

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

September 2017

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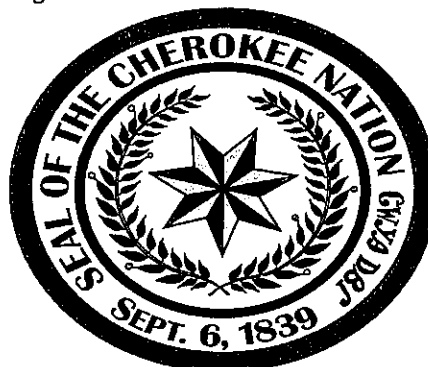
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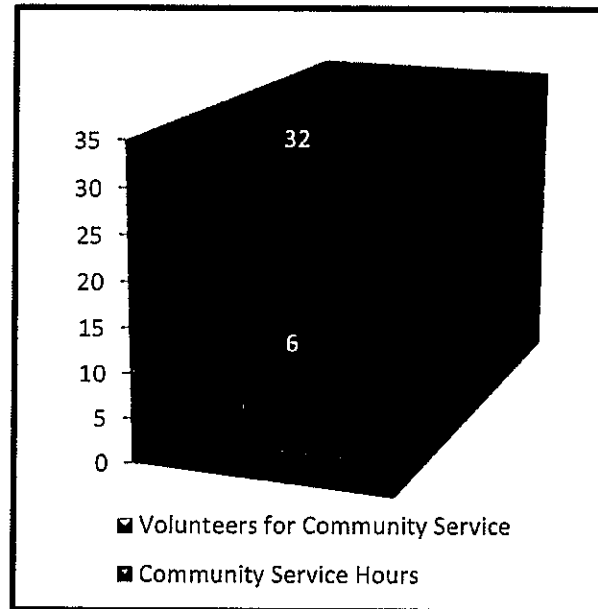
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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	11
Admissions	7

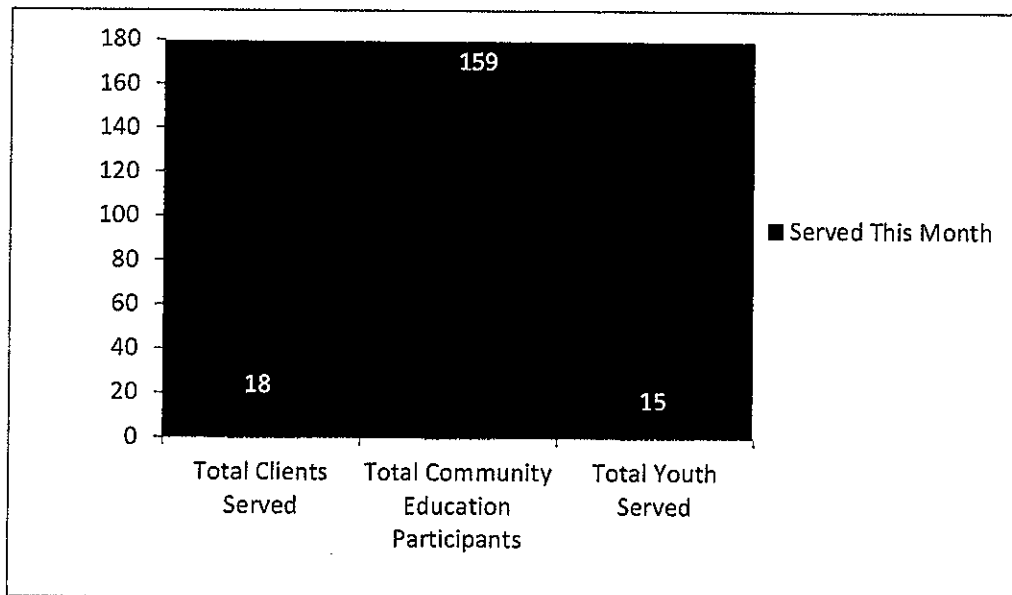
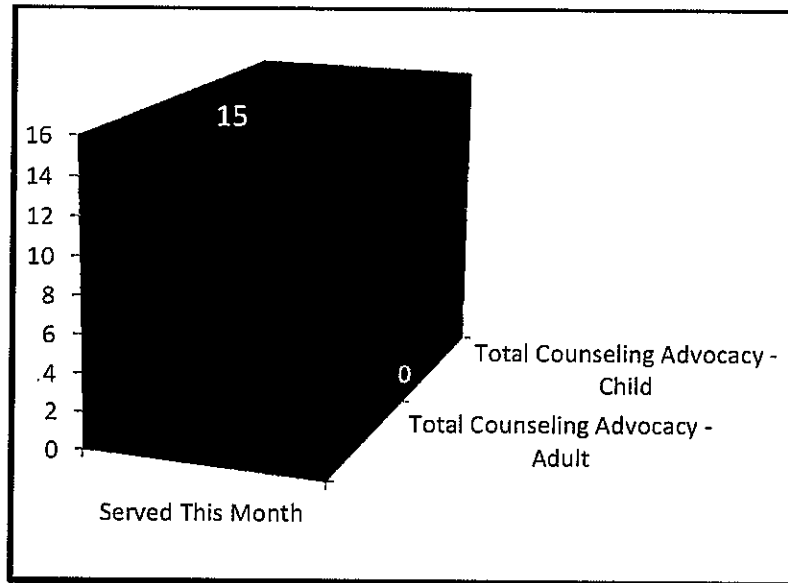


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations 159

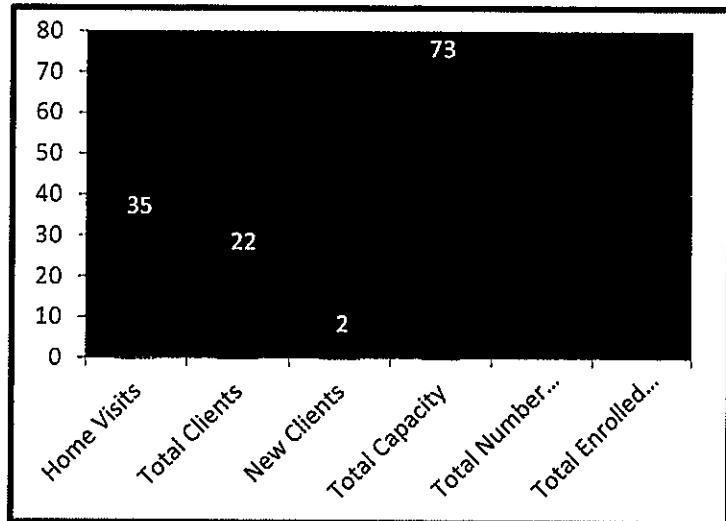


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	22
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Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - Six child vacancies with current staff. We have four staff openings. The tornado and fire drills were conducted September 28, 2017. We are enrolling infants at this time but the challenge is that it is approximately three months for the parents to receive a birth certificate for a newborn.
- Tahlequah - Thirty-two child vacancies at this time with current staff. We have zero staff openings. Remodeling of the Preschool Wing is holding up enrollment and transitions at this time. NAEYC Annual Report was submitted and received approval.
- Subsidy - Misty Mankiller was hired for the Stilwell CSR position.
- Licensing - Staff members attended the following: NICCA Conference and conducted three workshops, NARA, Resource & Referral, DHS Training, Cultural Day, and OCCRA. Referred one client to the Food Program.
- Resource and Referral - Staff members attended the following: TELI Family Fun Fair, NICCA Conference and presented two Cultural Sessions, Native American Association, Child Care Conference Ottawa County, Creek Nation Super Saturday Training, Community Partnership, Cherokee Children's Cabinet, and Cherokee Nation Home Visiting Consortium.



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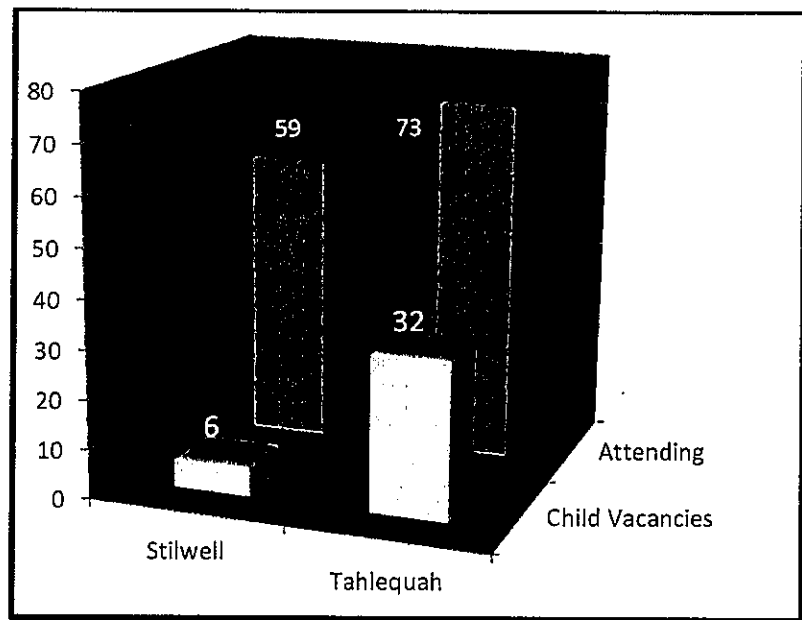
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	105
Number of Vacancies	10
Number of Volunteers	0

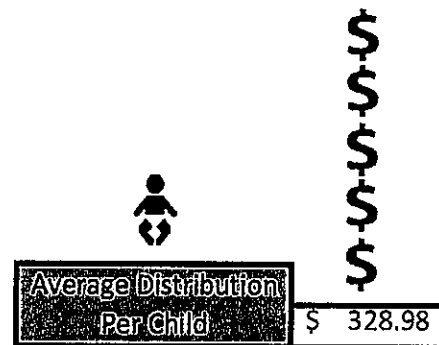
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

Child Care Development Centers :



Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,756
Amount Distributed	\$ 577,682.70



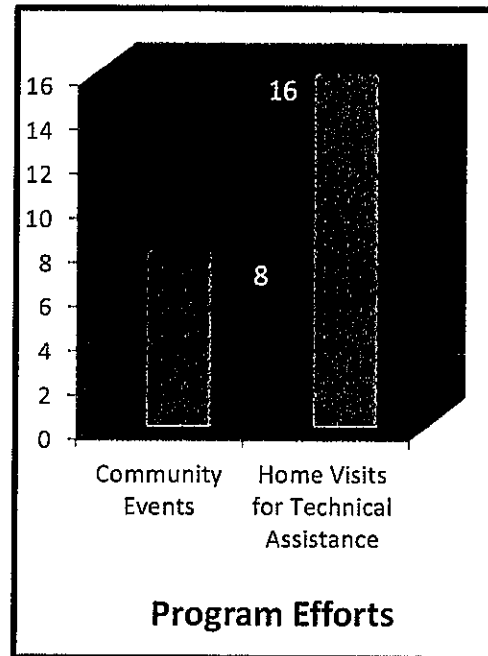
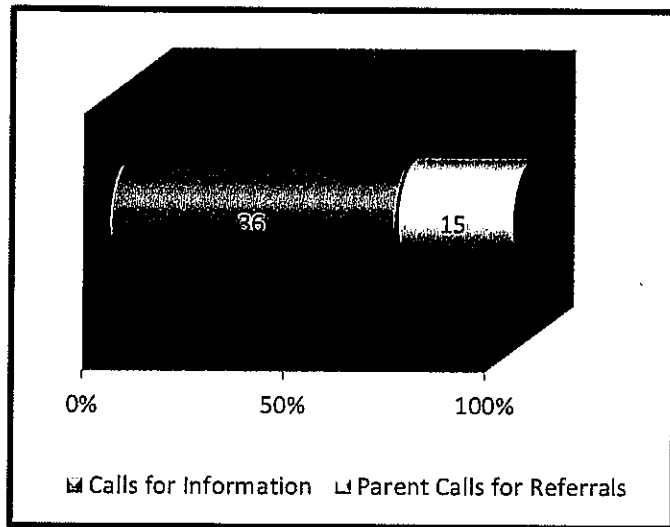
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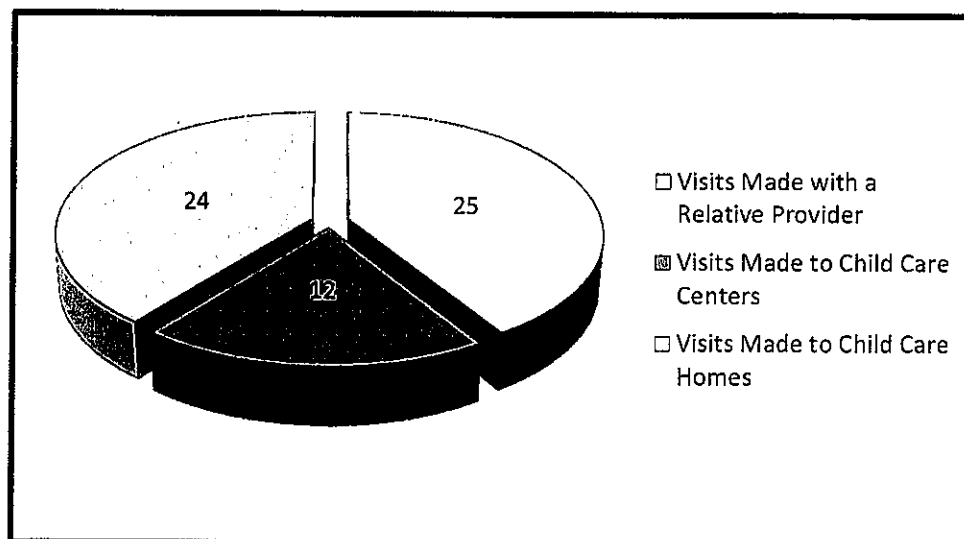
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

