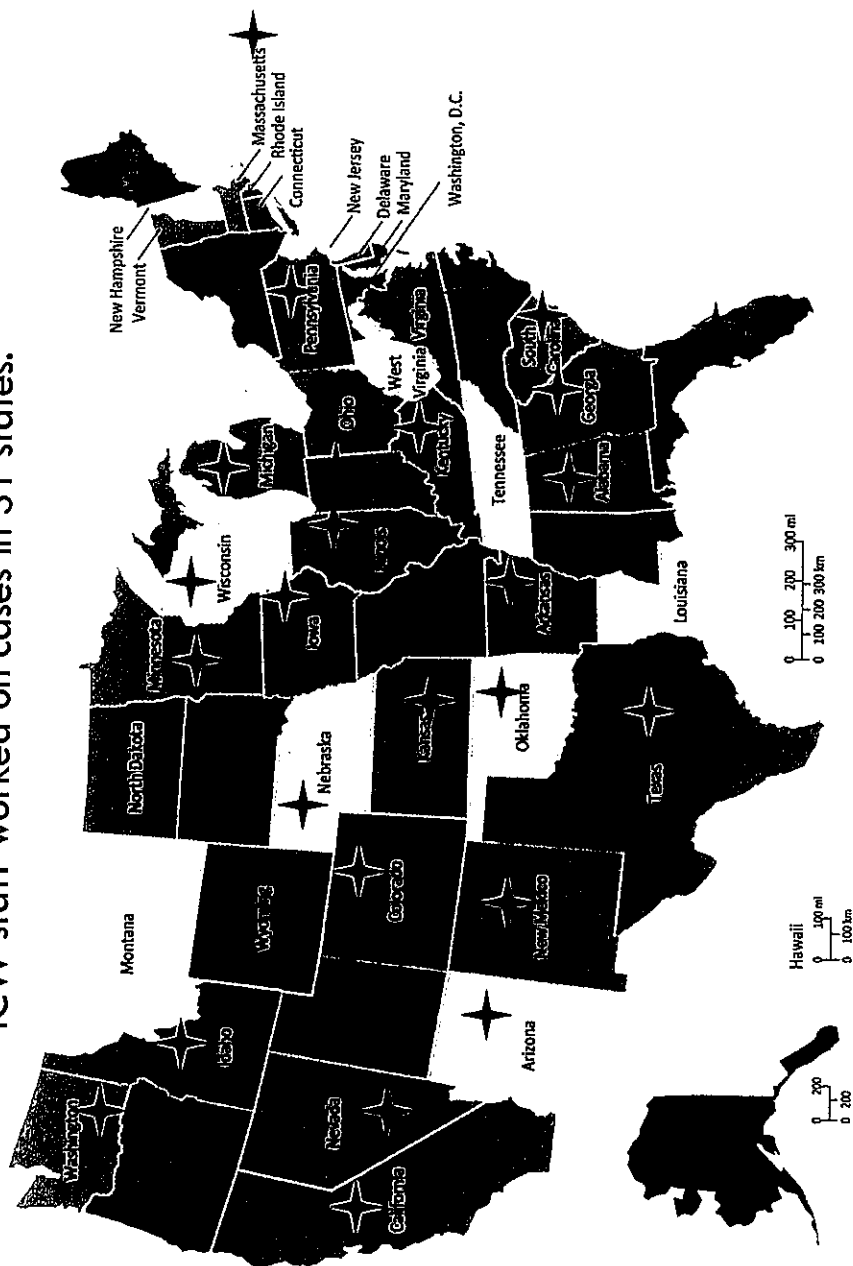
# Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

**In July:**  
Indian Child Welfare workers  
went to court 546 times on  
behalf of Cherokee children  
and families.



■ SCAPS ■ GPA ■ OCAPS ■ TCAPS ■ CPS

ICW staff worked on cases in 31 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 July

Cherokee Nation received:

- ☐ State of Oklahoma – 531 notices involving 851 children
- ☐ Outside of Oklahoma – 744 notices for 1,089 children.
- ☐ Totalling – 1,275 children and 1,940 notices.
- ☐ The longest Response-to-Notice time this month was 137 days.

