

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

February 2018

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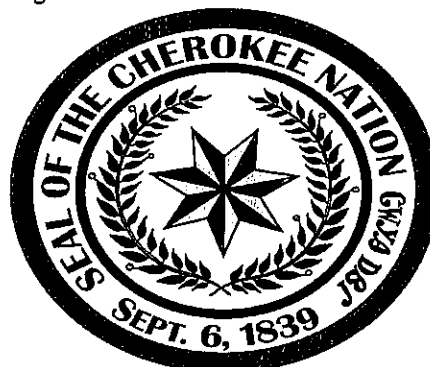
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## HUMAN SERVICES

Number of Employees	271
Number of Vacancies	27
Number of Volunteers	16

### Human Services Announcements:



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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

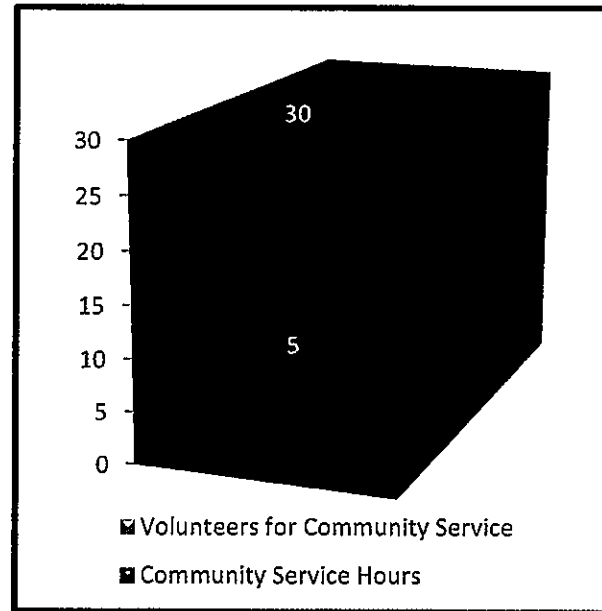
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	23
Number of Vacancies	3
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

Young people served	10
Admissions	8

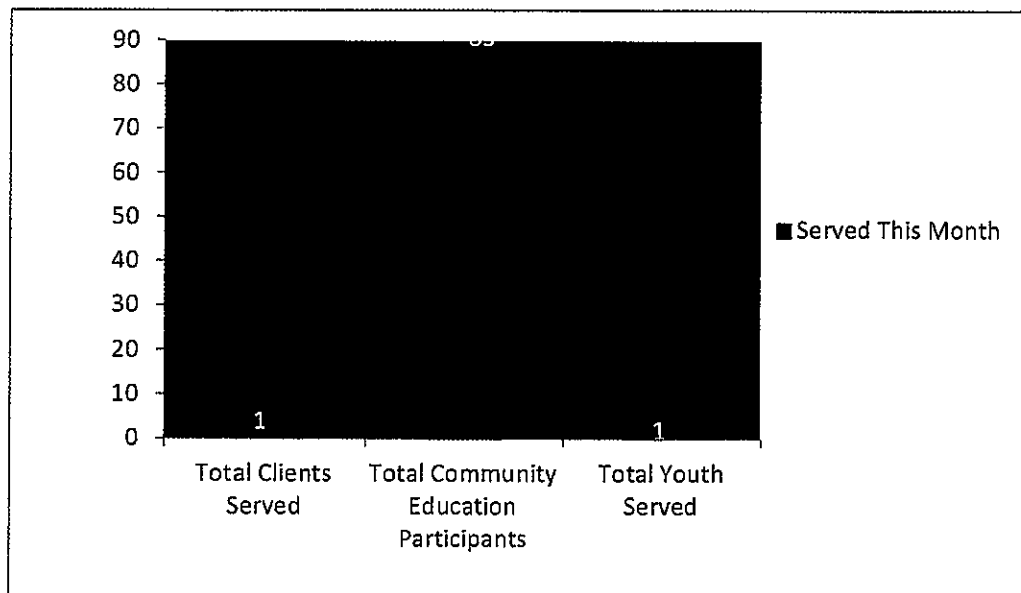
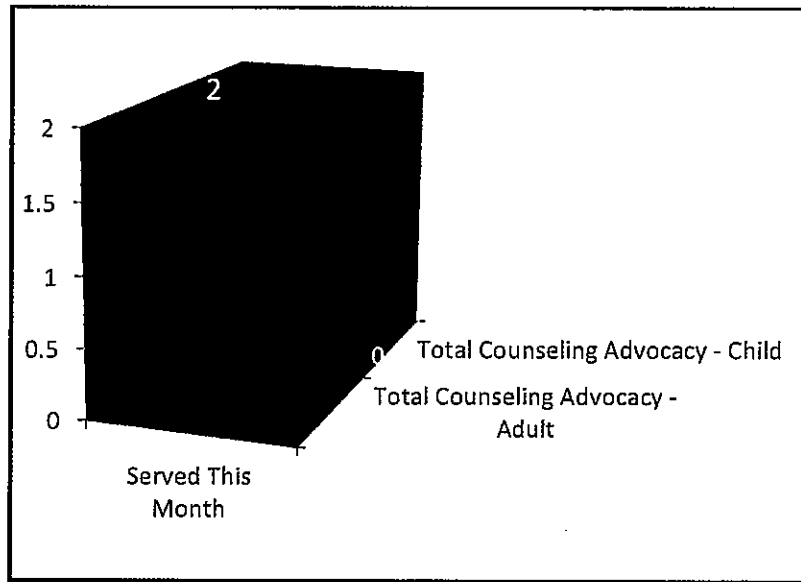