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Licensing & Monitoring :



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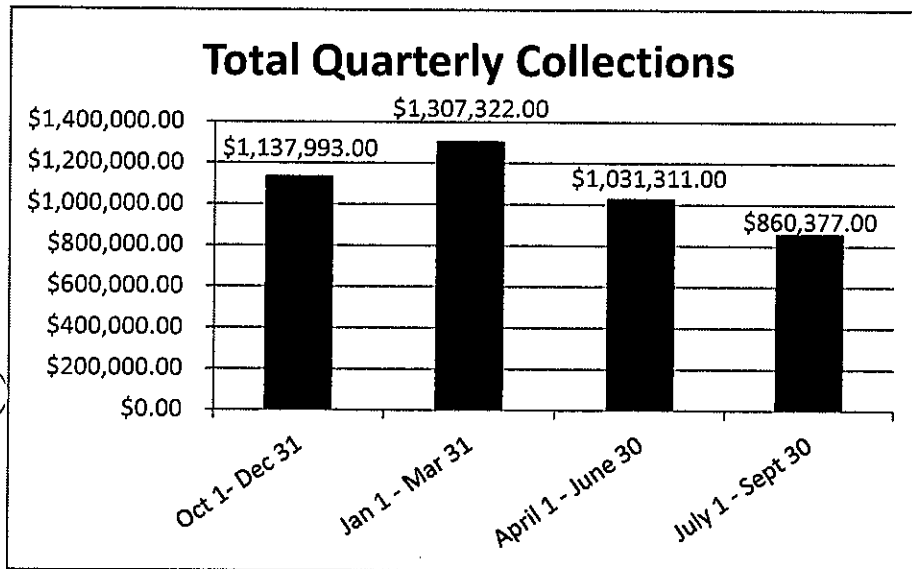
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

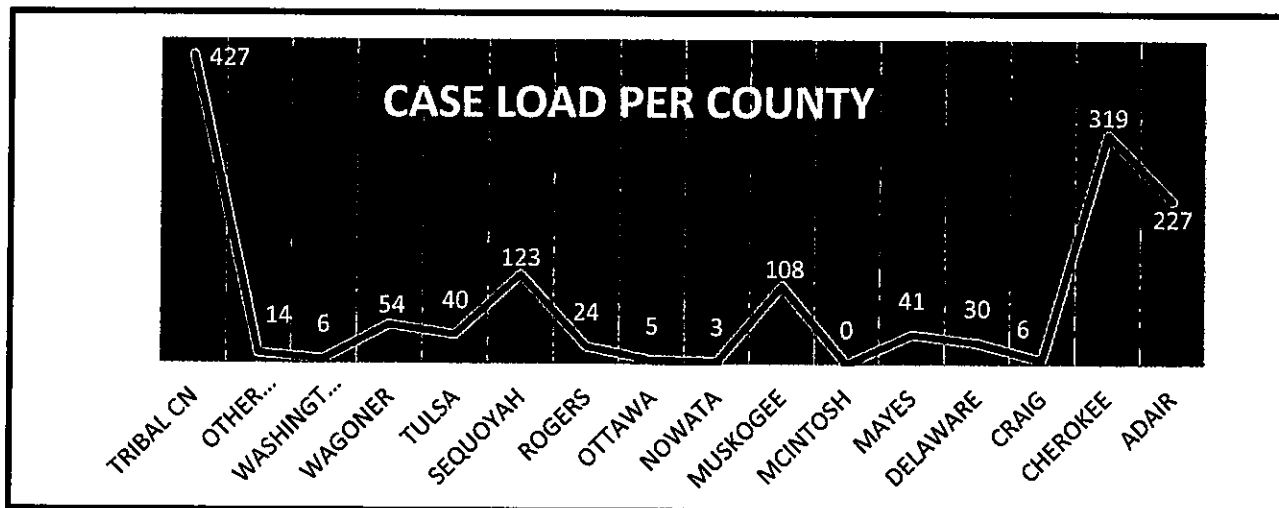
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	

Sept. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 253,314.00
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Total Client Contacts	2,226
Total Court Hearings	82
Total Active Efforts Case	964
Total Case Assessments for Service	2
Total Applications Distributed	35

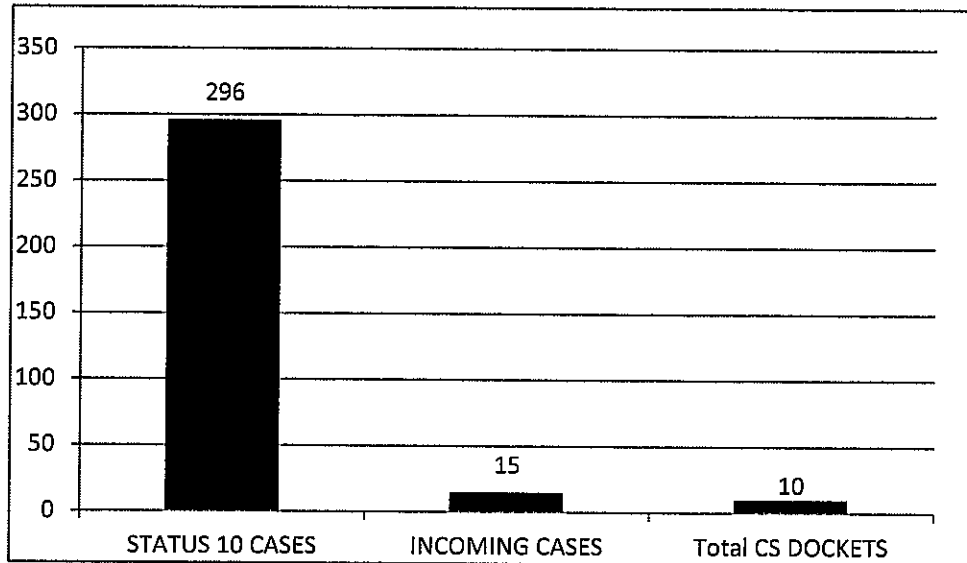


*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections



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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support services continues with day to day operations of the main child support functions of establishing paternity and child support orders, completing modification of orders and working towards ensuring cases are paying regular child support payments to the custodial parties and children involved. The program has continued to work on getting out of two different child support database systems and utilizing our internal MTS system. We have a few goals that we are working on finalizing by the end of the fiscal year so we can make sure our collections remain consistent. One is working with the state on an agreement to continue with our state and federal tax offset collections which the last quarter they were unable to do these so there was a small decline in collections. The goal is to get this going by Jan 1 so will be ready for tax season again. The next step is to make sure we receive FPLS access through the Federal Child Support office as soon as possible to keep up with employment changes and wages of the parties involved in a case. The office is still in process of hiring an individual for a filing clerk out of our Tahlequah office. The office recently hired a Jacklyn Hamil to be our new CS specialist that will be located in the Pryor Human Services office.



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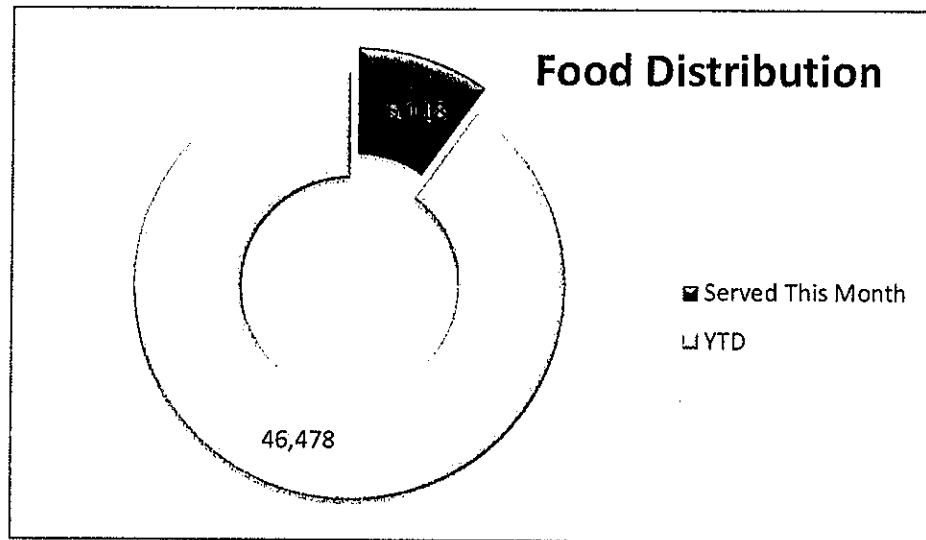
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

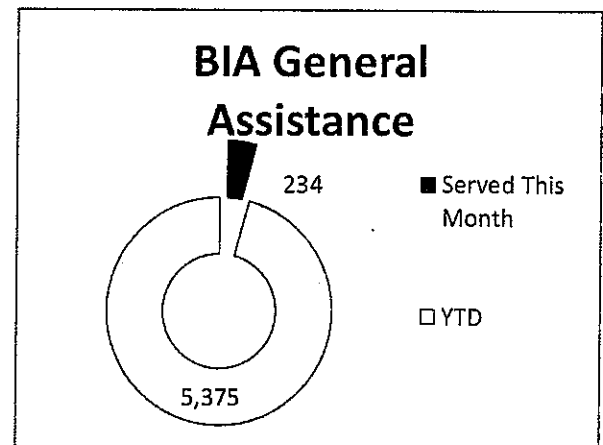
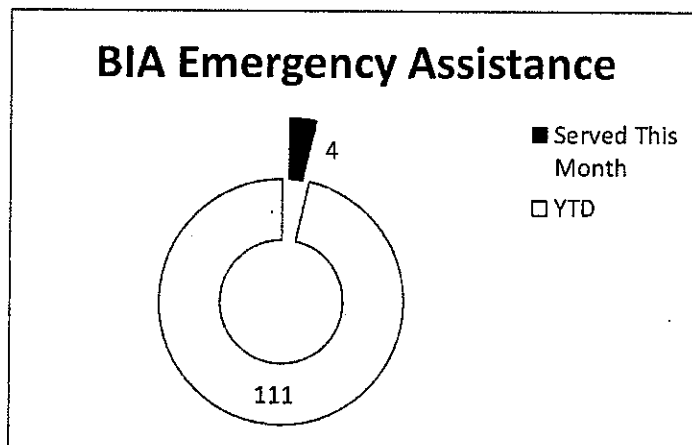
Number of Employees	103
Number of Vacancies	7
Number of Volunteers	39

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

Food Distribution :



