

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

January 2018

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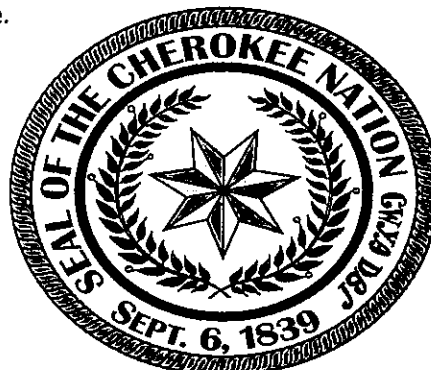
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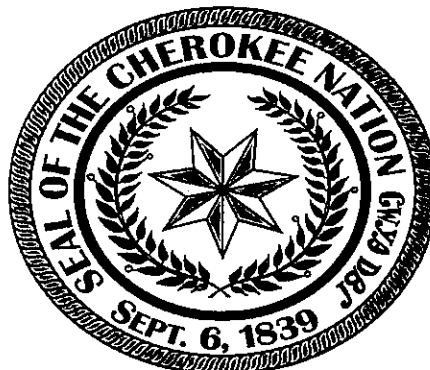
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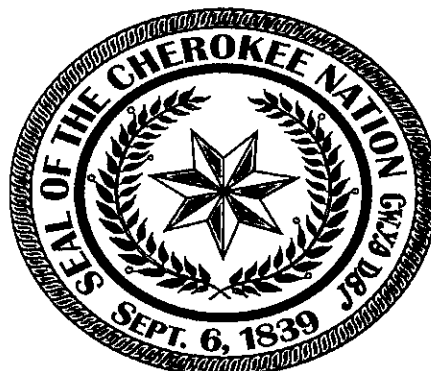
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Number of Employees	276
Number of Vacancies	26
Number of Volunteers	24

Human Services Announcements:

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year from Human Services!



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

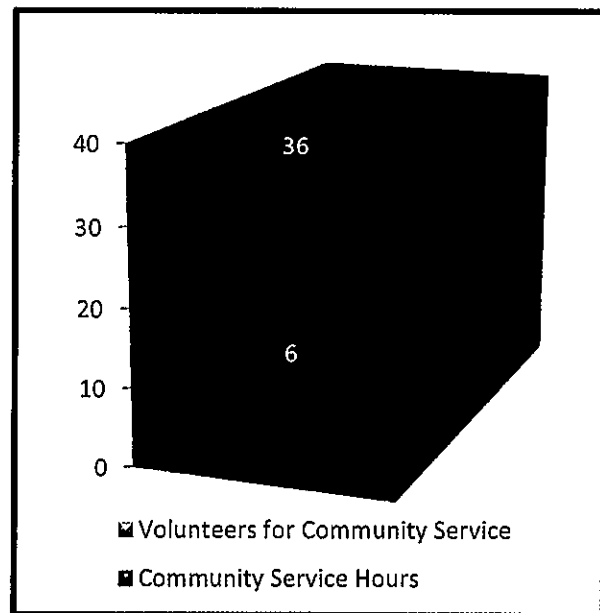
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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	10
Admissions	8

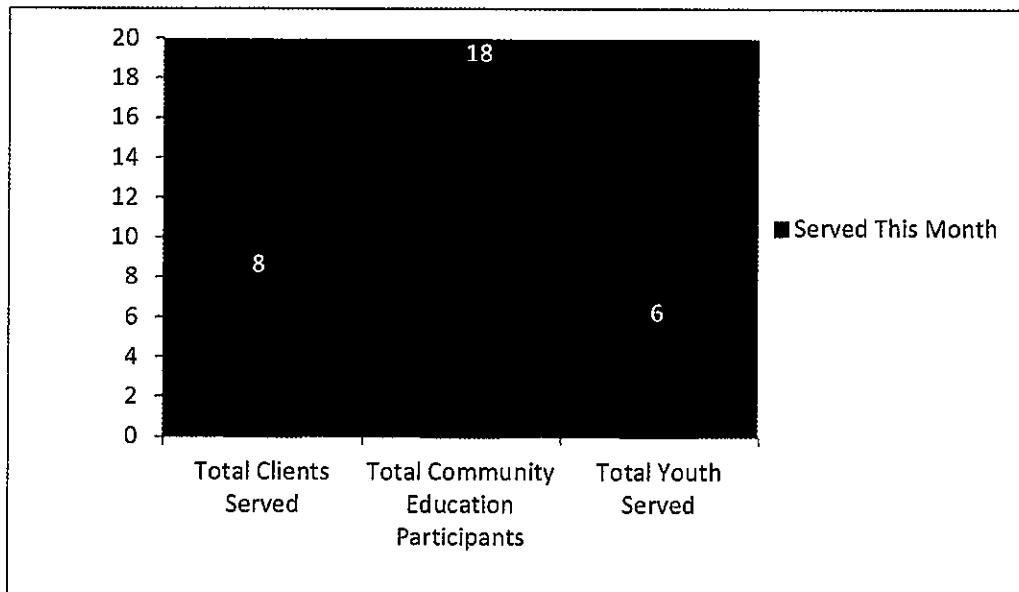
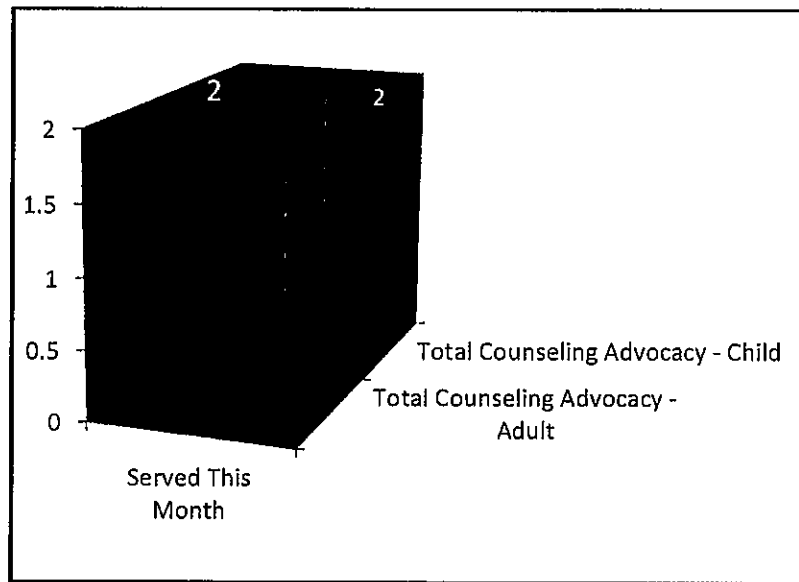


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations	18
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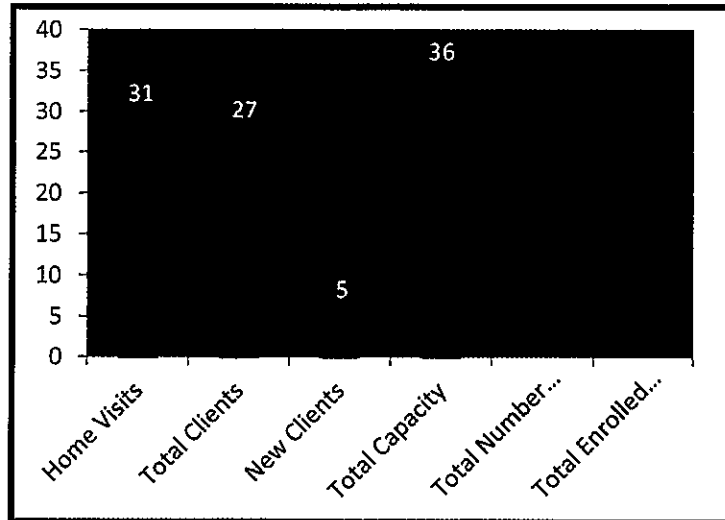
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	27
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This month Cherokee Parents hosted a Santa meet and greet with our clients and potential clients. This included a picture with Santa, a free book, cookies and punch. We had a great turn out and gained a few new clients as well.



Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - We have had a severe outbreak of both Type A and B flu as well as strep and RSV. Drills were conducted.
- Tahlequah - Remodeling is complete in the classrooms. Contacted 24 applicants on the waiting list. 5 applicants working on subsidy assistance at this time.
- Resource & Referral - Scrubby Bear Presentation (1 site, 20 children), Head Start Parent Training, International Infant/Toddler Conf. meeting, meeting with OSU Extension, booth at Deployment Day, Cherokee Cabinet for Children meeting
- Licensing -NARA Conf Call NARA BOD Mtg. I/T mtg 2- NICCA Conf. Call 2-CCLDB Committee Conf Call Ref: 2Warmline, 2 OEH, 2 Cherokee Conn.



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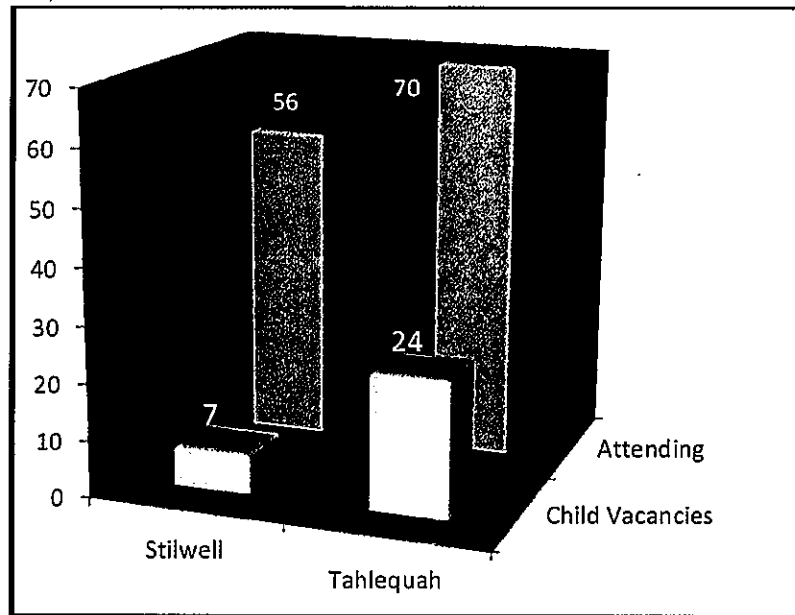
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	100
Number of Vacancies	15
Number of Volunteers	0

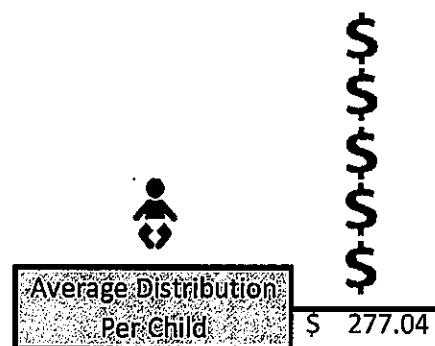
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

Child Care Development Centers :



Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,797
Amount Distributed	\$ 497,844.00



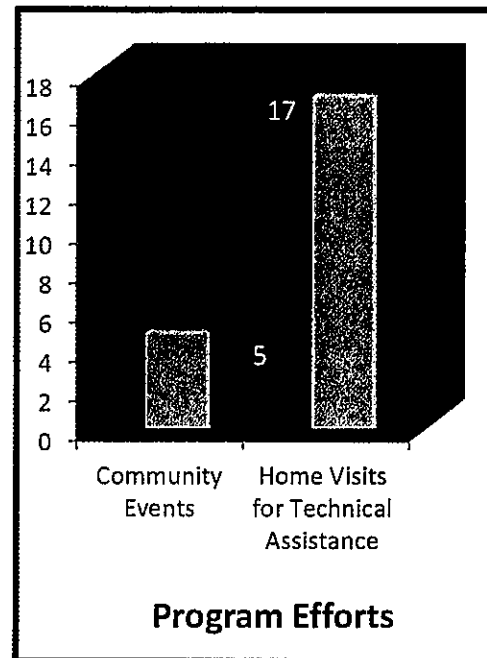
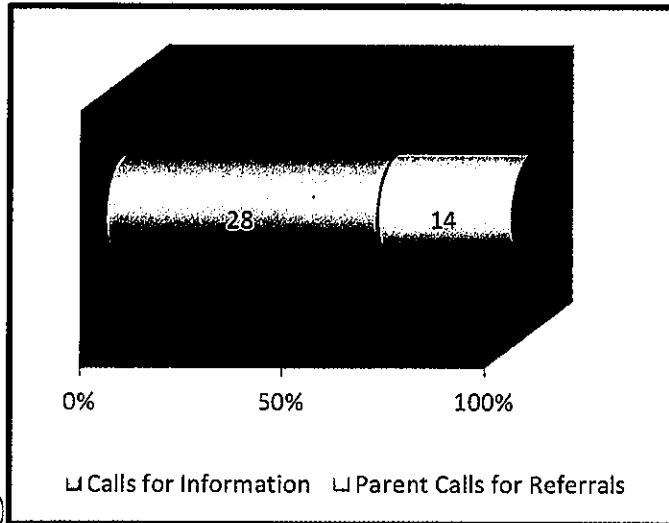
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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

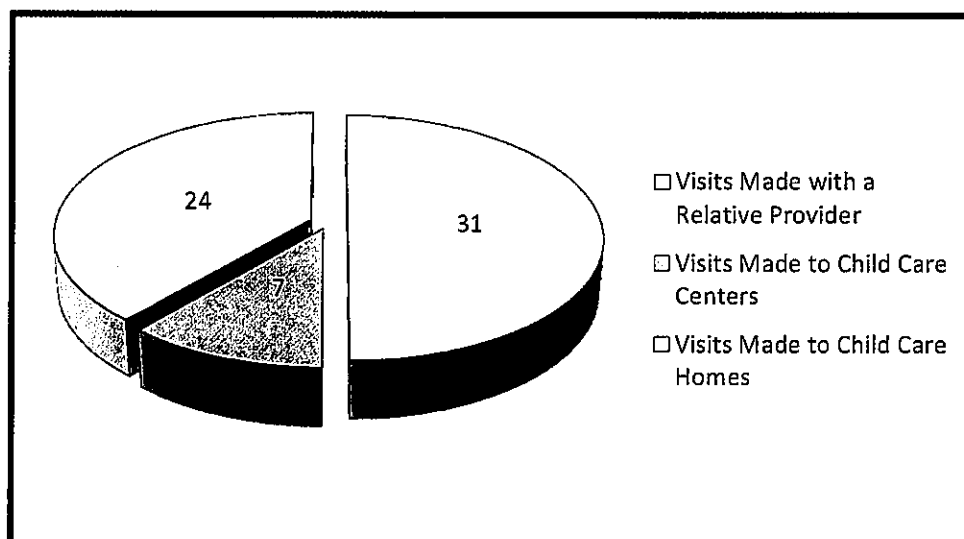
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

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Licensing & Monitoring :



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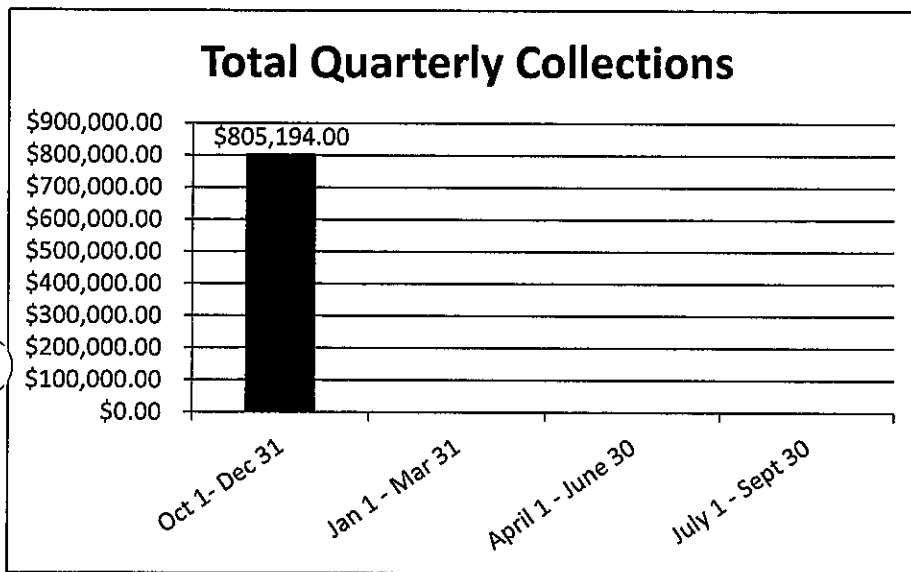
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

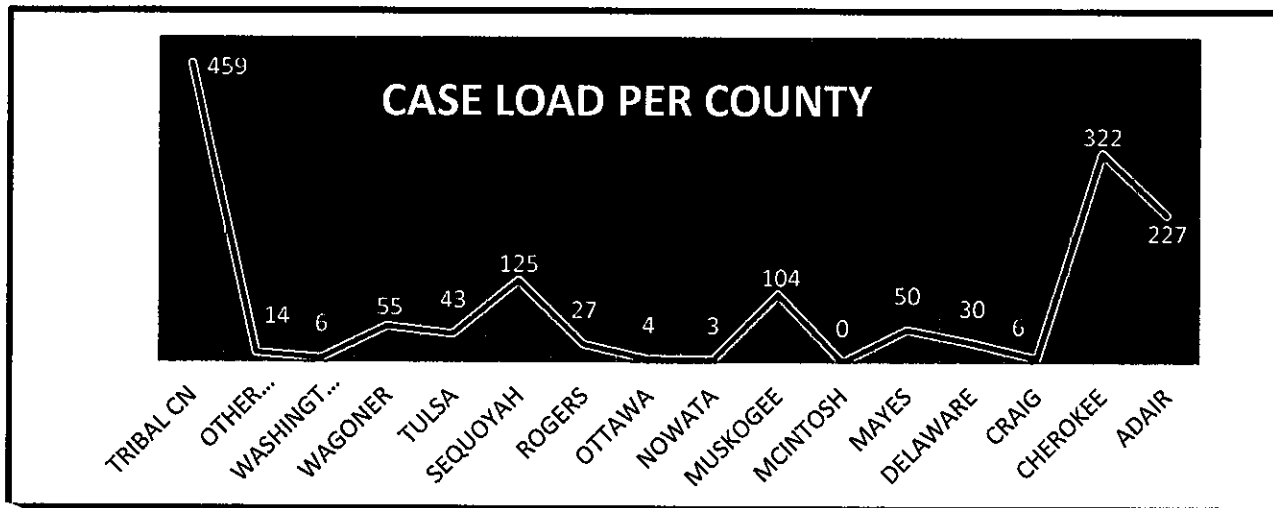
Number of Employees	33
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	

Dec. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 278,757.00
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Total Client Contacts	2,626
Total Court Hearings	56
Total Active Efforts Case	1,315
Total Case Assessments for Service	27
Total Applications Distributed	67

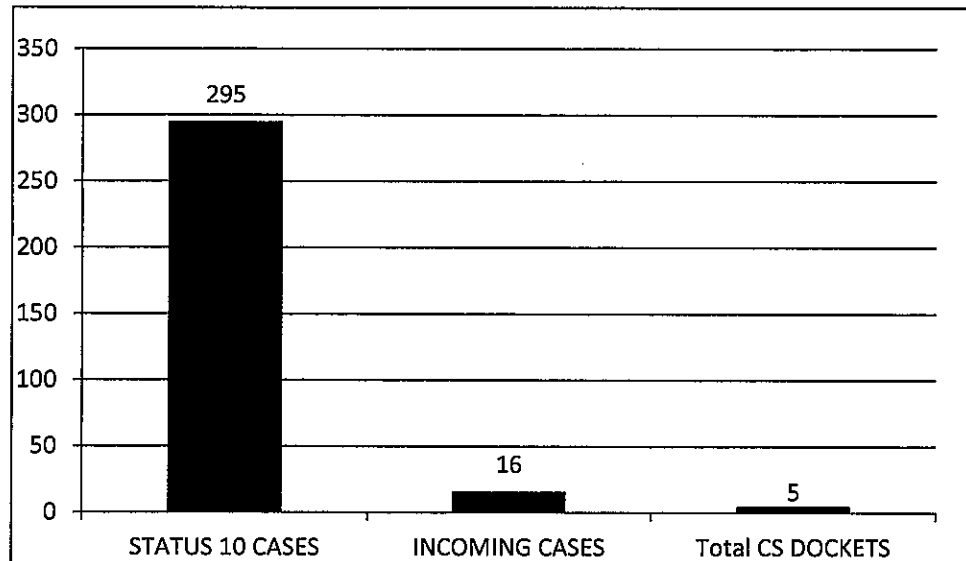


*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections



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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The Office of Child Support Services reported a very busy month for January. We are currently in the process of hiring a Child Support Specialist III who will assist with supervisory duties of case management. Our program has been busy with an influx of applications and will be monitoring the increase to see if may need to add an additional position next fiscal year to assist with incoming application processing. Every month supervisors receive monthly reports from the front line staff regarding their activity and I ask for success stories. I wanted to start inserting some of our success stories in this report to demonstrate our impact upon the Cherokee communities we serve. Below are this month' susccess stories: 1-Had a couple of non custodial parties (the obligors) pay off arrears of child support that was owed 2- A case manager reported have two court cases that were under contempt review for failure to pay child support become successful payors for 6 months straight! This allows for contempt actions to be dismissed. 3- A Case manager reported having a client come into the office who had been sentenced to 6 months on an ankle bracelet for failure to pay child support. Because of the alternative sentence of ankle bracelet instead of jail-this individual has worked for past 2 years, being able to pay his fines, child support, been sober for 2 years, got his drivers license reinstated, maintained employment and bought a new car. He credited this turnaround to the case manager bc child support took a chance on him and allowed him opportunity to get himself straightened around! All 3 of these case managers have worked with their clients and without their regular contact with them, they may not have been able to succeed!