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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Youth Services :**

Total Community Events & Presentations **85**

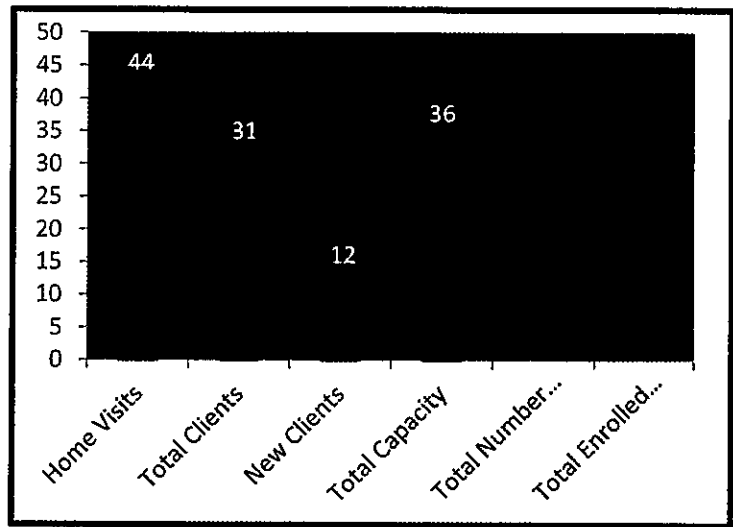


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**YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Cherokee PARENTS :**

Total Clients	31
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***Child Care Development Centers :***

- Stilwell - DHS licensing full visit and partial STARS visit was conducted with no deficiencies found. One new staff came on board this month. The monthly drills were conducted.
- Tahlequah - Contacted 30 applicants on waiting list. "8" enrolled. "2" dropped
- Resource & Referral - Learn to Grow Meeting Vinita, Native American Assoc meeting, Grange Meeting, Read Across America planning, OCCRRA Public Policy call, Cherokee Cabinet for Children meeting, TRAUMA training, Updated forms added to website
- Licensing - NARA BOD Meeting, Rogers Co. EC Coalition, Women's Go Red Conf. CCOA Workgroup, DHS Sup. Meeting