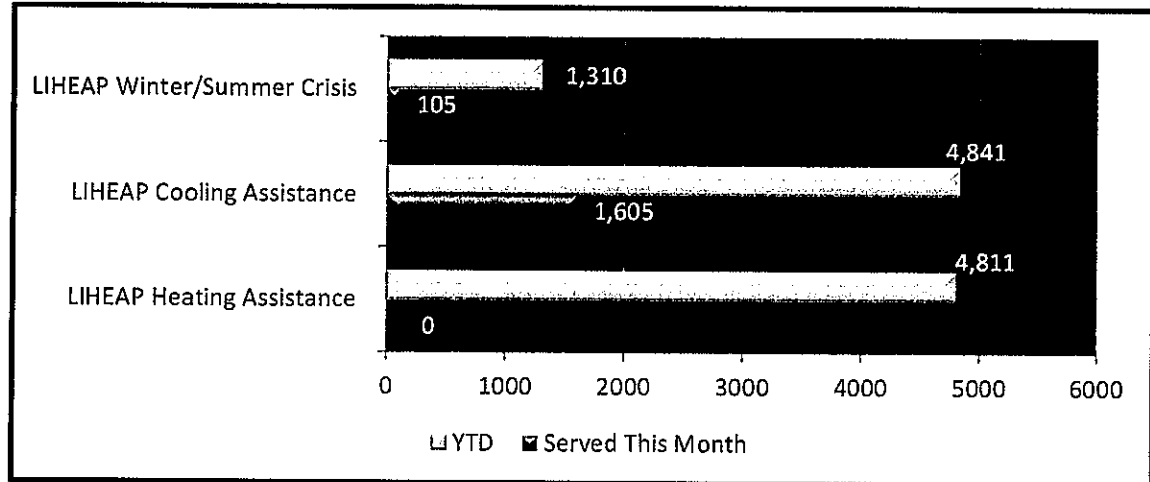
BIA Social Services :



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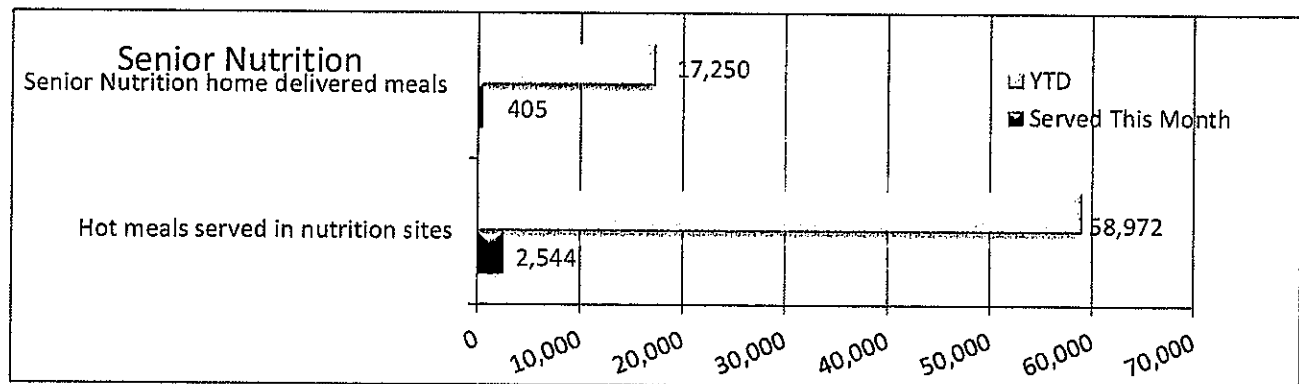
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LIHEAP:

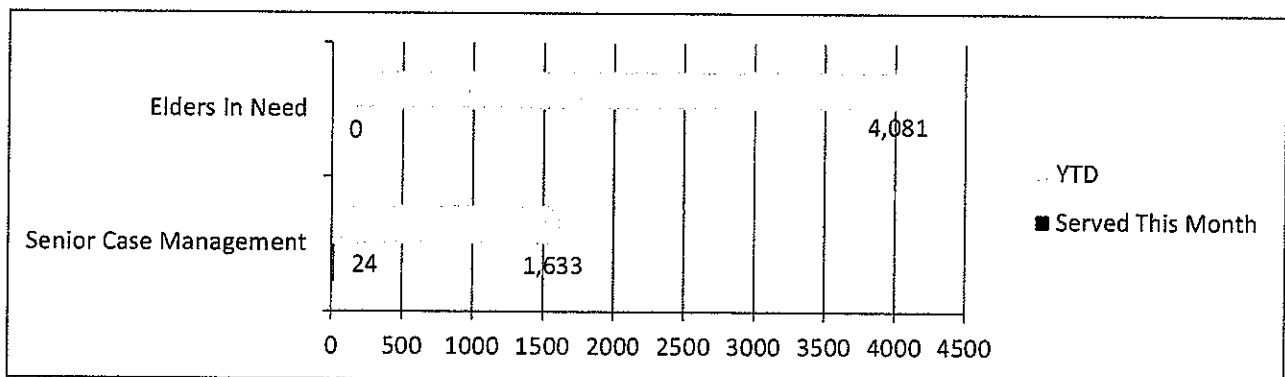


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April



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



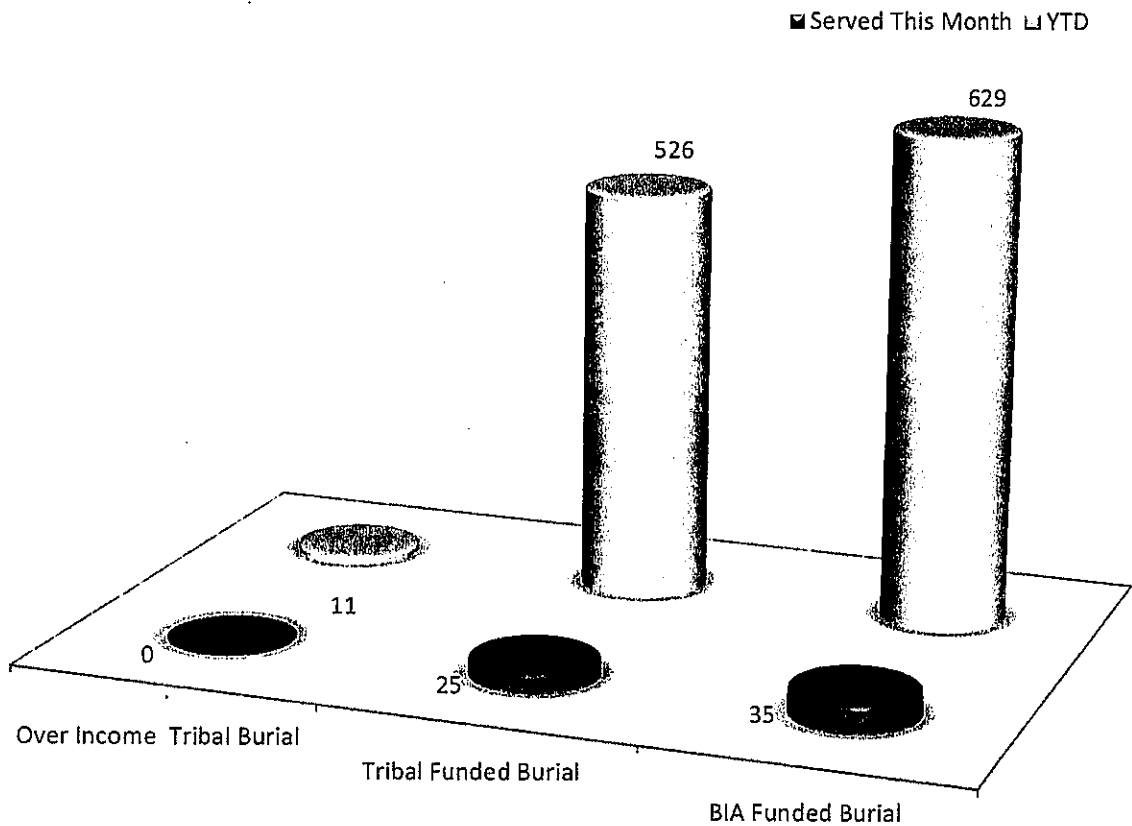
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Burial Assistance :

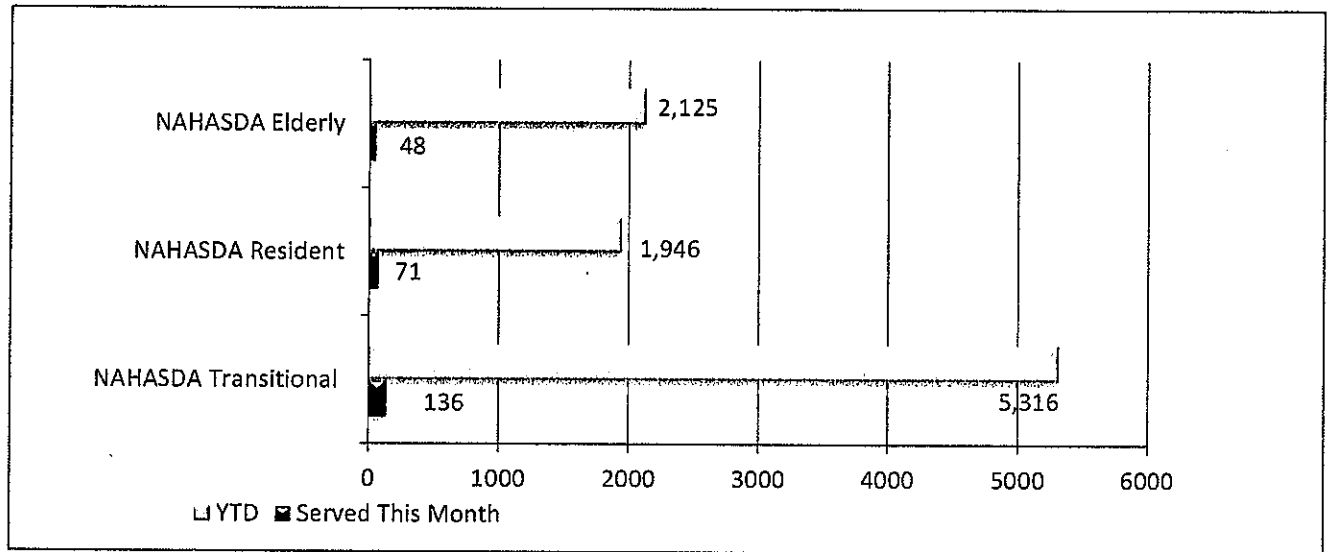
Burial - Clients Served



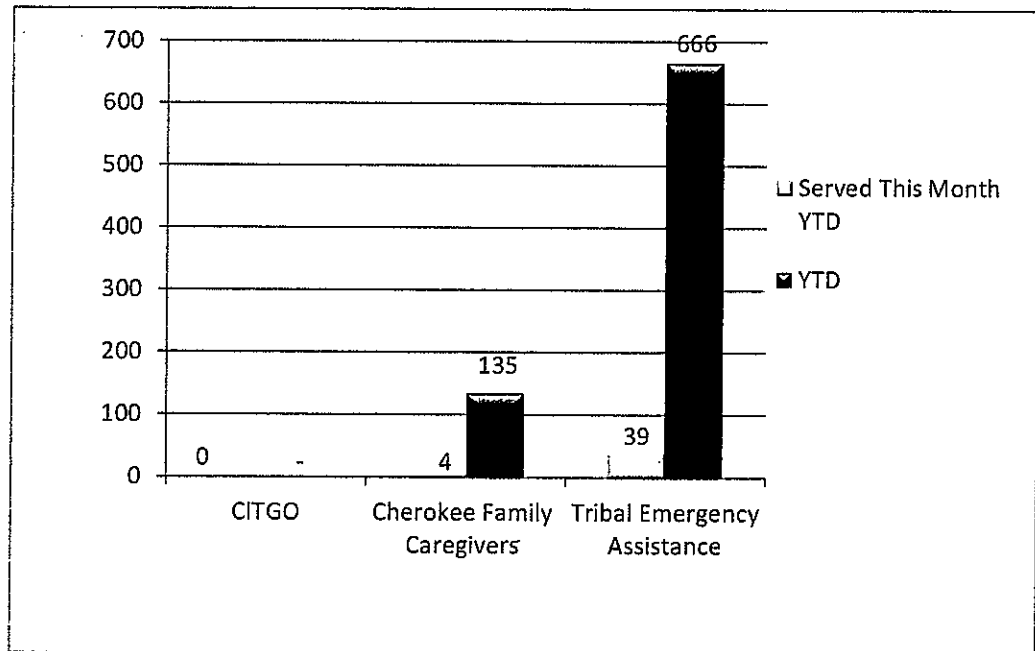
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NAHASDA :