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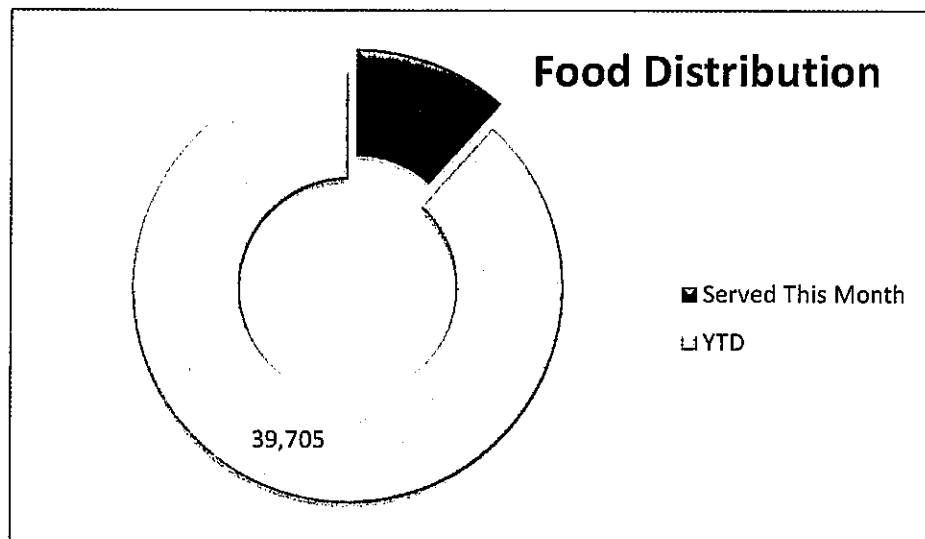
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

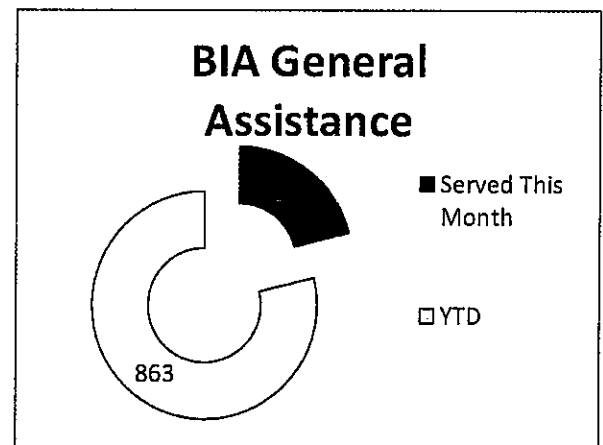
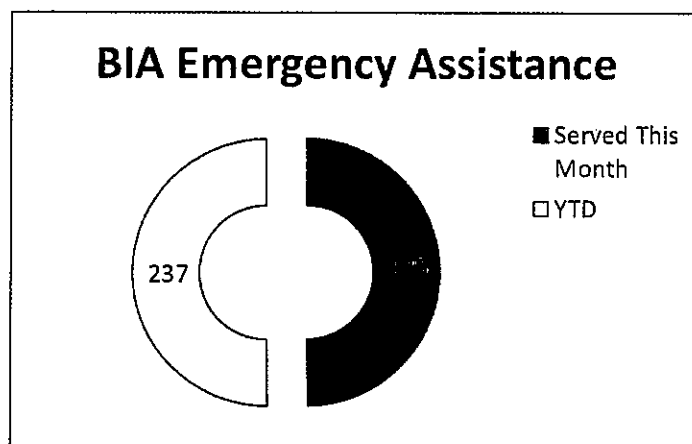
Number of Employees	113
Number of Vacancies	9
Number of Volunteers	24

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

Food Distribution :



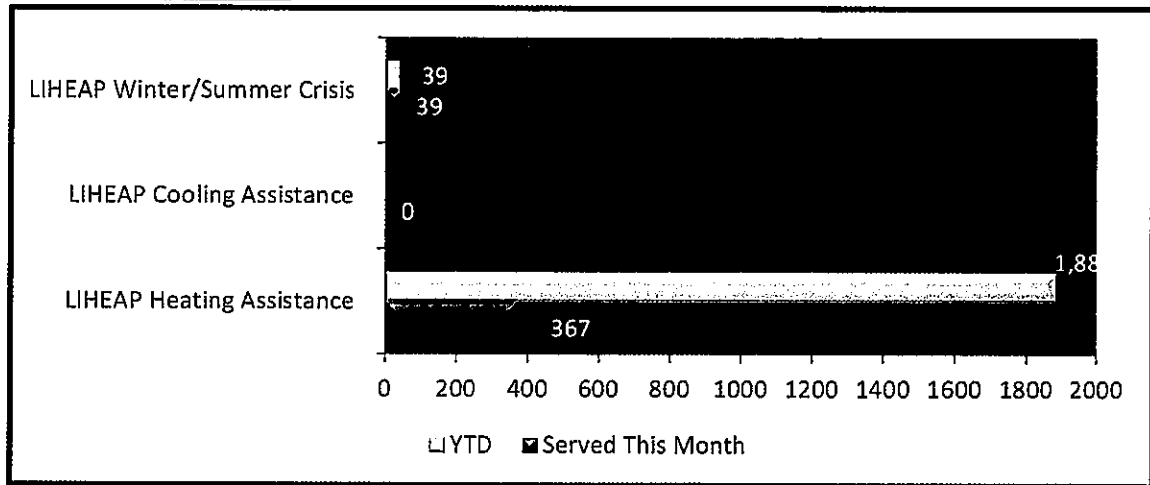
BIA Social Services :



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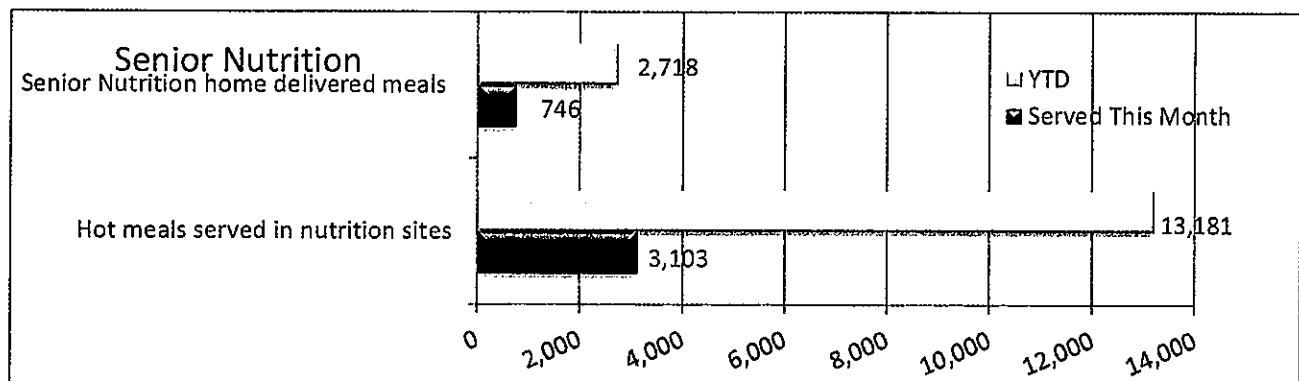
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LIHEAP:

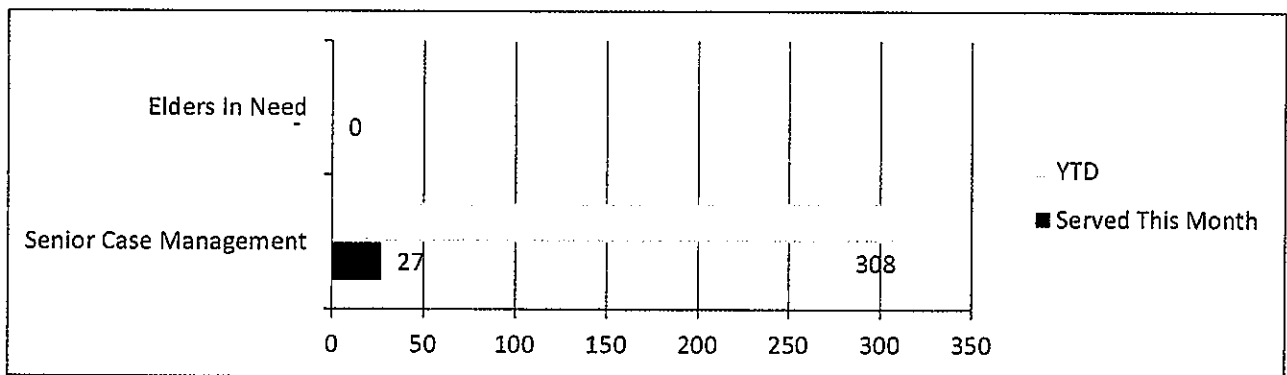


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April



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



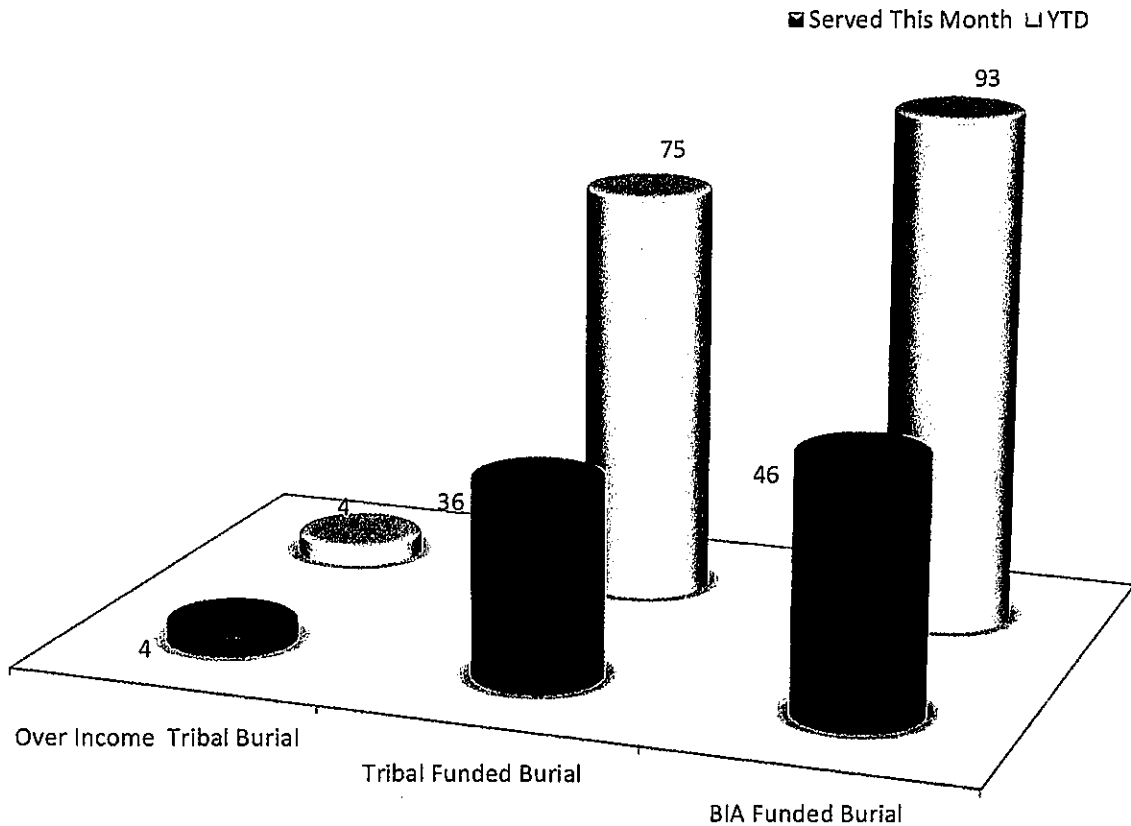
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Burial Assistance :