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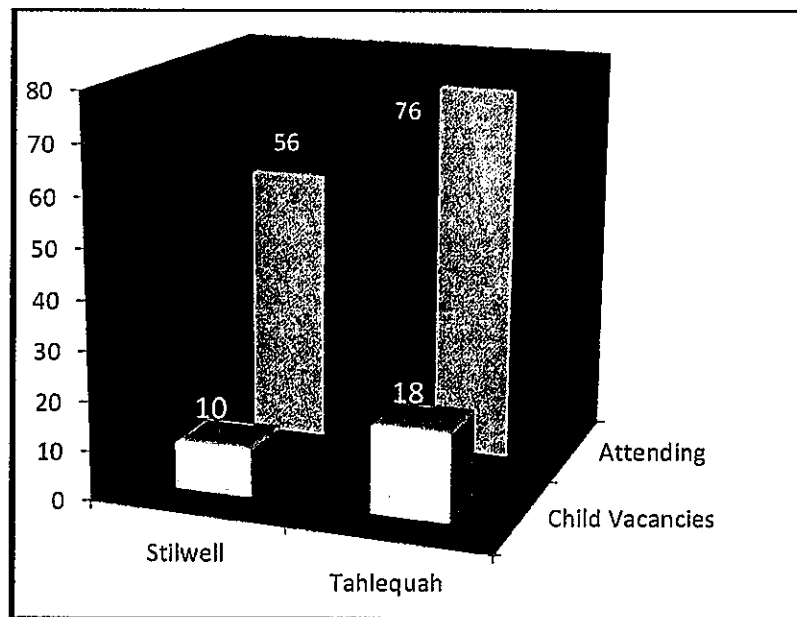
## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	102
Number of Vacancies	13
Number of Volunteers	0

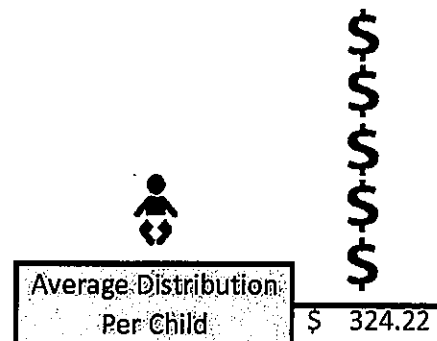
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

### Child Care Development Centers :



### Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,763
Amount Distributed	\$ 571,592.00



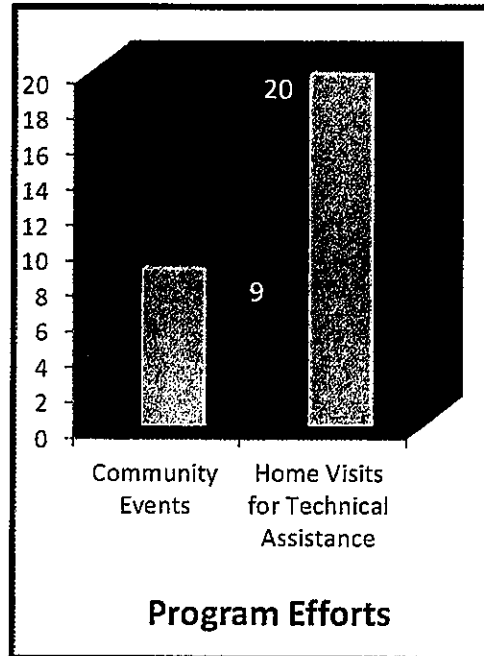
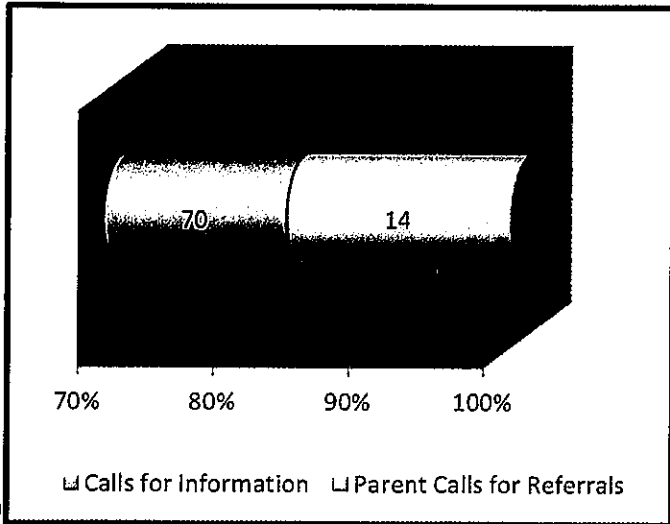
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**CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