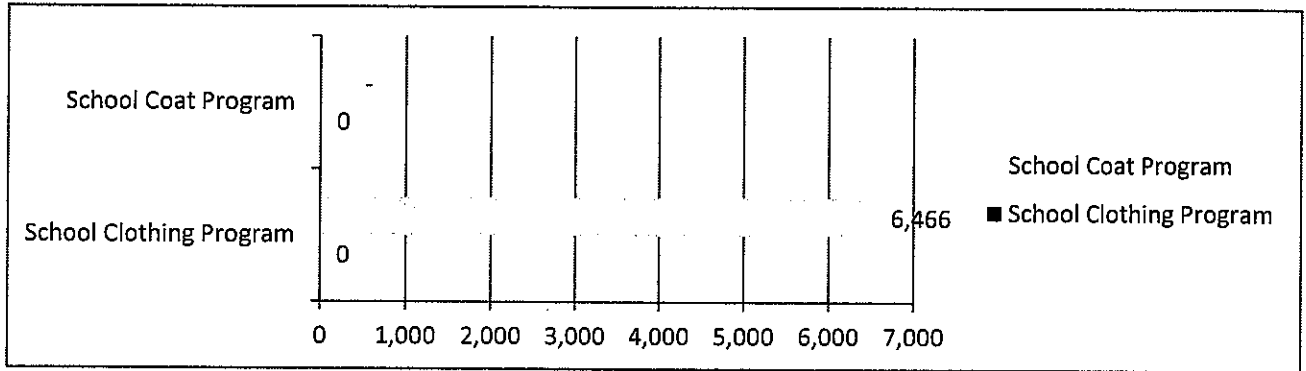
Family Assistance :



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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

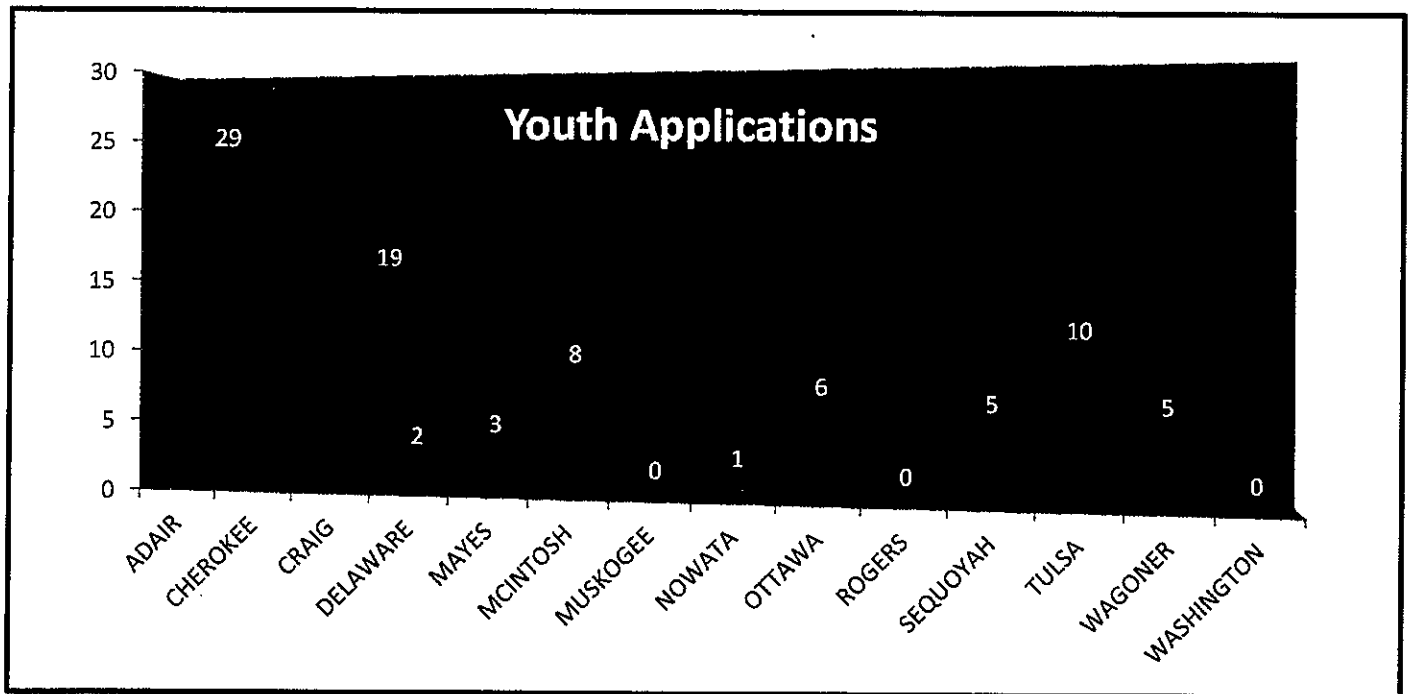
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

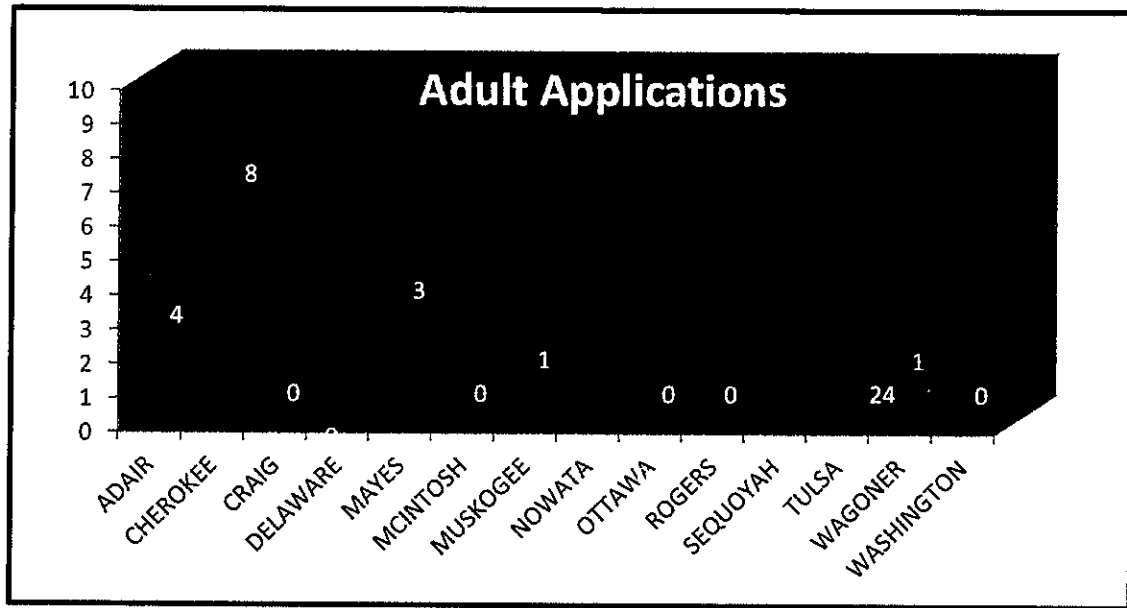
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,578
Total Applications Taken	107

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	172
Total Adult	23

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

September	\$ 21,400.00
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Number of Employees	270
Number of Vacancies	19
Number of Volunteers	39

Human Services Announcements:

Council Notes:



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services

Month/Year of Report: October 2017

**Executive
Director:**

Ron Qualls

Phone:

E-mail:

I. Budget Highlights

1. Working on awarding contracts for Well Drilling, Septic/Aerobic systems and road bores
2. Requesting to carryover \$146,897 in encumbered Tribal funds (1010432) for projects that weren't completed as of 10/1.

Project	Vendor	PO#	Amount to carry forward
12" Transmission line and booster pump	Muskogee Co RWD # 7	197735	\$ 27,487.31
Systemwide Improvement Project	Cherokee Co RWD # 7	196707	\$ 10,500.00
2 Mile Rd and 6 Mile Rd WL Projects	Muskogee Co RWD # 7	204995	\$ 93,500.00
Phase II Waterline Engineering	Delaware Co RWD # 11	205886	\$ 15,410.00
		Total	\$ 146,897.31

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 71 food handlers
2. Repaired 16 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 22 sewer and/or water facilities

b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 75% complete.
2. Construction on Lowrey Phase II in Cherokee Co 100% complete. Installing water service lines
3. Moodys Water Storage Tank in Cherokee Co approx. 80% complete.
4. Scheduling Pre-Construction meetings for Delaware RWD 11 and Muskogee RWD 7 projects.

c.) Future Plans

1. Working with CDC, Public Health Foundation and National Tribal Water Center on sampling for Snake Creek/Iron Post Area.
2. Hosting a water well assessment training for Tribal and IHS staff in November.
3. Attending the Oklahoma Society of Environmental Health Professionals meeting Nov1-2 in Stillwater.
4. Attending the Rural Community Assistance Partnership meeting in Washington DC in December.

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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>November, 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.

Whitney Blossom, daughter of Leonard Blossom 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.

Richard Solider, uncle of Cheryl Pritchett of HACN



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Nov 21 November Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Dec 14 December Regular BOC Meeting at 2:00 PM

Office Closures:

Nov 10 Veteran's Day

Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 14 HACN Staff Development & Christmas

Other Info:

Nov 14 - Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA)

15 Fall Quarterly Meeting

Dec 3-6 National American Indian Housing Council Legal Symposium

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

918-456-5482

800-837-2869

Employee Email is:

firstname.lastname@hacn.org

www.hacn.org

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

Current Program Participants:

			Rental Assistance				Homeownership		Loans		Totals	
County	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs	New Construction Homes	Title VI Mortgage Program	Assumable/ Other Mtg. Program	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants	
Adair	459	151	107	5	2	107	64	21	3	919	14%	
Cherokee	587	180	252	5	16	239	136	61	2	1,478	23%	
Craig	38	54	34	0	6	10	13	2	0	157	2%	
Delaware	316	117	84	0	9	72	100	25	5	728	11%	
McIntosh	16	N/A	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	24	0%	
Maries	225	123	54	2	5	58	42	11	1	521	8%	
Muskogee	113	49	53	2	1	49	47	13	0	327	5%	
Nowata	33	42	27	0	2	9	26	2	0	141	2%	
Ottawa	26	N/A	1	1	2	7	7	4	1	49	1%	
Rogers	143	69	167	5	10	79	33	49	3	558	9%	
Sequoyah	520	N/A	139	31	16	157	118	57	4	1,042	16%	
Tulsa	57	N/A	88	2	4	28	7	4	1	191	3%	
Wagoner	13	N/A	4	0	1	59	2	1	1	81	1%	
Washington	26	41	36	0	2	26	11	3	0	145	2%	
Total:	2,572	826	1,046	53	76	905	609	253	21	6,361	100%	
							1,175	1,514	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	4	3	1	12	142	318	185	9%	816	12%
Cherokee	150	3	1	47	22	272	580	427	22%	1,502	22%
Craig	47	1	1	3	1	40	23	56	3%	172	3%
Delaware	131	1	0	21	4	153	144	229	12%	683	10%
McIntosh	7	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	14	1%	25	0%
Maries	101	2	1	11	13	85	153	147	8%	513	8%
Muskogee	57	1	0	11	1	61	145	143	7%	419	6%
Nowata	39	0	0	6	1	34	28	52	3%	160	2%
Ottawa	12	0	0	2	0	N/A	11	23	1%	48	1%
Rogers	66	1	1	24	1	28	228	194	10%	543	8%
Sequoyah	173	2	3	22	10	N/A	419	252	13%	881	13%
Tulsa	71	1	0	24	3	N/A	308	156	8%	563	8%
Wagoner	25	0	0	1	1	N/A	31	30	2%	88	1%
Washington	42	1	0	20	1	98	74	43	2%	279	4%
Total:	1,072	17	10	193	70	913	2,466	1,951	100%	6,692	100%



Tribal HUD - VASH

VA Supportive Housing Program

	Applications			Assistance	Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List		Total	% of Participants
County						
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Cherokee	1	0	0	3	4	29%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	7%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayes	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	1	1	0	2	4	29%
Sequoyah	0	2	0	3	5	36%
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total:	2	3	0	9	14	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:
Sept, 2017