## Prevention and Intervention

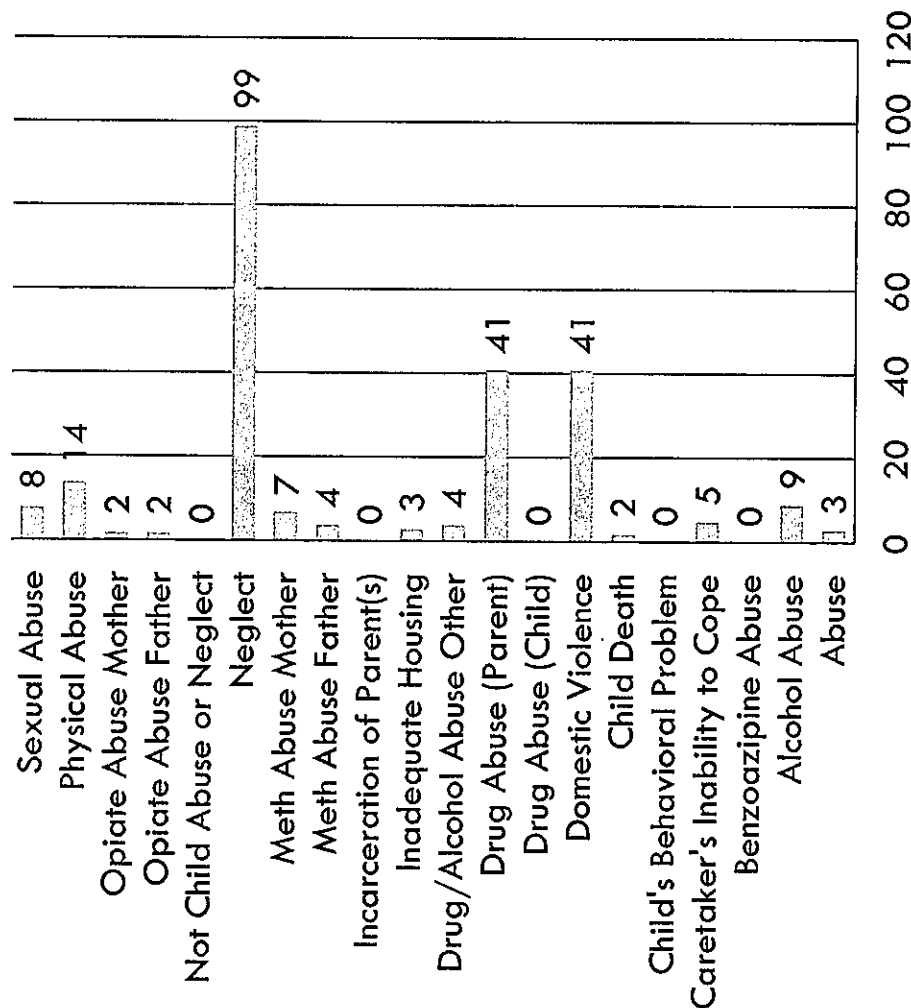
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 43 children and 25 families.

# Child Protective Services

## Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



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

## Month of July

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 319 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 319 referrals involved 520 children
  - 2 of the 319 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
  - 3 of the 319 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 4 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

# CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

## (Foster & Adoptive Homes)

### CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

#### Homes by Type

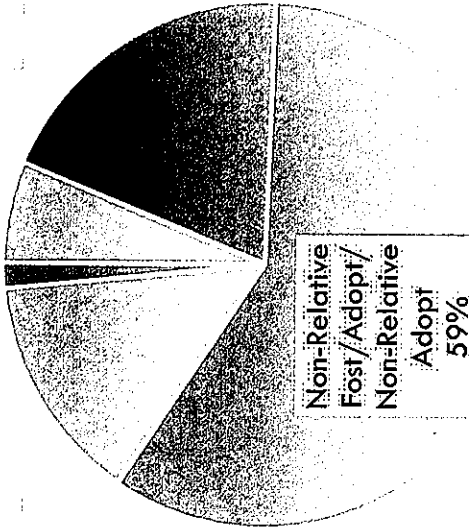
Emergency/Respite  
2%

Non-Relative Foster Only  
6%

Adoptive Only  
14%

Relative Foster and Adopt  
19%

Non-Relative Foster/Adoptive  
Non-Relative Adopt  
59%



#### 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

- 192 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories
- 12 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
  - 37 Relative Foster and Adoptive
  - 113 Non-Relative Foster/Adopt, Non-Relative Adoptive
  - 27 Adoptive Only Home
  - 3 Emergency/Respite