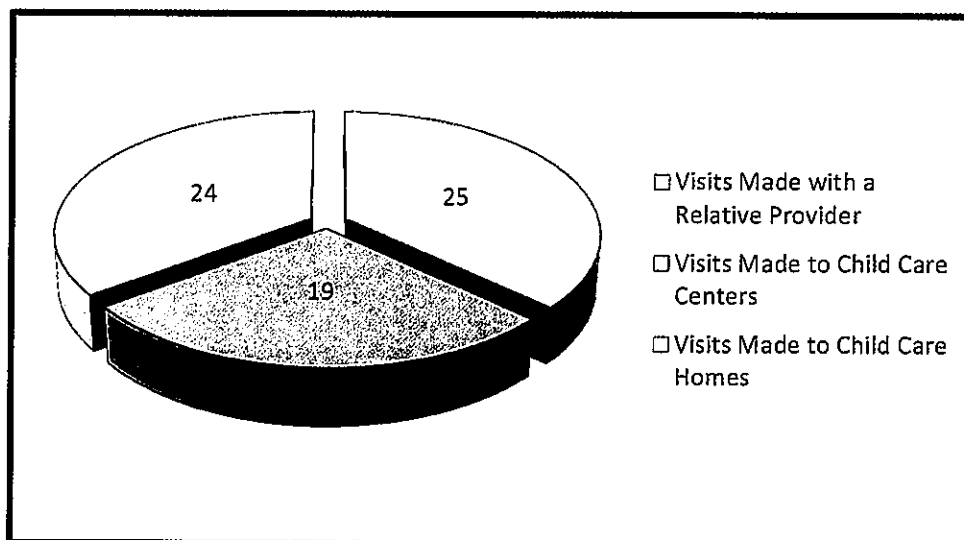
**Resource & Referral :**

**Trainings for the Month**

**7**



**Licensing & Monitoring :**





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## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

Number of Employees	33
Number of Vacancies	1
Number of Volunteers	

Feb. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 241,609.00
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### Total Client Contacts

2,763

### Total Court Hearings

86

### Total Active Efforts Case

1,290

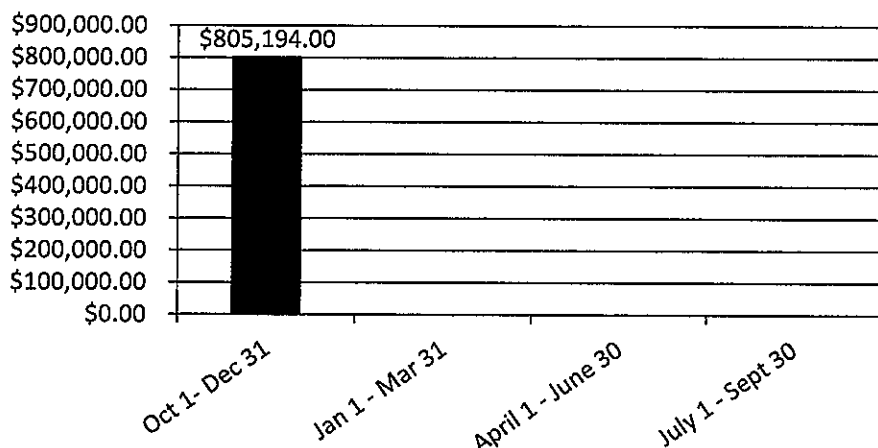
### Total Case Assessments for Service

32

### Total Applications Distributed

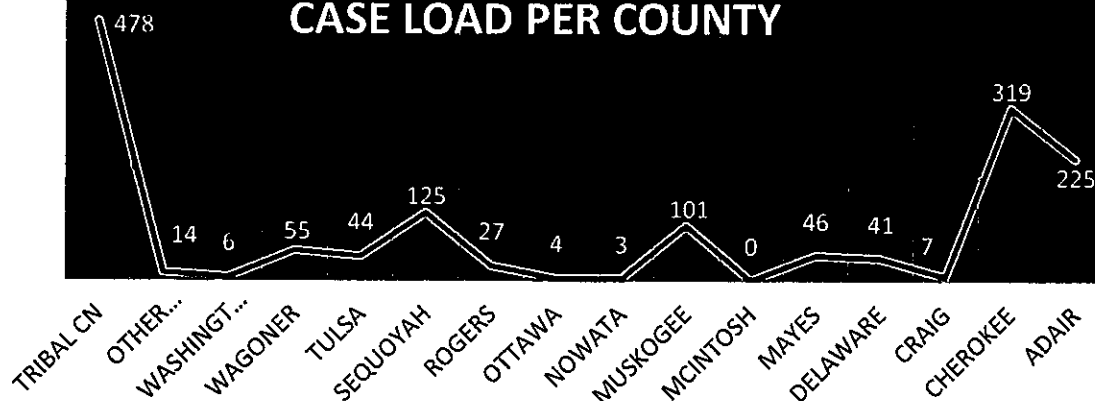
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### Total Quarterly Collections