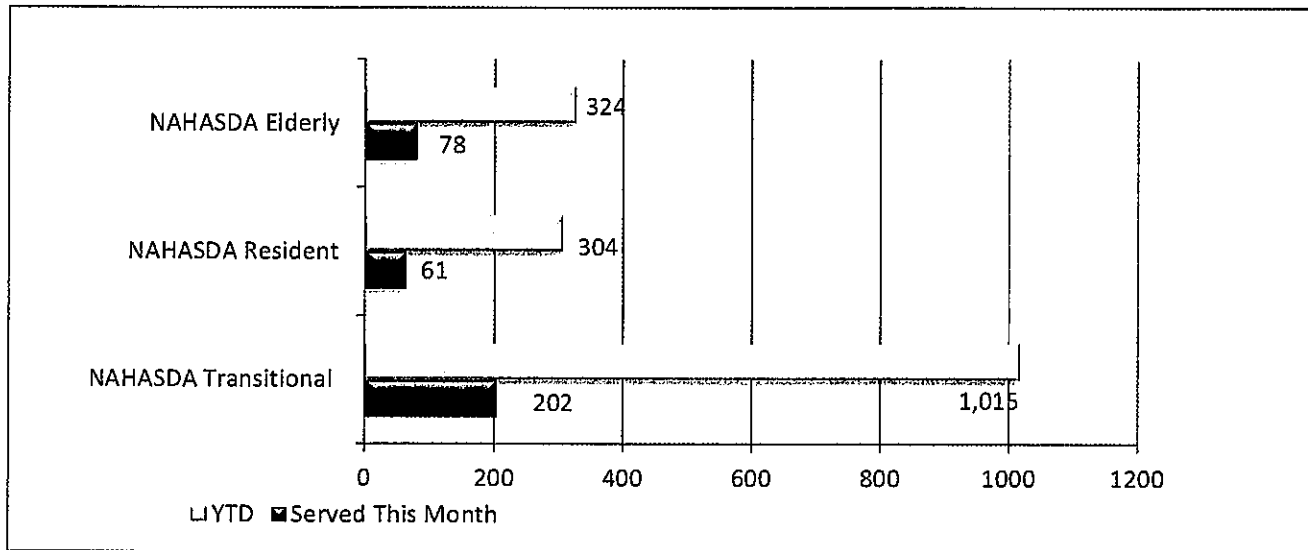
Burial - Clients Served



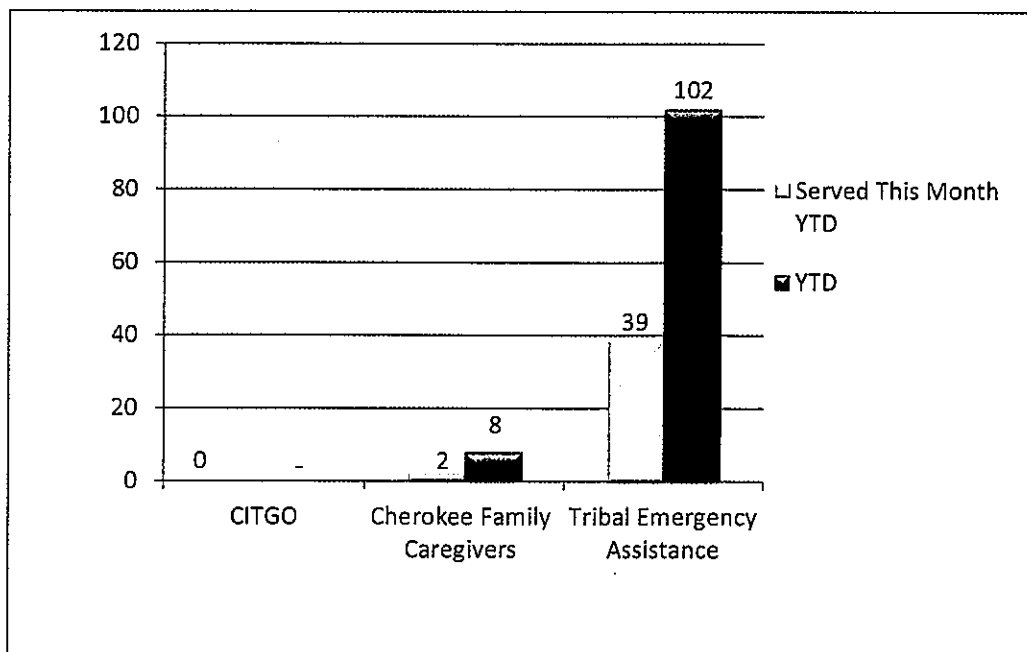
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NAHASDA :



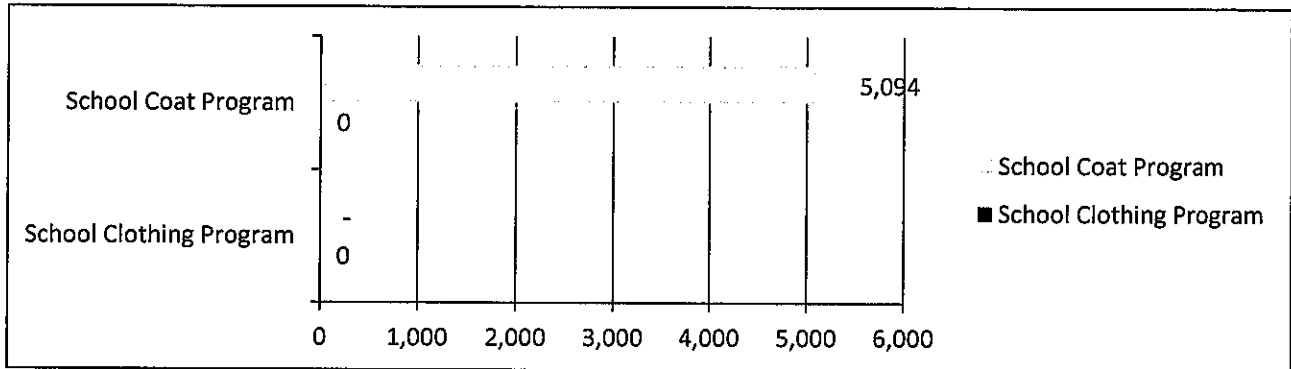
Family Assistance :



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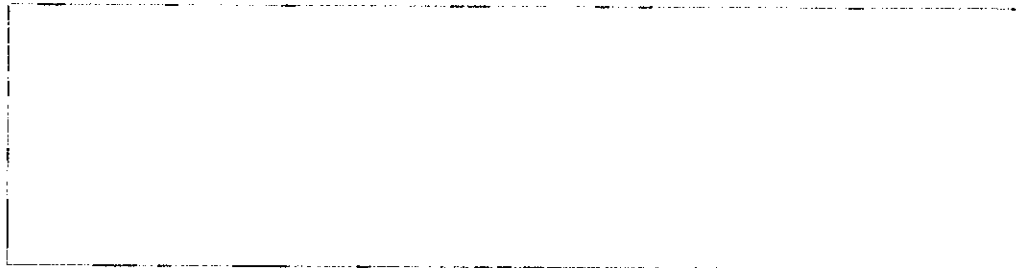
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:



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CHEROKEE FIRST

Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

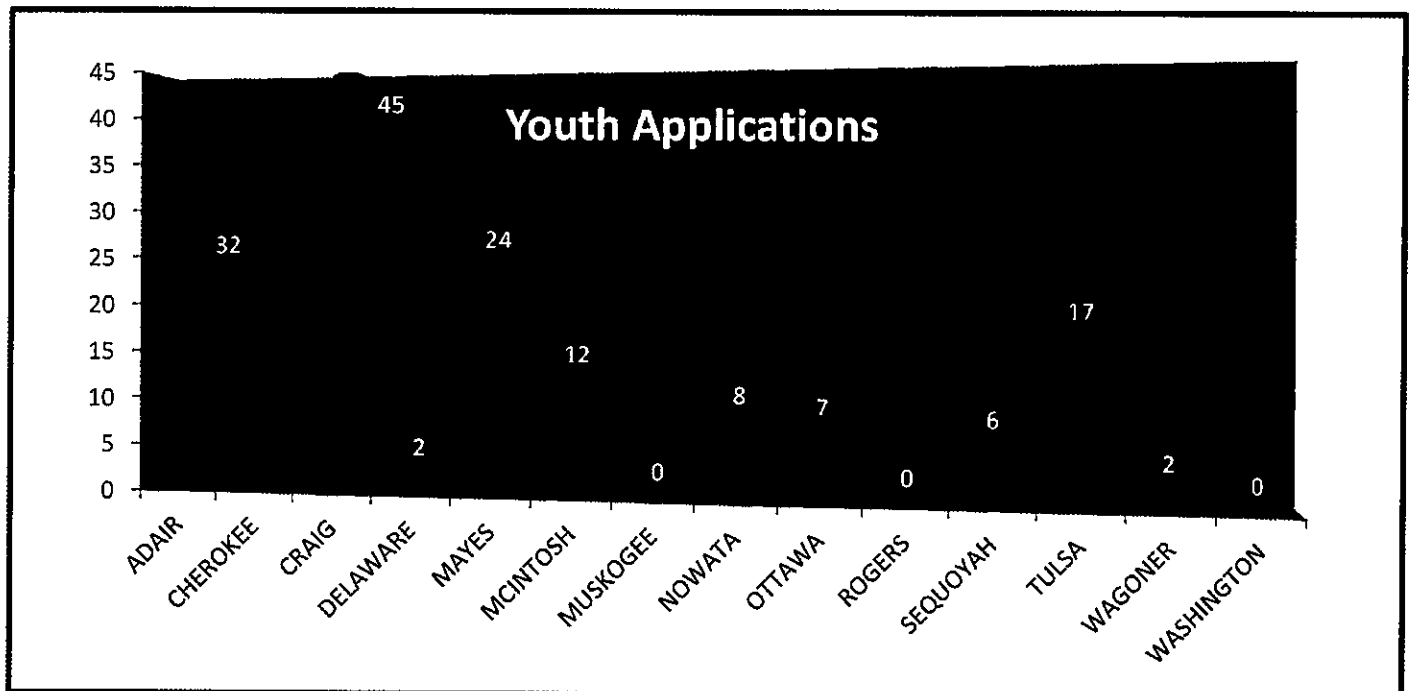
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