County	Applications		Processing							Construction		Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing	Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete			
Adair	128	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	20	8	64	0	30	64
Cherokee	339	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	47	22	136	0	50	136
Craig	36	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	13	0	7	13
Delaware	172	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	15	24	100	2	19	100
McIntosh	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	3
Mayes	112	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	16	4	42	0	19	42
Muskogee	125	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	47	2	15	47
Nowata	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	0	1	26
Ottawa	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Rogers	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	33	0	5	33
Sequoyah	213	0	3	5	0	0	0	1	22	2	118	3	28	118
Tulsa	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	7
Wagoner	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	2
Washington	43	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	11
Total:	1,614	0	7	20	3	0	4	3	151	66	609	7	181	609
		7						181			675		66	609

STAGE I:
Copies of Deed(s), etc.
Check Floodmaps/Floodplain
Identify Utility Companies
Contact for Site Inspection

STAGE II:
Visit Site
Identify/Propose Site Plan
Identify/Propose Utilities
Identify/Propose Lateral Field
Identify/Propose Easement(s)
Deliver Utility Assurance Letters
Request Abstract from participant

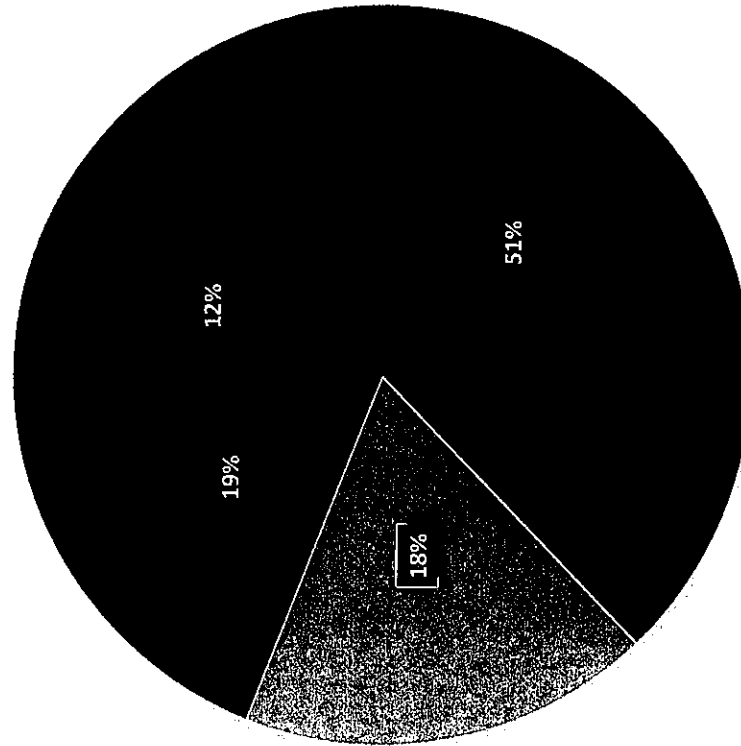
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Month Ending:
September, 2017

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Replacement Homes Under Contract	13
Out for Bid/Pending	56
Contracts Awarded	20
Contracts Completed	21

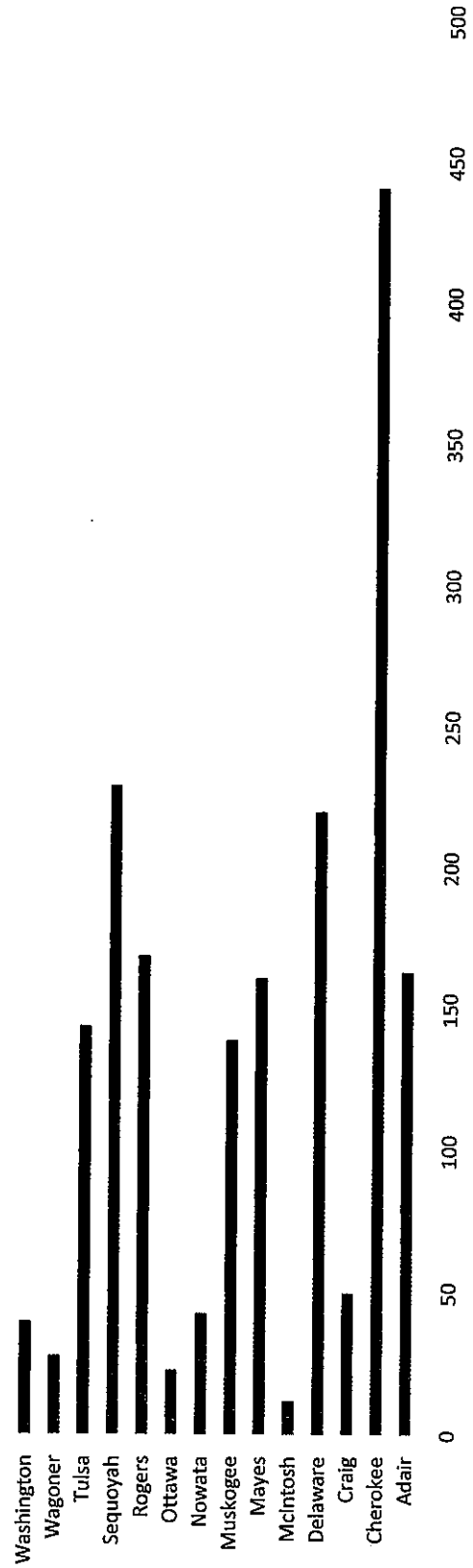
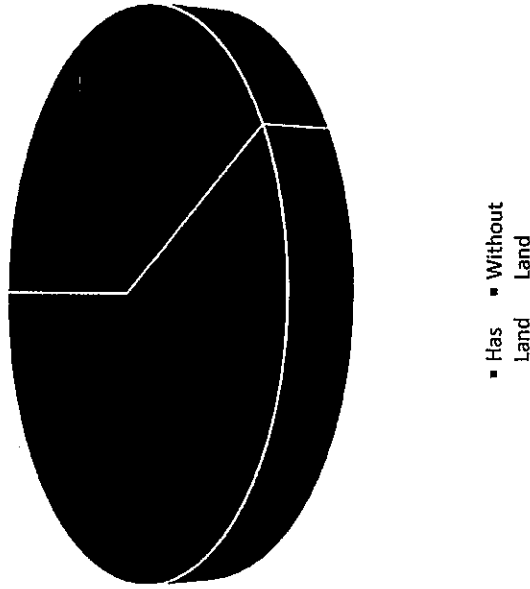


- Replacement Homes Under Contract
- Out for Bid/Pending
- ▣ Contracts Awarded
- Contracts Completed

New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

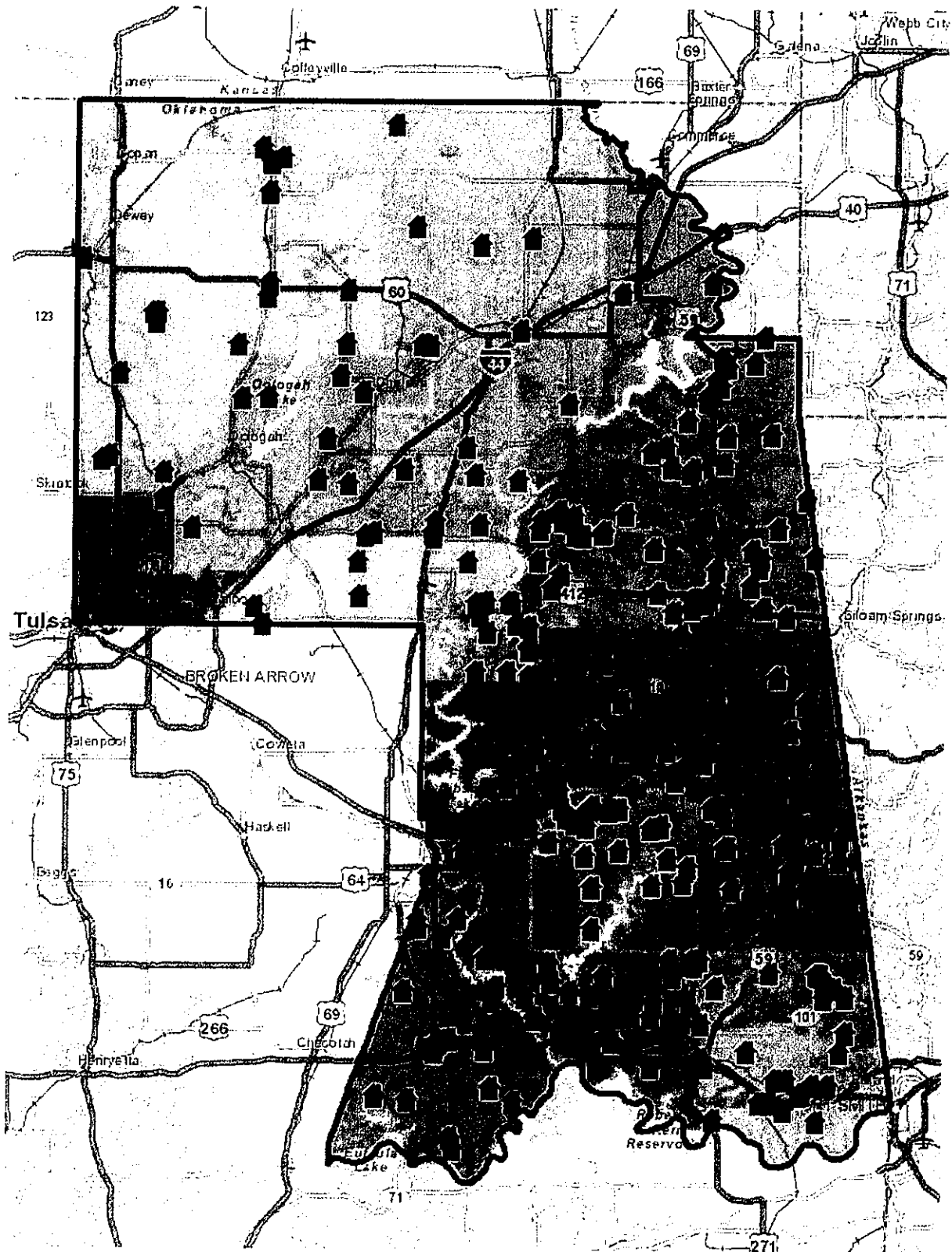
By Has Land/Does not have land:

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



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:** Nov 2017

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

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell North – Red Plains sent final exhibits on June 21, 2017.
2. Bell School South – In process of Right of Way acquisition.
3. Bidding Springs Road - Survey is currently in progress. Design to begin when survey completed.
4. Bunch Road – Currently in bridge design.
5. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts Has started acquisition.
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. Honey Hill Phase I –T. McDonald Construction has been awarded the contract. Pre-work meeting held on site October 23, 2017. Construction anticipated to begin November 27, 2017.
9. Lyon South Road - Design is at 90% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers has finalized H&H and submitted to CNDOT design.
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. The appraisal process for r/w acquisition has begun by the r/w firm of Guy Engineering.
14. Sally Bull Hollow – Project on hold pending outcome of level III archeological report.
15. Smith Hollow – Red Plains is revising the utility exhibits and easements.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Hulbert-Lost City (Grace Huddlen) –Right of Way is currently at 83.3% (35 parcels out of 42 acquired). Five of the remaining parcels are Restricted Indian Land and r/w packets were submitted to RES on May 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- Construction plans are at 90% stage and have been reviewed by the second level engineer (CGA Engineers). CGA has also submitted the Traffic Signal Control Plans 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. Guy submitted an updated timeline, and stated that all appraisals will be completed by November 24, 2017. Acquisition will begin thereafter.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS-4340 Road –Utility relocation in process.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is -44.8% complete. Contract 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 July 18, 2017. Appraiser is finishing appraisals. Right of Way is preparing parcel folders to begin r/w acquisition in the next few months.

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chimney Rock – R/W acquisition is almost complete. 2 parcels out of 27 total parcels remain to be acquired.