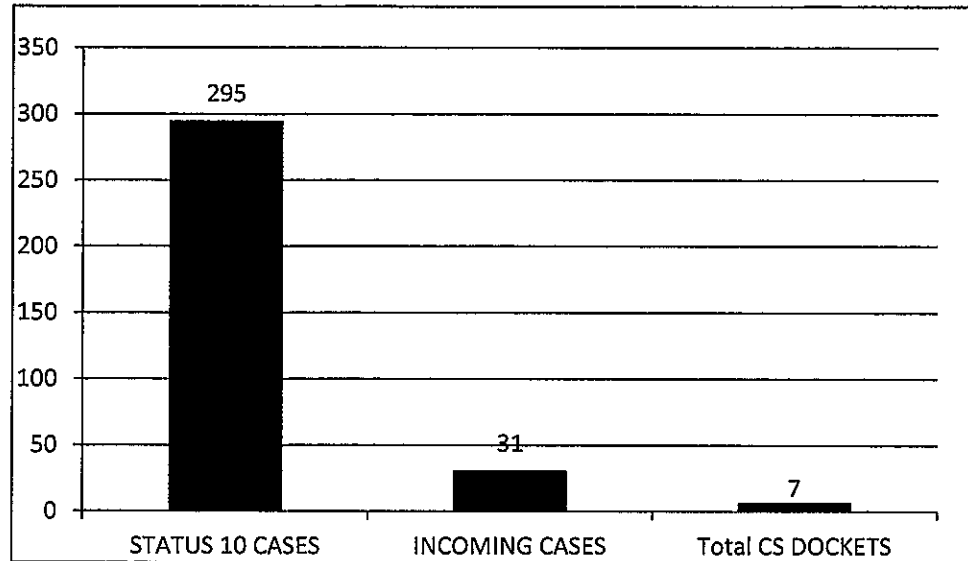


\*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections

### CASE LOAD PER COUNTY



## OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



### Child Support:

The Office of Child Support services was busy again in February. The applications have continued to be on the upswing as we go into this new calendar year! Our attorney and case managers have been busy with enforcement activities; there was a record number of court hearings this month-86! Also, the following success stories were recorded by casemanagers as the program works to provide quality customer services that are in the best interest of the children and families that are served: A non custodial party was able to pay off all their back child support that was owed; A casemanager reported working with 2 individual clients who actually came to an agreed order that facilitated working out arrears that were owed to one of the parties. When parties can agree on issues that affect financial debts, this is often due to casemanagers being able to mediate between the parties to ensure this occurs; One of our case managers out of Cherokee County had 5 different cases come to court and pay towards what they owed! Again a huge accomplishment as it takes casemanagers working w/ those individuals to get them to come into court to do that.



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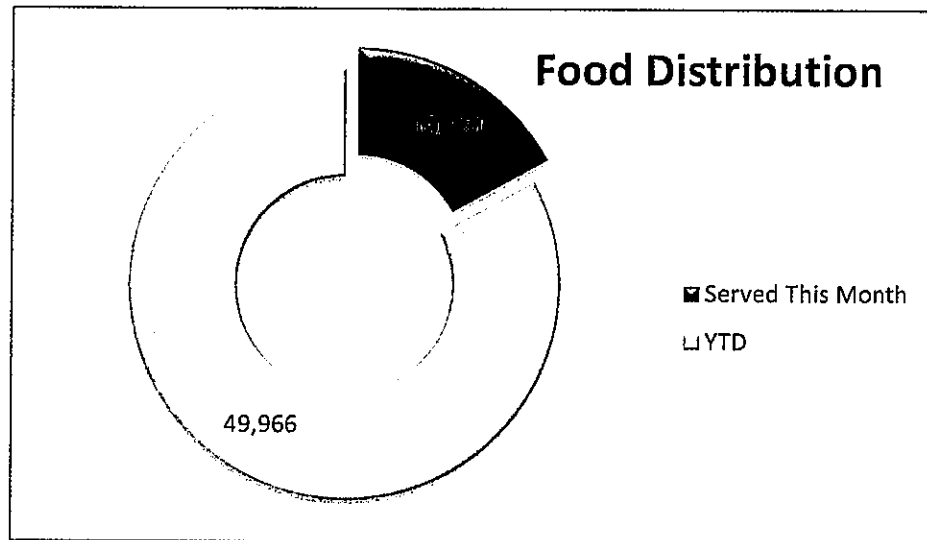
**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT**