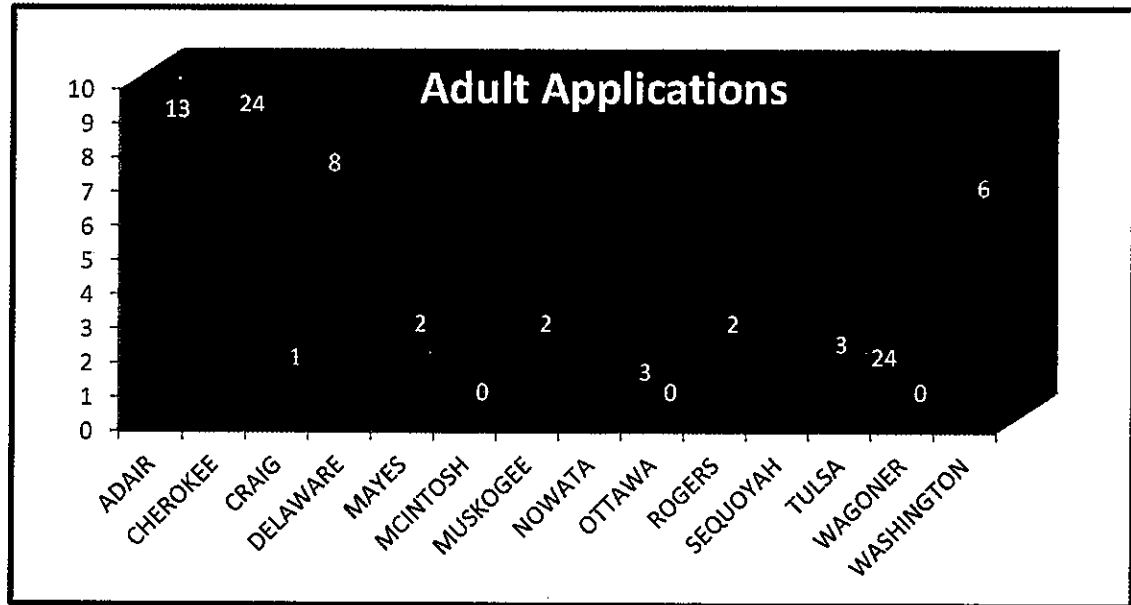
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,143
Total Applications Taken	221

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	155
Total Adult	66

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

January	\$ 44,200.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services

Month/Year of Report: January 2018

**Executive
Director:**

Ron Qualls

Phone:

E-mail:

I. Budget Highlights

1. Still awaiting funding notification from IHS for 2018 projects.
2. 2017 IHS Scattered Housing project (New/Like New Homes) is full. Applicants currently on file will have to wait on arrival of FY18 project funding notifications.
3. Making preparations in case an infrastructure bill is passed by congress that includes additional funding for Tribal water/waste water systems.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 66 food handlers
2. Repaired 20 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 38 sewer and/or water facilities

b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 80% complete.
2. Began sampling water wells in the Snake Creek/Iron Post area. 18 samples complete.
3. Construction on the Delaware Co RWD # 11 Phase II waterline is approximately 10% complete.
4. Construction on the Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP is approximately 25% complete.
5. Construction started on the Duck Lane small lift station at Cherry Tree.
6. Opened bids on the 2 Mile Rd WL Project.
7. Assisting Oaks PWA with issue at their sewage lift station.

c.) Future Plans

1. Meeting with other SG tribes OEH programs to discuss upcoming IHS meetings, consultation and draft guidance documents.
2. RCAP Meeting in Washington DC March 5-8
3. Annual IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Meeting in Roland, OK April 3-5
4. Beginning to solicit projects from PWA's and RWD's for submittal on the FY19 IHS SDS list. Projects usually due June 1st.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>March, 2018</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.

Phillip Blossom, daughter is Stacey Bighorse 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:

Mar 27 March Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

Office Closures:

Mar 30 Good Friday

Other Info:

March National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)
5-7 Annual Legislative Conference

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: January, 2018

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	457	144	88	1	5	107	66	20	3	891	14%	
Cherokee	578	182	237	1	14	232	152	58	2	1,456	24%	
Craig	37	50	29	0	3	8	14	2	0	143	2%	
Delaware	308	119	69	1	10	9	102	19	5	642	10%	
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	25	0%	
Mayes	220	123	48	1	5	31	45	11	1	485	8%	
Muskogee	113	46	38	1	0	50	48	12	0	308	5%	
Nowata	32	40	23	0	1	11	26	1	0	134	2%	
Ottawa	25	N/A	2	0	1	8	7	4	1	48	1%	
Rogers	147	70	150	7	6	80	35	43	3	541	9%	
Sequoyah	514	N/A	237	16	10	155	126	56	4	1,118	18%	
Tulsa	57	N/A	74	2	3	28	8	4	1	177	3%	
Wagoner	13	N/A	3	0	0	58	4	1	1	80	1%	
Washington	24	40	27	1	1	26	12	3	0	134	2%	
Total:	2,540	814	1,025	31	61	808	648	234	21	6,182	100%	
							1,456		255			
									1,117			

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	169	3	4	20	16	176	286	199	10%	873	14%
Cherokee	182	1	3	48	23	161	404	465	24%	1,287	20%
Craig	45	0	0	3	1	23	28	58	3%	158	2%
Delaware	145	0	1	22	11	143	162	239	12%	723	11%
McIntosh	7	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	14	1%	25	0%
Maries	75	1	2	10	11	56	172	158	8%	485	8%
Muskogee	63	0	1	7	2	47	175	150	8%	445	7%
Nowata	29	0	0	6	1	35	18	58	3%	147	2%
Ottawa	14	0	0	2	0	N/A	26	26	1%	68	1%
Rogers	67	1	1	21	1	17	280	172	9%	560	9%
Sequoyah	219	3	1	8	9	N/A	435	218	11%	893	14%
Tulsa	65	0	1	24	5	N/A	219	147	7%	461	7%
Wagoner	25	0	0	10	1	N/A	13	32	2%	81	1%
Washington	35	0	0	18	3	94	70	40	2%	260	4%
Total:	1,140	9	14	199	84	752	2,292	1,976	100%	6,466	100%



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	0	2	0	3	5	31%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	6%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayes	0	0	0	1	1	6%
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	0	2	0	4	6	38%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	3	3	19%
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total:	0	4	0	12	16	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:
Jan, 2018

		Applications		Processing								Construction		In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
				Stg II				Stg III		Stg IV							
				Stg I	Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd		Process Closing						
County	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing									Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete				
Adair	143	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	20	10	66	0	30	10	66		
Cherokee	379	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	46	22	152	0	49	22	152		
Craig	39	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	16	14	0	7	16	14		
Delaware	208	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	15	10	102	1	19	10	102		
McIntosh	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3		
Mayes	129	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	12	45	0	18	12	45		
Muskogee	135	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	10	48	0	16	10	48		
Nowata	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	0	1	1	26		
Ottawa	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7		
Rogers	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	35	0	4	3	35		
Sequoyah	176	0	7	8	0	0	0	1	22	14	126	7	31	14	126		
Tulsa	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	1	1	8		
Wagoner	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	2	1	4		
Washington	40	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	12		
Total:	1,678	0	8	24	3	0	4	3	148	100	648	8	182	100	648		
		8		182								748					

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

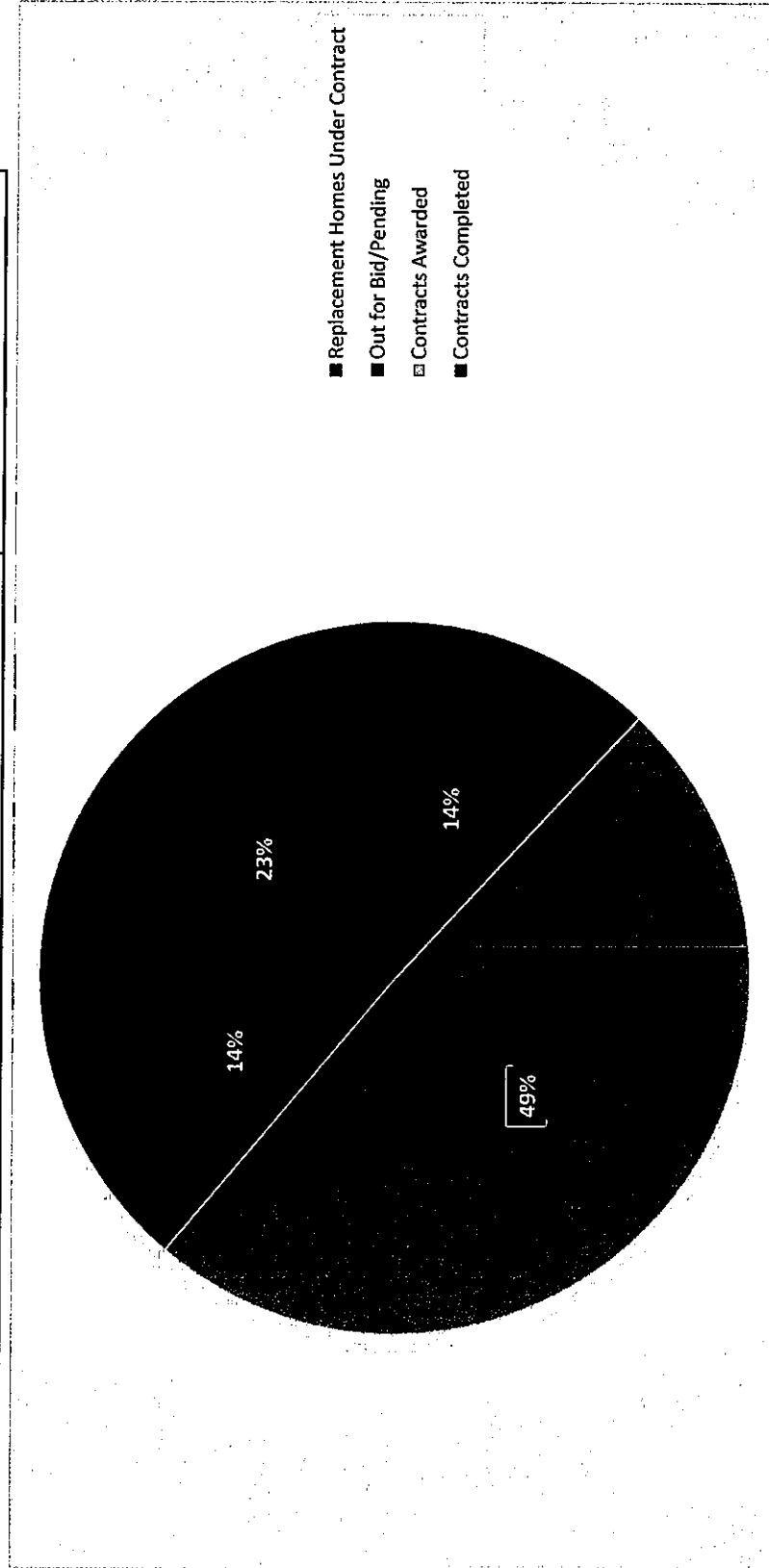
STAGE III:
Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
January, 2018