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. Right of Way completed title research for all property owners.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dwight Mission/Sequoyah Landing Road – Project is currently under construction - 99% complete.
2. Moonshine Road – Notice to Proceed issued September 5, 2017. Project is under construction. Project is -15% complete.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

The 6 gasoline vans contracted with John Vance Auto have an estimated delivery date of December 12, 2017.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 152 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 794 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 87 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 86 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 203 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 39 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 423 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 304 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 10 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 8,354

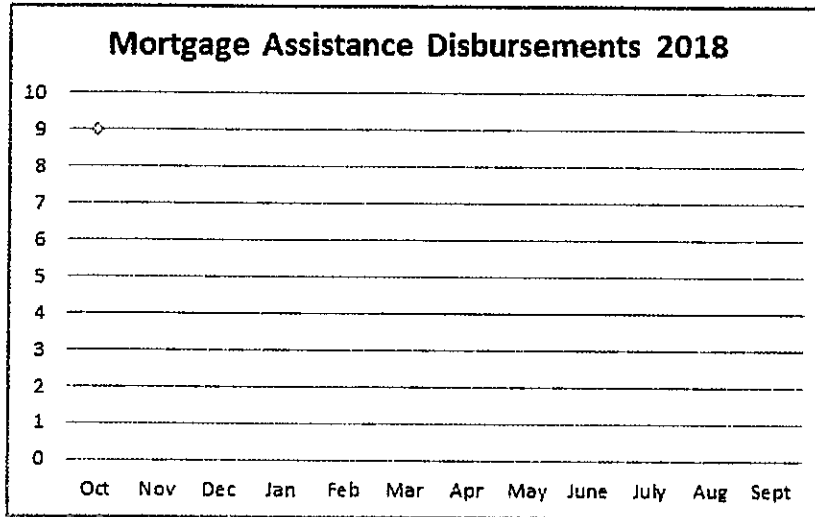
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Commerce Group

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

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Mortgage Assistance Program

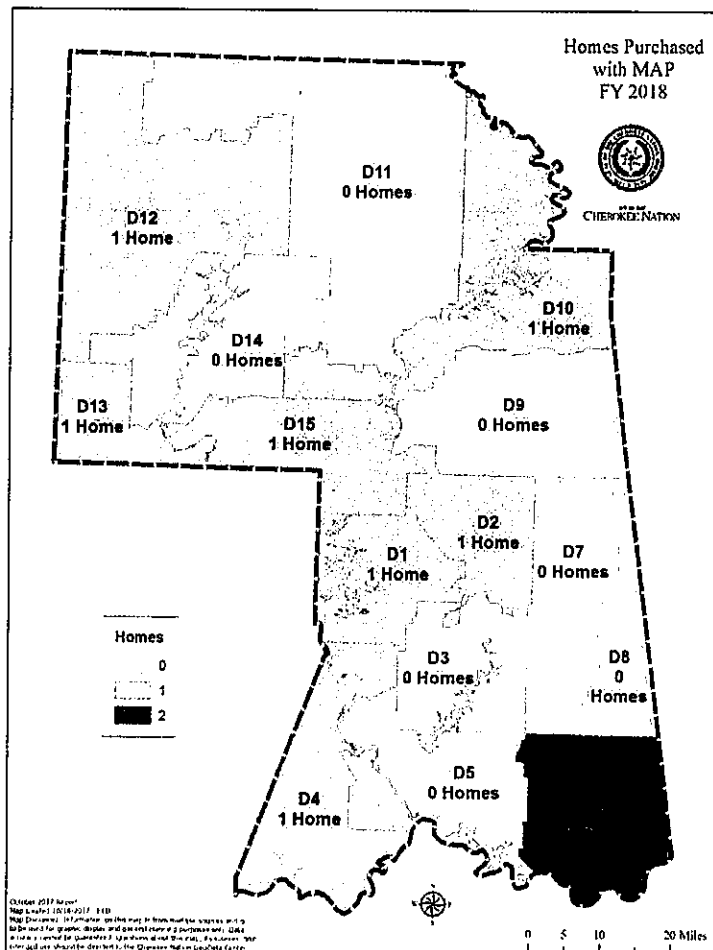


9 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

5 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$28,730.00
Home Price	\$96,222.22



The **Mortgage Assistance Program policy change** was effective September 13, 2017. Significant changes include a revised first time homebuyer definition, maximum home purchase price of \$150,000 and tiered rates of down payment assistance ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. During FY18, the prioritization policy is in place meaning in order to receive financial assistance a household must actively participate in credit coaching for at least 8 months and have applied before 10/01/17.

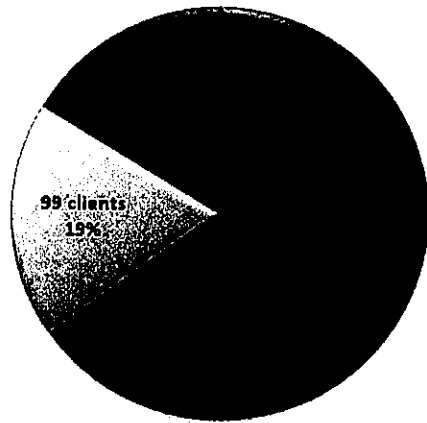
The **iSave policy change** was also effective September 13, 2017. Significant changes include a match rate of 3:1, elimination of the MAP IDA program, and conversion of existing MAP IDAs to rehab individual development accounts allowing more flexibility for use of matching funds.

The home buying process can be confusing but my coach helped break it down and made it less stressful.

**A. Rice, Delaware County
MAP recipient**

Home Buying and Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



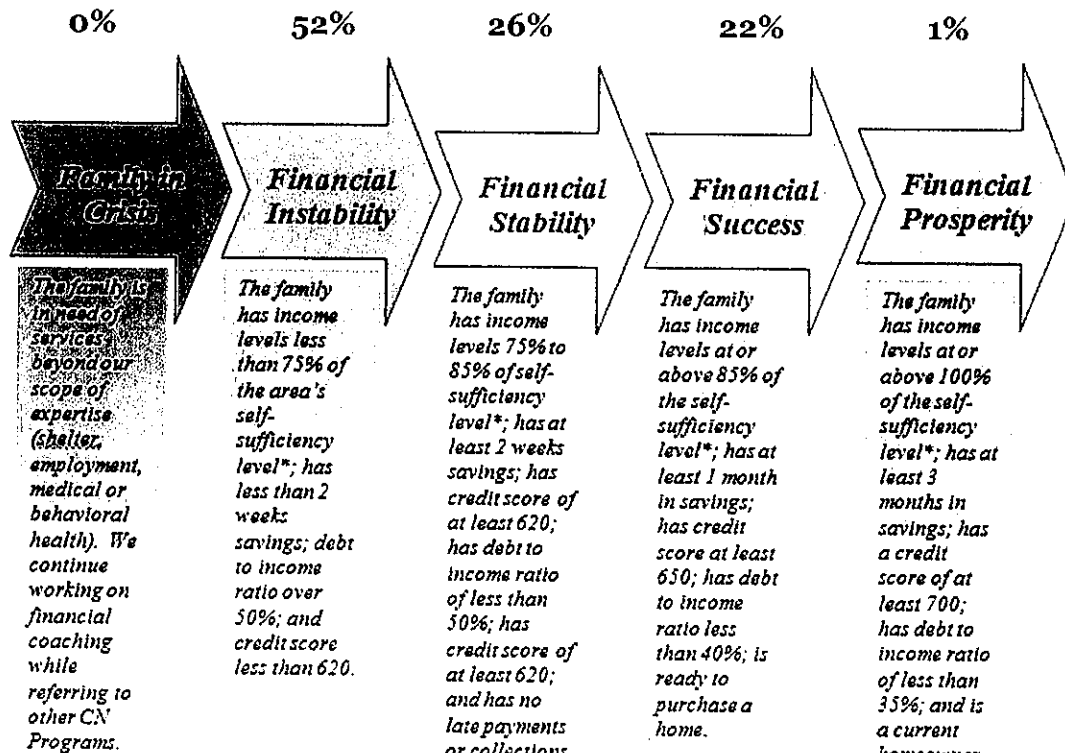
- Short Term less than 12 months
- Long Term from 1 to 3 years
- Mortgage Ready capable in 90 days
- Applications Pending Eligibility

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

Since FY07, 809 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

6 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>

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

450 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 22% financial success
- 26% financially stable
- 52% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	11 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	30.20%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	2.2%

6 consumer loans totaling \$76,846.12 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of October 1st.

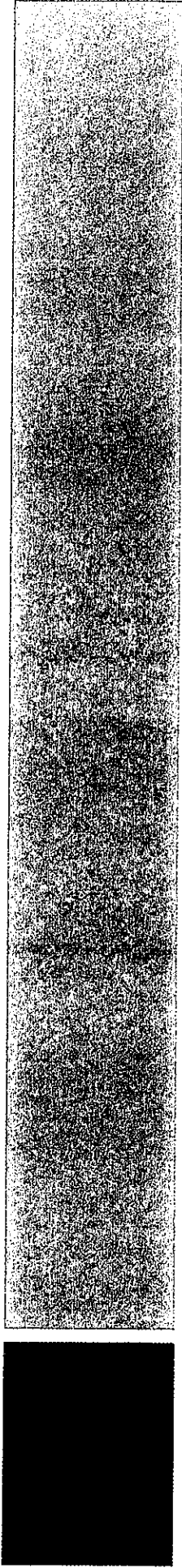
408 families are actively saving in iSave for home rehabilitation or home purchase. iSave is a *matched savings program* wherein income eligible families save a certain amount of money over a period of time and the iSave program matches the families' savings to build financial assets.

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **9 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 **22 people have attended community and work based financial education classes**.

Training Schedule

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
November 6-8	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 7-9	Jay	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 13-15	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 15	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Prep for Life Events
November 20-21	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 21	Claremore	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Financial Prep for Life Events
December 4-6	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 11-13	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 13	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Fraud
December 18-20	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 20	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Types of Fraud



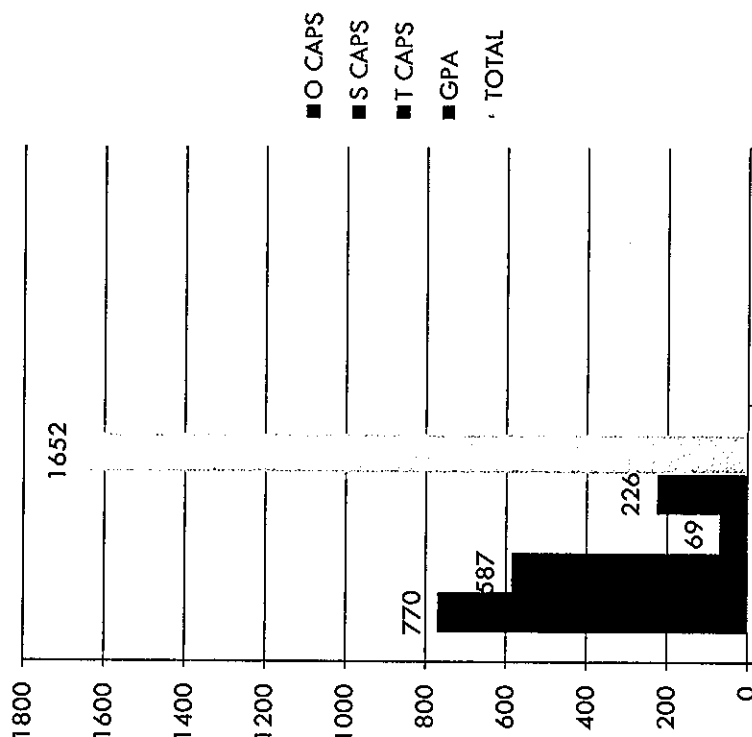
CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT September 2017

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of September:
1,652 Children

with Assigned ICW Workers

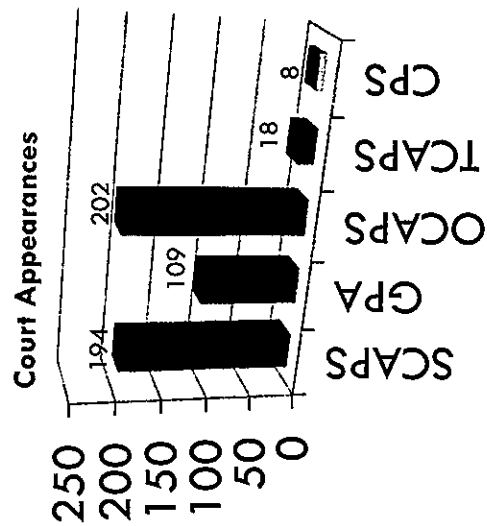


Programs with court interaction

- ☐ **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.