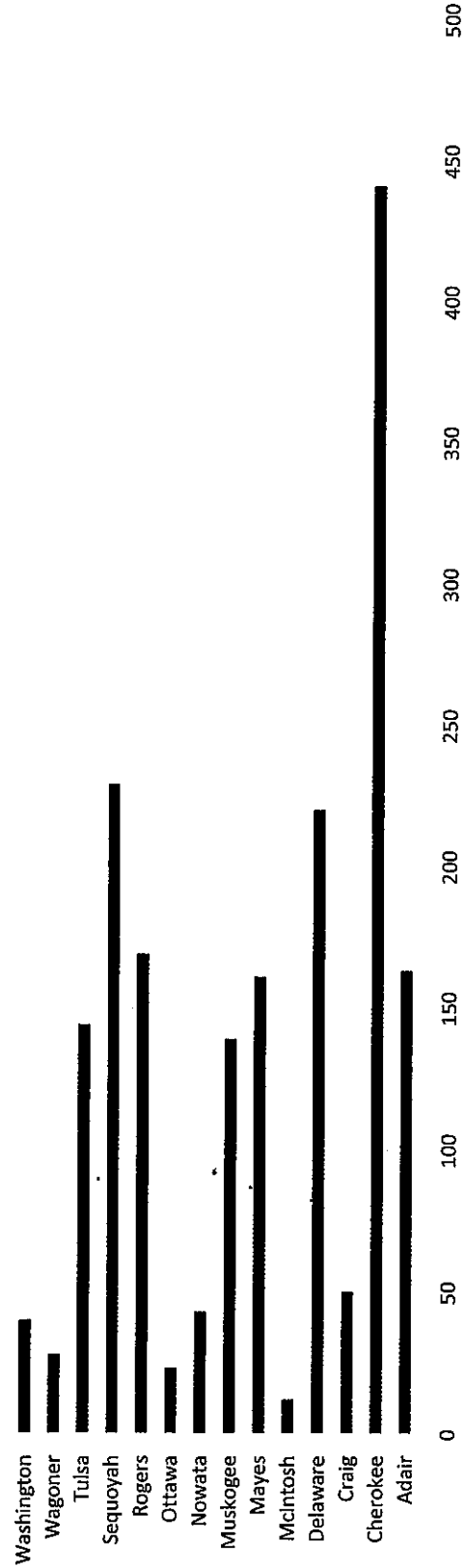
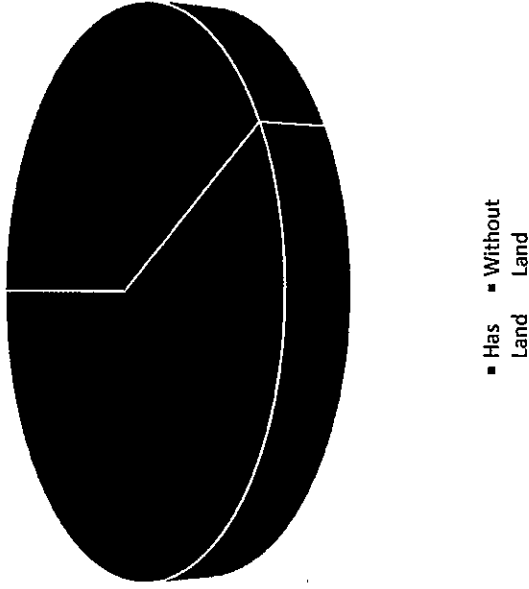
Replacement Homes Under Contract	15
Out for Bid/Pending	9
Contracts Awarded	32
Contracts Completed	9



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



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services/ Dept. of Transportation **Month/Year of Report:** March 2018

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

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Bell North – Utility meeting to set utility easements was conducted on December 13, 2017.
2. Bell School South – We have one parcel left to acquire then utilities can be relocation.
3. Bunch Road – Currently in bridge design.
4. Chewey Road – NEPA is completed. The 404 permit is being updated. The firm of Smith-Roberts has completed over 75% of right-of-way acquisition.
5. Dahlongegah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process.
6. Dahlongegah West- Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers working on 60% plans.
7. Honey Hill Phase I –T. McDonald Construction has been awarded the contract. Construction began November 27, 2017. Construction is 50% complete on schedule at this time. Earthwork and Box construction.
8. Lyon South Road - Design is at 90% stage. Holloway Updike and Bellen Engineers has finalized H&H and submitted to CNDOT design.
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. Working with ODWC on MOA before we can move forward with acquisition. Right of Way easements and exhibits are being worked on.
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. Begain RW acquisition. Gave County Commissioner Dale Dandridge parcel for Lottie Cain for friendly condemnation.
13. Sally Bull Hollow – Level III archeological report is completed. Engineer is working on splitting the project into Phase I and Phase II.
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 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. Two parcels are fee land that have been submitted to the County and the D.A.'s Office to condemn for title. Waiting on the construction of Highway 51 to complete roadway section at the beginning of the project so we can tie in and get accurate quantities for the overlay.
2. Mud Valley Road - Aerial data has been received and submitted to Guy Engineering for design. They are currently working on preliminary survey and 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 submitted the Traffic Signal Control Plans to incorporate into our plans. Guy Engineering began acquiring the right of way on December 6, 2017.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

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

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is -50% complete. Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017.as of December 31 2017 355days over the contract time at \$1000.00 per day.
2. Kansas/Dry Creek – Holloway Updike & Bellen completed all ownership changes and submitted updated easements and exhibits on July 18, 2017. 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. One parcel out of 27 parcels remains to be acquired.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utility relocation is moving forward.
2. Texanna Road – Survey has been processed and ready for design. Working on 30% Preliminary Plans. Right of Way completed title research for all property owners.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Moonshine Road – Notice to Proceed issued September 5, 2017. Project is under construction. Project is 90% complete Contract liquidated damages

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began December 16, 2017. As of December 31 2017 47 days over the
contract time at \$1000.00 per day.

III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

The Cherokee Nation Transit has plans to decommission two vehicles due to maintenance issues and advertise for two possibly three new transit vans. These vans will be purchased with Tribal Transportation Program funding.

Ridership on all routes for the month of January 2018 were:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 168 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 697 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 94 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 58 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – rides
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 114 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 355 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 374 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 37 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 8,717

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Commerce Services

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

Anna Knight, Executive Director
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Mortgage Assistance Program

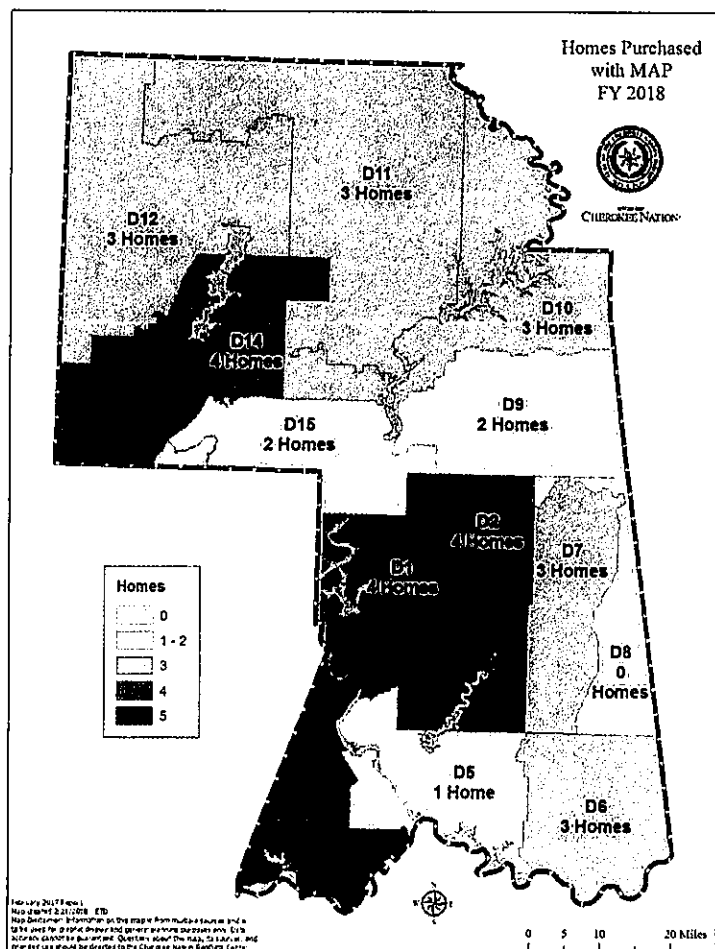


47 Families became Homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

23 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$36,351.07
Home Price	\$94,866.53



Since FY2009, **1,649 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

59.6% of families who purchased a home in FY18 moved up at least one level in the **Financial Prosperity Spectrum**.

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program** is off to a great start. 580 taxpayers have taken advantage of free tax preparation and filing services as of February 23rd.

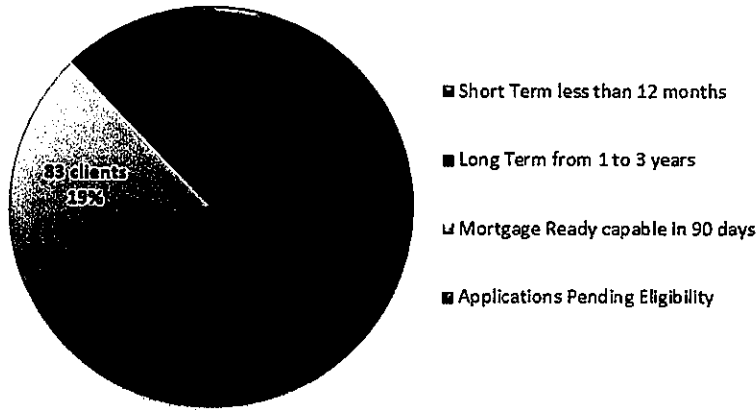
Appointments can be made by contacting the Small Business Assistance Center at 918-453-5536.

The most useful thing we learned from the financial coaching was how to save money and that we CAN actually do it.

S. Ratliff, Mortgage Assistance Program recipient, Cherokee County

Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling

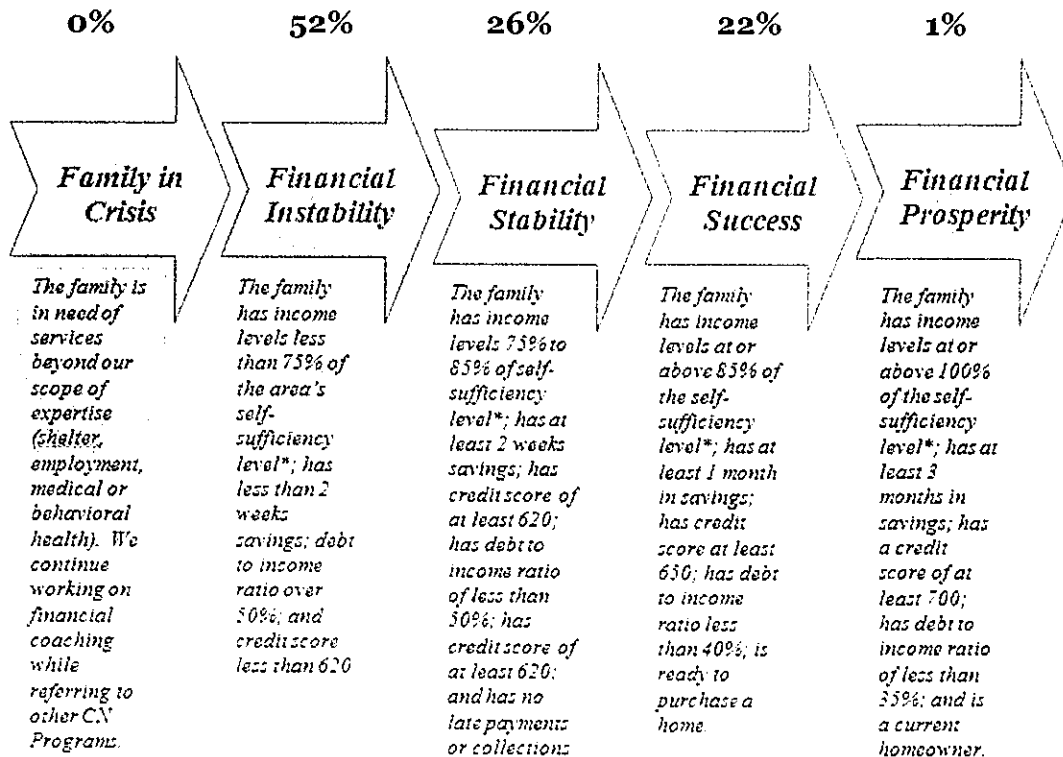


420 families are in the home buyers' pipeline, either having completed or active in financial counseling.

Since FY07, 840 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

31 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>

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

403 families still actively pursuing goals

1% financial prosperity
22% financial success
28% financially stable
50% financially instable

Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	43 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	28.90%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	4.00%

816 consumer loans totaling \$923,796.31 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of October 1st. One of these was a **Foreclosure Prevention loan totaling \$11,594.88.**

351 families are actively saving in iSave for home rehabilitation or home purchase. iSave is a *matched savings program* wherein income eligible families save 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 **73 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

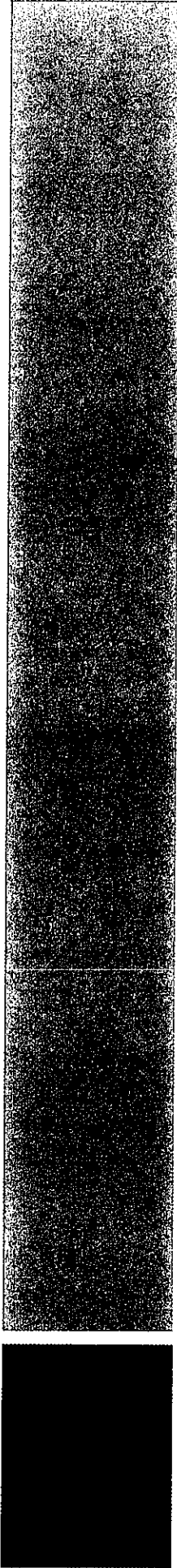
Year to date **157 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

We are currently hosting a **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University** class in Tahlequah with nine people in it. The next nine week Dave Ramsey FPU session will begin April 26th and will be held in Nowata. For more information about Financial Peace University, contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-5536.

Training Schedule

Interested in attending a class? Contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-336 or susan-sharp@cherokee.org.

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
March 3	Sallisaw	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 9	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
March 10	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 10	Jay	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 17	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
March 23	Claremore	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
April 13	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
April 14	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	All Day Homebuyers Training
April 16-18	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
April 26 – June 21	Nowata	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Dave Ramsey FPU
April 30 – May 2	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 7-9	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 9	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
May 14-16	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training



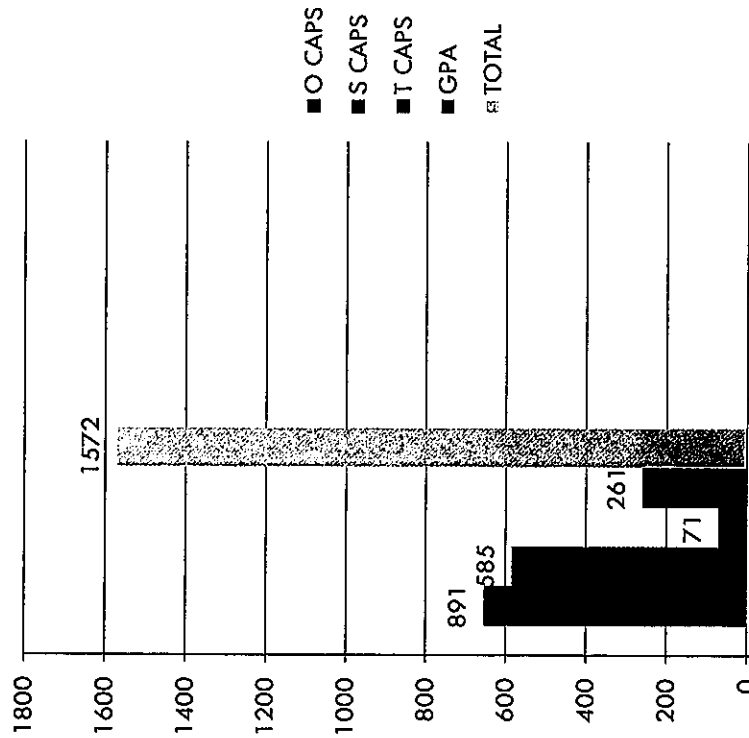
CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT January 2018

Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of January:
1,572 Children

with Assigned ICW Workers

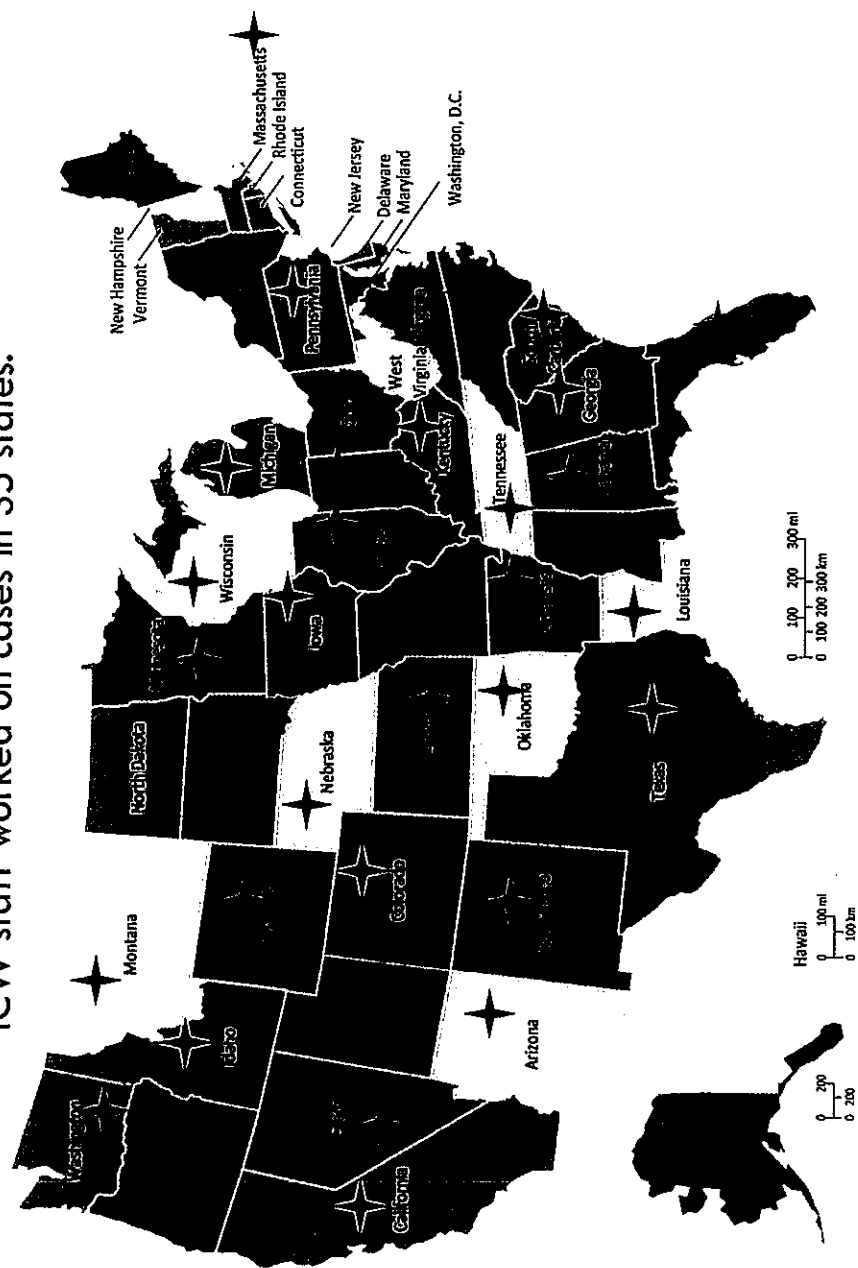


Programs with court interaction

- ❑ **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.

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In January:
Indian Child Welfare workers
went to court 528 times on
behalf of Cherokee children
and families.



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 January

Cherokee Nation received:

- ☐ State of Oklahoma – 347 notices involving 647 children
- ☐ Outside of Oklahoma – 896 notices for 1,439 children.
- ☐ Totaling – 1,243 children and 2,086 notices.
- ☐ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 60 days.