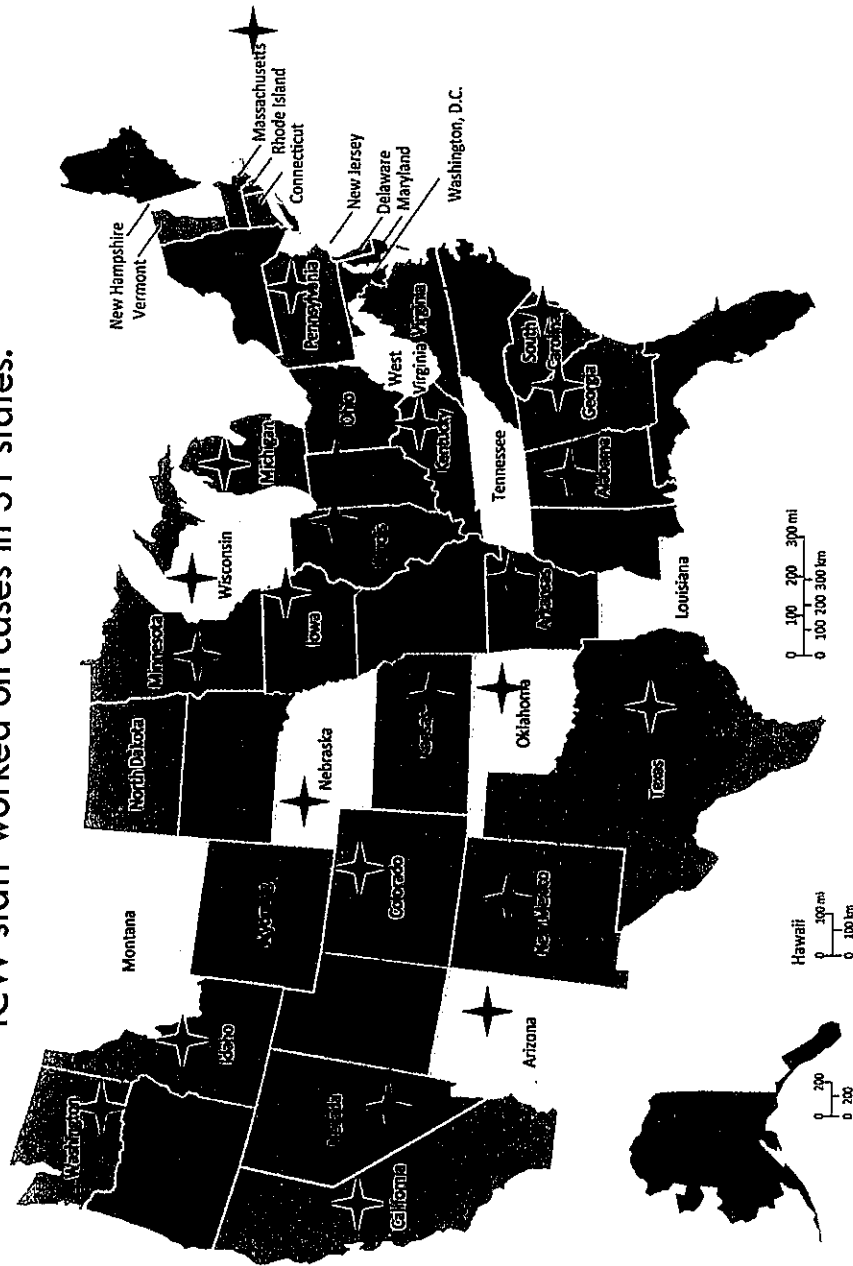
Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

In September:
Indian Child Welfare workers
went to court 531 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. Currently, with six case workers processing approximately 200-300 pieces of mail, per month, response times may vary due to vacancies and depending on amount of mail received. The tribe has a goal of responding between 45-60 days.

Month of September

Cherokee Nation received:

- ❑ State of Oklahoma – 490 notices involving 793 children
- ❑ Outside of Oklahoma – 818 notices for 1,178 children.
- ❑ Totaling – 1,971 children and 1,308 notices.
- ❑ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 57 days.

Prevention and Intervention

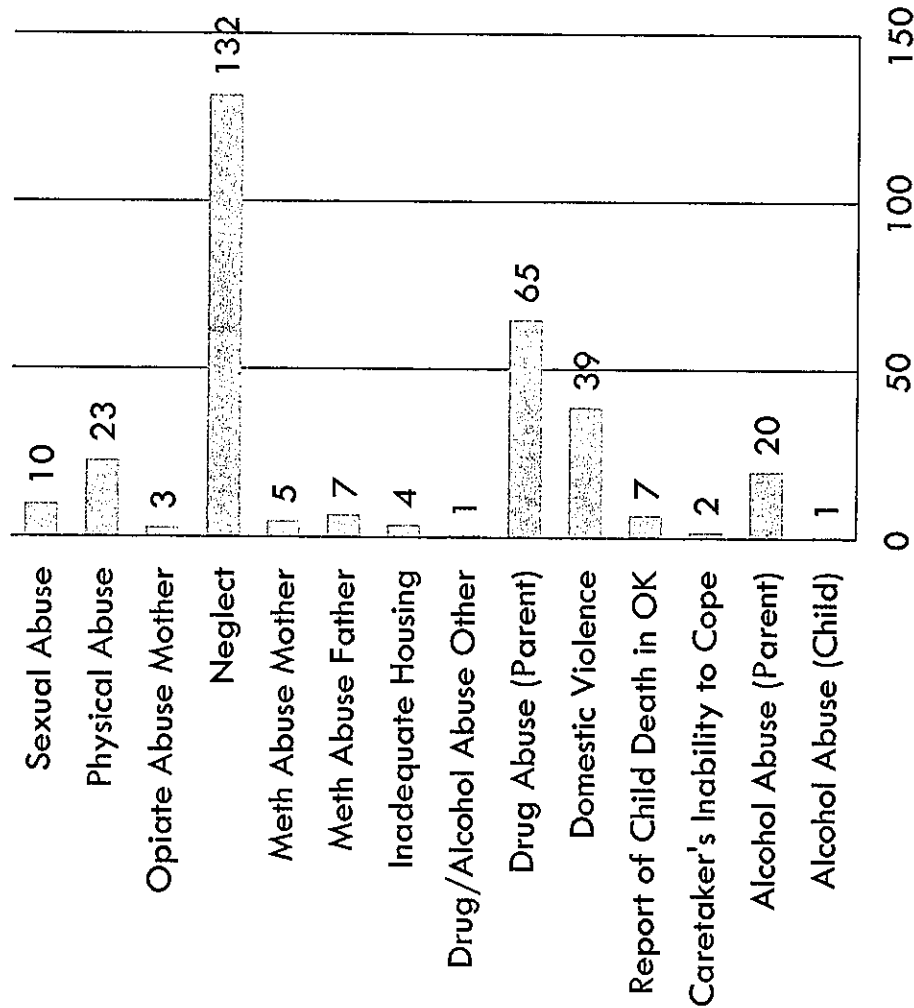
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 45 children and 32 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



Month of September

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 304 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 304 referrals involved 469 children
 - 1 of the 304 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 10 of the 304 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 2 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

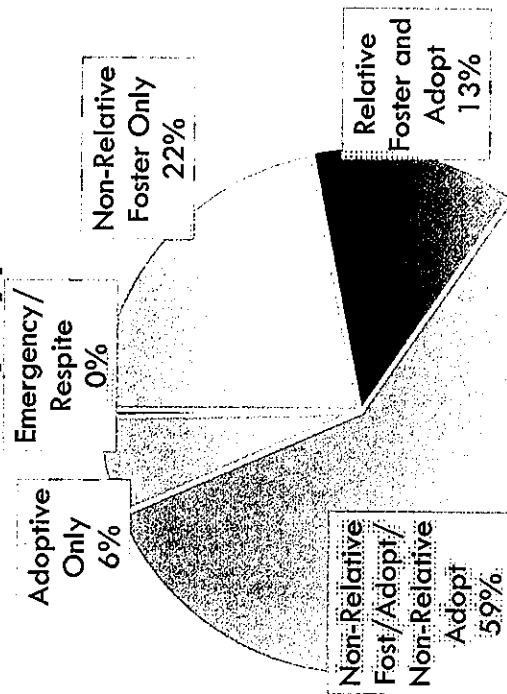
*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect

CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Homes by Type



Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

Non-Relative Adoptive: Families who hope to adopt children when the children's parents' rights are terminated. These homes do not take foster placements.

Non-Relative Foster/Adopt: Families who take foster placement of children knowing their parental rights are not terminated and they could return home, but if they don't the placement family will have the first chance to adopt them.

Non-Relative Foster: Families who are willing to take in children they do not know on a temporary basis, but may last years. These families usually do not adopt children.

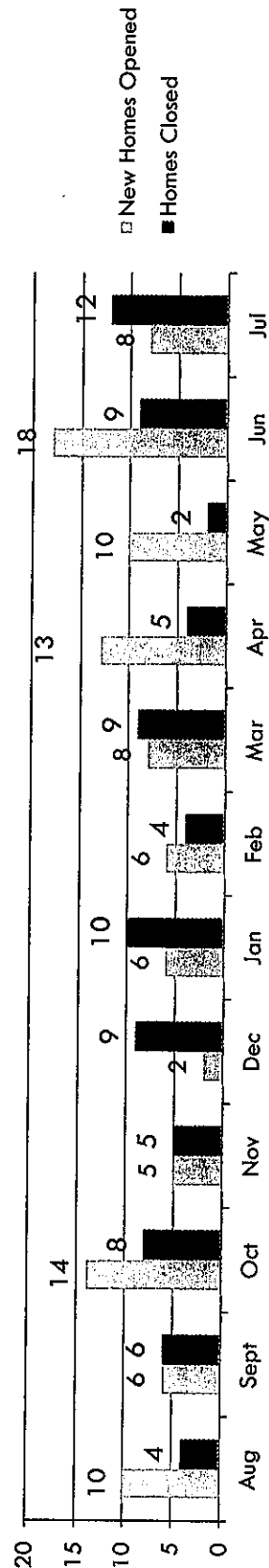
Relative Adoptive/Foster: Families who are related to the children and are fostering them or planning to adopt them. They do not take in children they are not related to.

Emergency/Respite: Families that take very short-term placement of children while more permanent placements are sought or when only a short-term placement is needed.

Certification Homes by Type

198 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories

- 50 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
- 29 Relative Foster and Adoptive
- 134 Non-Relative Foster/Adopt, Non-Relative Adoptive
- 14 Adoptive Only Home
- 1 Emergency/Respite



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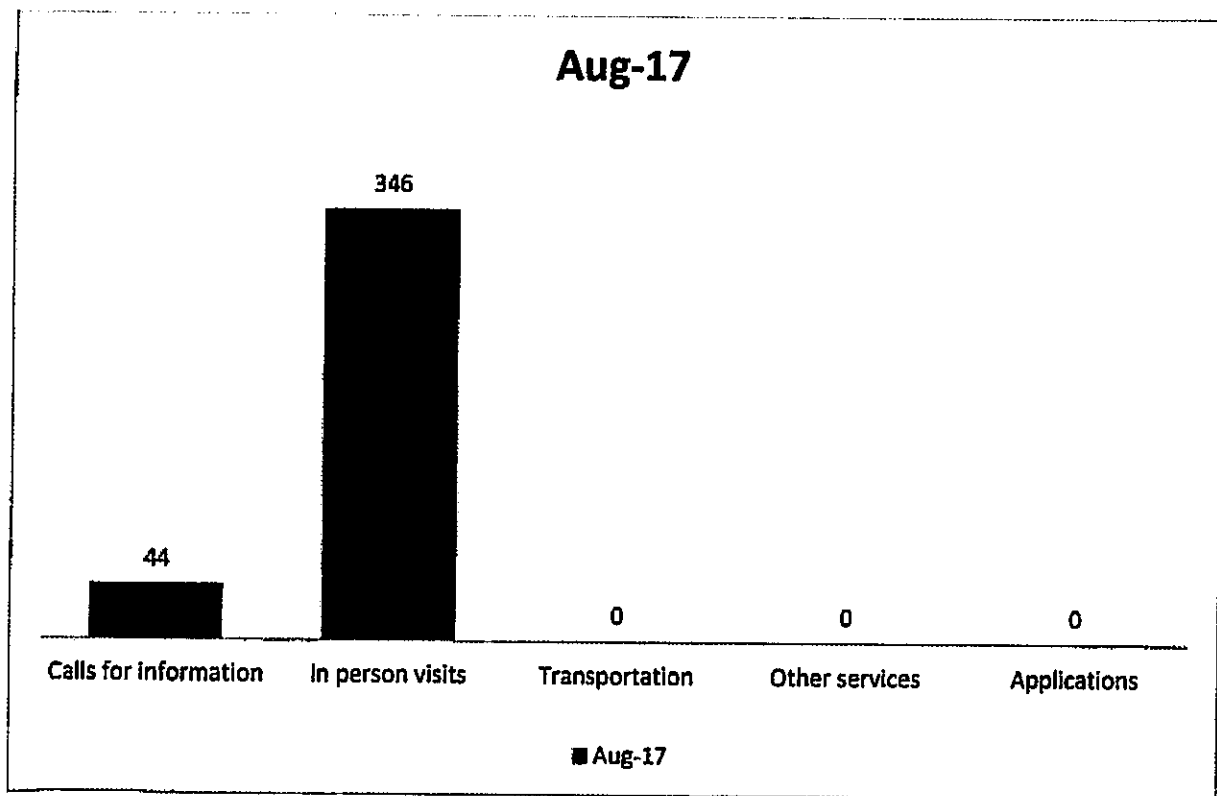
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Cherokee Nation

Office of Veteran Affairs

August 2017

Office of Veteran Affairs Report and Announcements:

Transition and organization.

Meeting with GIS on the bricks.

Preparing documents for hiring of new staff.

Council Notes:

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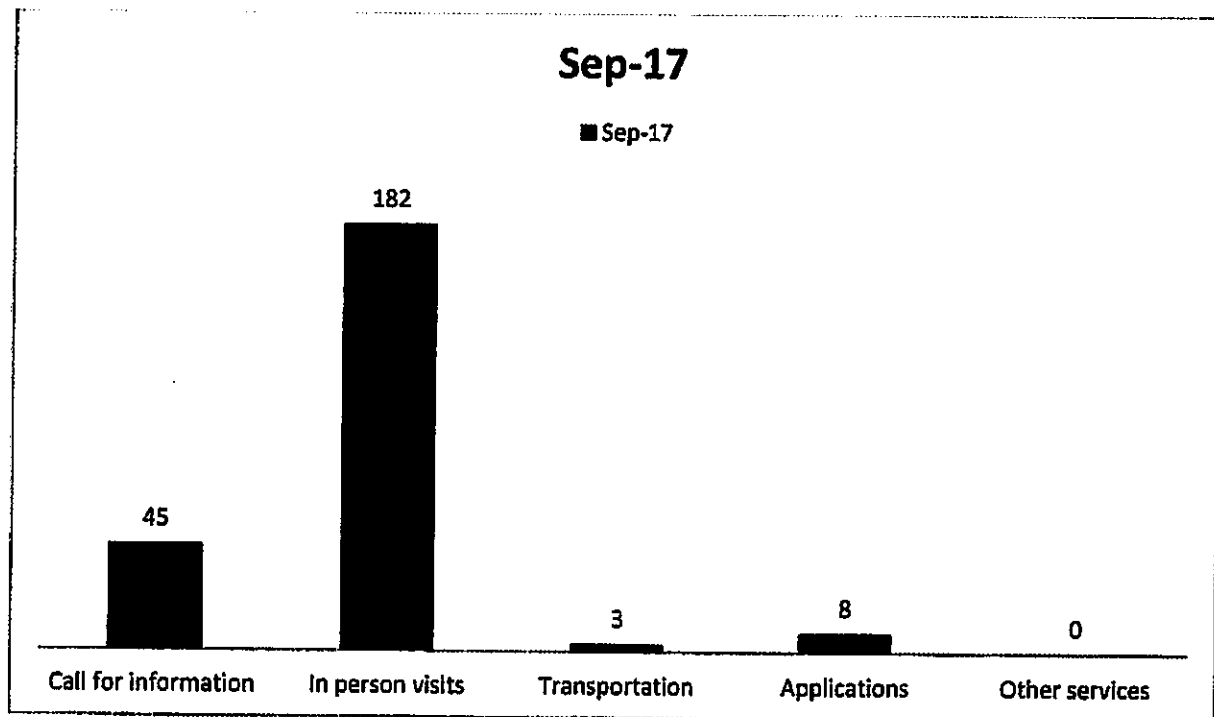
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Office of Veteran Affairs

September 2017

Office of Veteran Affairs Report and Announcements:

Completed the Warrior Flight

Visit to the National Cemetery- Ft. Gibson to view kiosk

Completed paperwork for staff to be hired

Meeting with GIS on the bricks and talked with Lisa Trice-Turtle for assistance on brick project from the youth council.

Cherokee Holiday Veteran event.

Council Notes:

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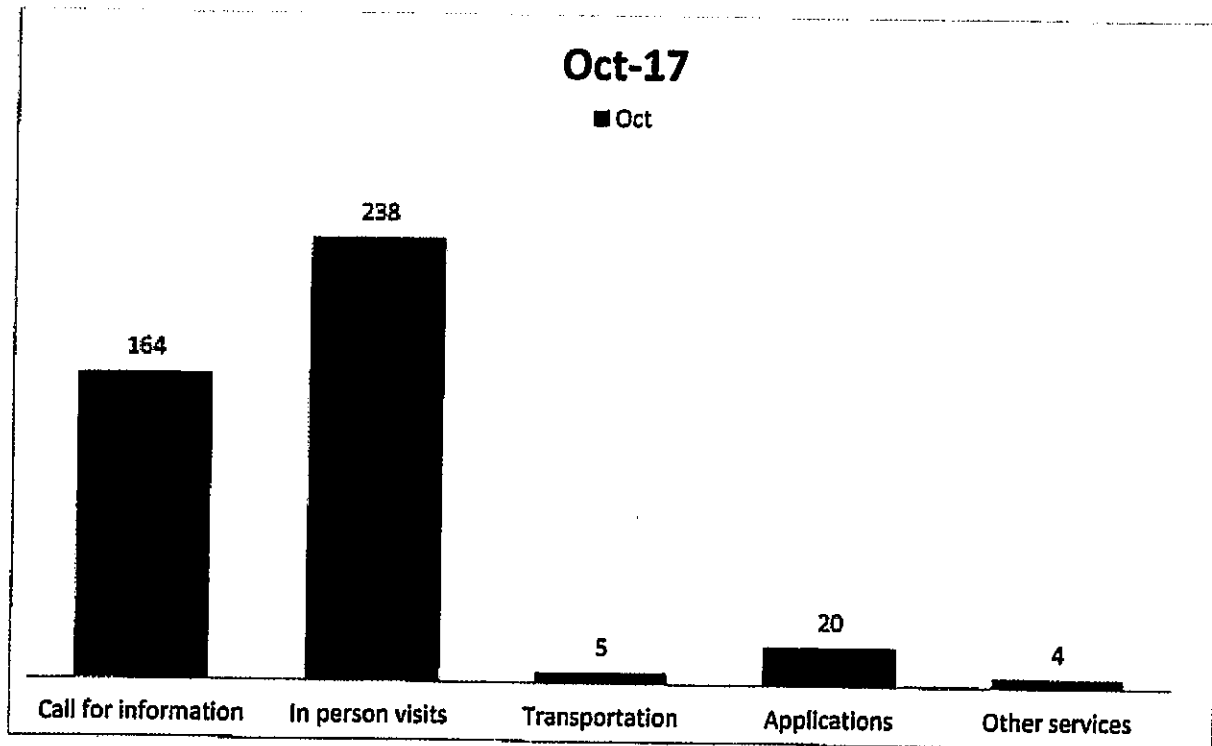
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Office of Veterans Affairs

October 2017





Office of Veteran Affairs

October 2017

Office of Veteran Affairs Report and Announcements:

Attended Chickasaw Veteran Lodge ribbon cutting.

Received all records regarding the Medal of Patriotism and past Warrior Flights from HS. Staff onboard and doing a great job.

Planning a partnership with Fishing and Wildlife, Health Services, Joe Thornton Archery Range and Education Services –Veterans Appreciation Day, Nov. 9.

Planning a lunch for the Veterans employed by the Cherokee Nation to receive feedback on activities they would like to see at the Veterans center , including the Veteran employee lunch-Nov.3 at 12:00pm.

Planning a bingo for the Veterans to see if we will have participation and if this project will be feasible to continue monthly- Nov. 30 evening. We have a sponsor for first bingo.

Delivered furniture to a Veteran in need.

Staff will be attending training from the State Veteran Affairs in Nov.

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Community & Cultural Outreach

Community Report for October 2017

Rob Daugherty – Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program staff for the month of October 2017.



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in October

Number of Community
Organizations Assisted
in October

13

Received a total of hours of Capacity Building training

The total number of capacity building hours is calculated using the number of leaders from each organization, the number of hours of that training (both classroom and individualized) and any travel time those leaders may have incurred to attend. These are all combined in this number and can be compared to any other month or year.

170

Number of hours of capacity
building training received by
community leaders

As a reward for completing all 2017 COTTA Capacity Building Grant documentation and attended the required trainings hours, COTTA staff hosted four community organization on a Community Mobile Tour on October 14th. This tour highlighted several of the historical locations in the northern parts of the Cherokee nation as well as the great work of many of the community organizations in that area.

As part of our Technology Thursdays series, October was devoted to using You Tube. This can be an important tool for non-profits for increasing their board capacity to fund raising for projects and programs. This webinar has been viewed 32 times since its broadcast on October 12th.



Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in October

Adair County Historical & Genealogical Asso (D7&8)	Illinois River Community Organization* (D2)
Brushy Community Fire Corps* (D6)	Marble City Community Organization (D5&6)
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)
Cherokee National Historical Society (D1)	No We Ta Cherokee Community (D12)
Cherokee National Treasures Association (D1)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	Westville Sr. Nutrition* (D7&8)
Family Support Center of Oaks (D2&9)	

* indicates an organization new to the program (D7) indicates the Council Districts served by the organization

The COTTA staff was contacted by three organizations new to the COTTA program in October. These organization serve Cherokees in Districts 2, 6, 7 and 8.



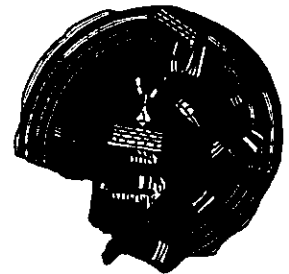
Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

In our continuing First Tuesday Cultural Series, our Outreach staff hosted Jim Cosby on October 10th. Mr. Cosby shared his knowledge of the Cherokee Chunkey Game as well as other traditional games. – 16 Attended

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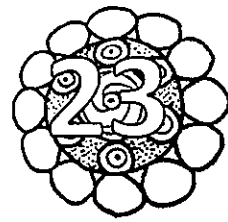
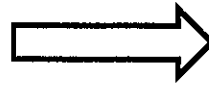
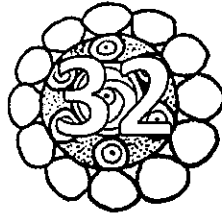
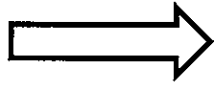
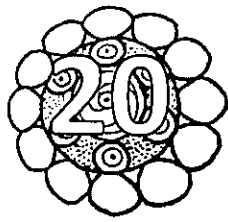
Number attending the First Tuesday Cultural Series

On October 26th, staff hosted an In District Cultural Presentation at the Lost City for Council District 1. Jess Oosahwee provided a presentation on Blowguns, Darts and beadwork. We had 40 people in attendance at this event.



Volunteer Program

In October the Volunteer Program staff host one group of 20 volunteers from Missouri. This group is primarily a Methodist men's group that is comprised of skilled construction workers. In four days they completed 23 projects for five of our elders and one community organization in Cherokee and Sequoyah Counties.



Volunteers

Hours of Service

Completed Projects

These volunteers built handicap ramps, replaced flooring, installed storm doors and ceiling fans as well as building a storage shed, running electricity and hanging drywall.

Future Initiatives

1. Scoring proposals for the COTTA Capacity Building Grant