Prevention and Intervention

Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services

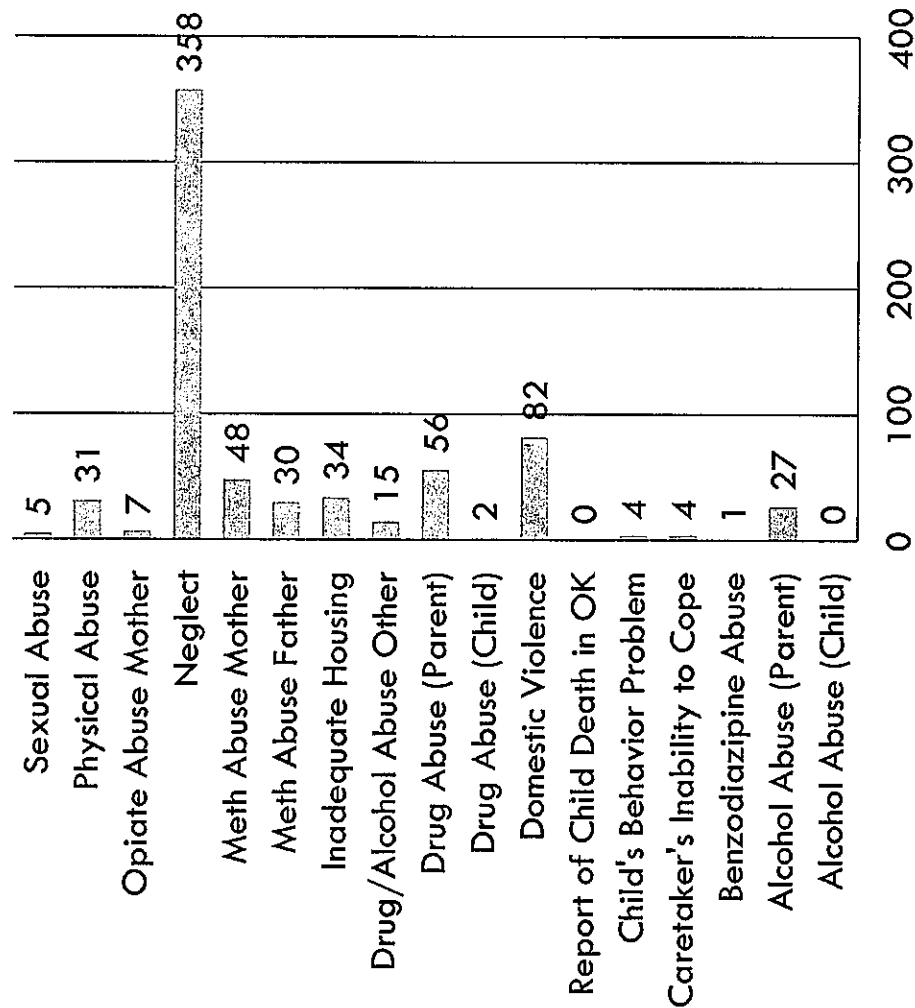
Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition, budgeting, and housekeeping. We primarily assist 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 January

FPS served 26 children and 20 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



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

Month of January

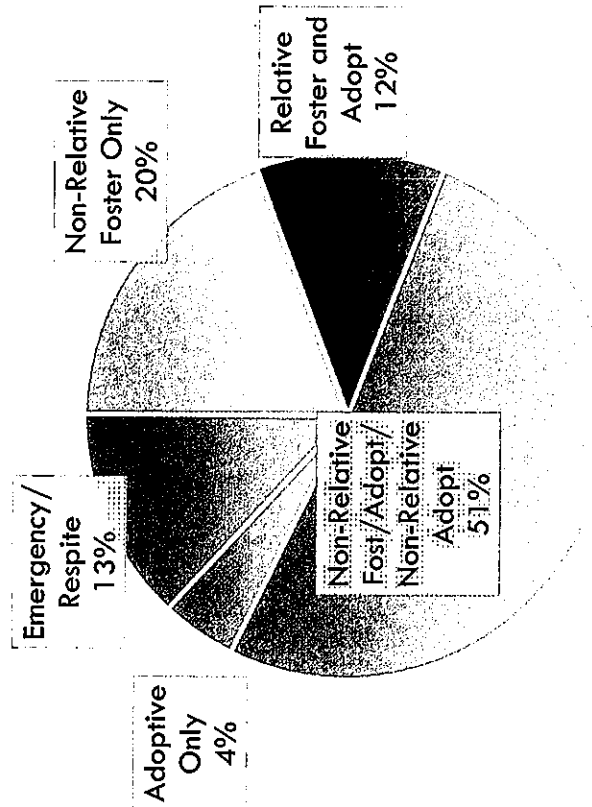
- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 261 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 261 referrals involved 462 children
 - 5 of the 261 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 5 of the 261 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 4 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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.

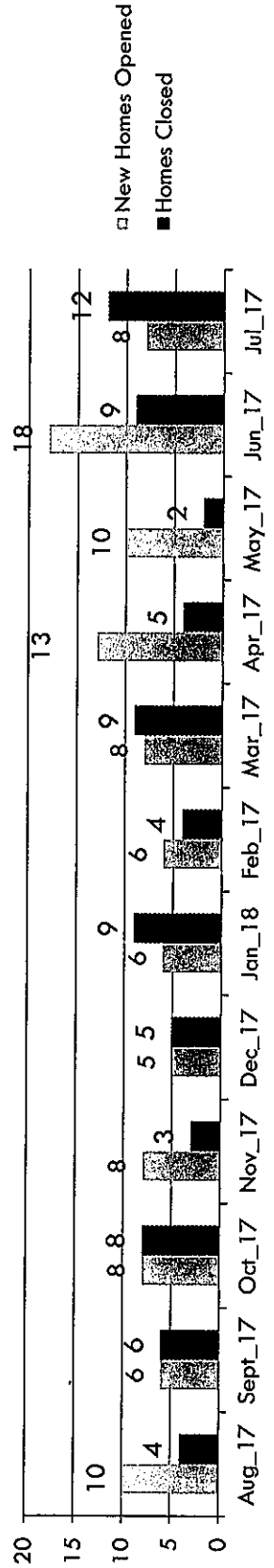
Relative Adoptive/Foster: Families who are related to the children and are fostering them or planning to adopt them. They do not take in children they are not related to.

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

225 Total Homes – note many are in multiple categories

- 50 Non-Relative Foster Only Homes
- 30 Relative Foster and Adoptive
- 133 Non-Relative Foster/Adopt, Non-Relative Adoptive
- 12 Adoptive Only Home
- 34/50 Also provide Emergency/Respite





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Community & Cultural Outreach

Community Report for February 2018

Rob Daugherty – Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program staff for the month of February 2018.



COTTA

Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in February

Number of Community
Organizations Assisted
in February

26

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.

506

Number of hours of capacity
building training received by
community leaders

CCO Staff started the month by partnering with the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service to provide a timely training for our community leaders. February 1st, 81 community leaders were trained in handling an active shooter at their events by members of the Marshal's Service. These leader represented 24 Cherokee community organizations.

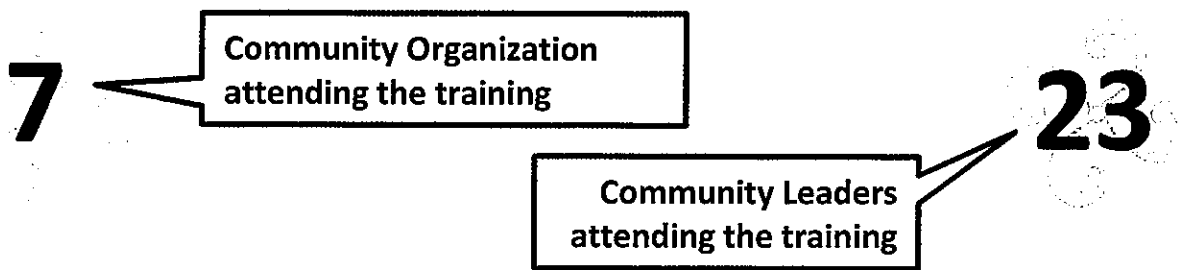
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Community Organization attending
the Active Shooter training

Community Leaders attending the training

81

CCO staff hosted a Saturday Leaders Training on February 10th. Grants and Development Coordinator, Lindi Conover-Thompson, from Anderson, IN was the guest presenter providing her expertise with "Grants 101". There were 7 Cherokee community organizations present with 23 leaders attending.



Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in February

Adair County Historical & Genealogical Soc (D7&8)	Muldrow Cherokee Comm Org (D6)
Boys & Girls Club of Adair County (D7&8)	Native American Assoc of Chewey (D7&8)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association (D6)	Native American Assoc of Ketchum (D10&11)
CC Camp (D8)	Native American Fellowship (D11)
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	N. Cherokee County Comm Booster Club (D2)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	One Fire Association (D10)
Dry Creek Community Organization (D3)	Potluck Society (D14&15)
Family Support Center of Oaks (D2&9)	Proctor Community Organization (D7)
First Baptist Church Stilwell* (D7&8)	Project A (D4)
Illinois River Area Community Organization (D2)	Project OSiYo Tahlequah men's Shelter (D1)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)	Spavinaw Community Building Board (D10)
Jeremiah 29 (D7&8)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Marble City Community (Activity) Org (D5&6)	Tailholt Community Organization (D2&3)
Marble City Community Building (D5&6)	Timothy Project* (D9&10)
Marble City Food Pantry (D5&6)	Webbers Falls Historical Soc & Museum (D4&5)
Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)	White Oak Community Center Organization (D11)

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



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

In February Outreach staff provided cultural presentation for three Council Districts. On February 13th Council Districts 5 and 6 held a joint meeting at the Brent Community Center for Councilors E.O. Smith

and Bryan Warner. National Treasure Noel Greyson shared his knowledge of making bows and arrows with 36 members of those Districts.

36

Number attending the Brent presentation

Number attending the Porum presentation

39

On February 22nd Outreach staff provided a cultural presentation for Councilman Dobbins' 4th District. It was held at the Senior Citizens Center at Wheeler Estates in Porum. National Treasure Noel Greyson shared his knowledge of Hide Preparation and Stone Tool Making with 39 citizens from that area.



History Preservation

Omar Reed, Historical Interpreter at Fort Gibson Historic Site, was our Lunch & Learn presenter on February 15th. He discussed the role African Americans played during the Civil War in Indian Territory. His focus was on the historical significance of the First Kansas Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was the first black regiment to be organized in the Union Army and the first black unit to see combat during the Civil War. The First Kansas Volunteer Infantry Regiment compiled a proud campaign record in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory.



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Volunteer Program

Volunteer staff had a busy February. The staff took responsibility for having the equipment for the Annual Community Meeting and Potluck for the Cherokee of Central Florida on February 3rd in Orlando and returned safely to Tahlequah. Staff also was busy with planning for the Alternative Spring Break participants coming in March. Five universities will be bringing students to our communities in March. These students will provide assistance to our citizens from Brushy to Vinita.

Up Coming Events:

March 10 – Community Emergency Preparedness, with Cherokee Nation EMS & Emergency Management, CNEMS Training Room