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

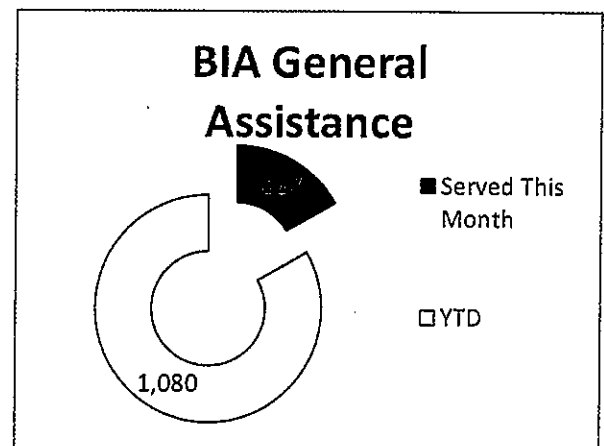
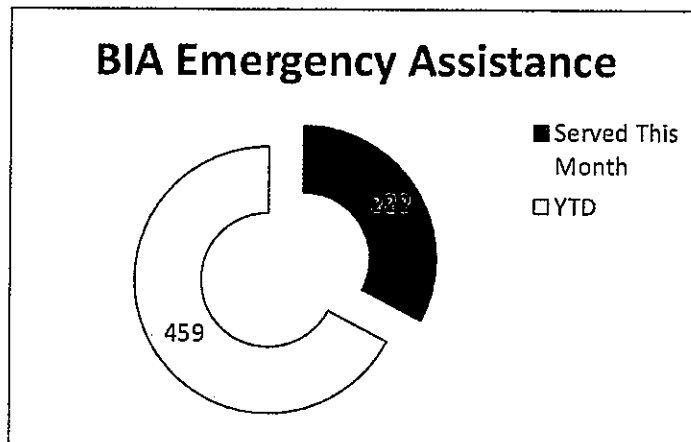
Number of Employees	113
Number of Vacancies	10
Number of Volunteers	16

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

**Food Distribution :**



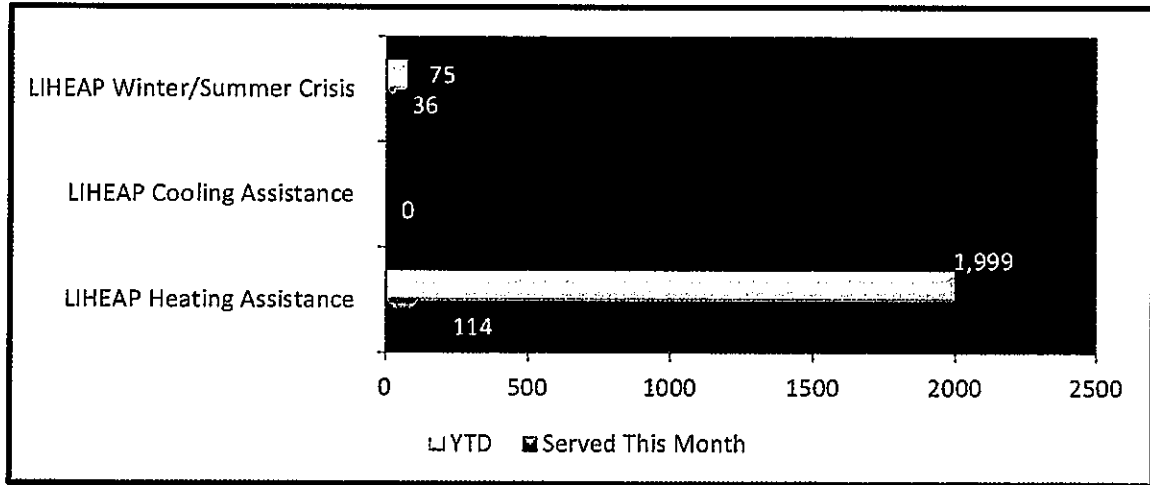
**BIA Social Services :**



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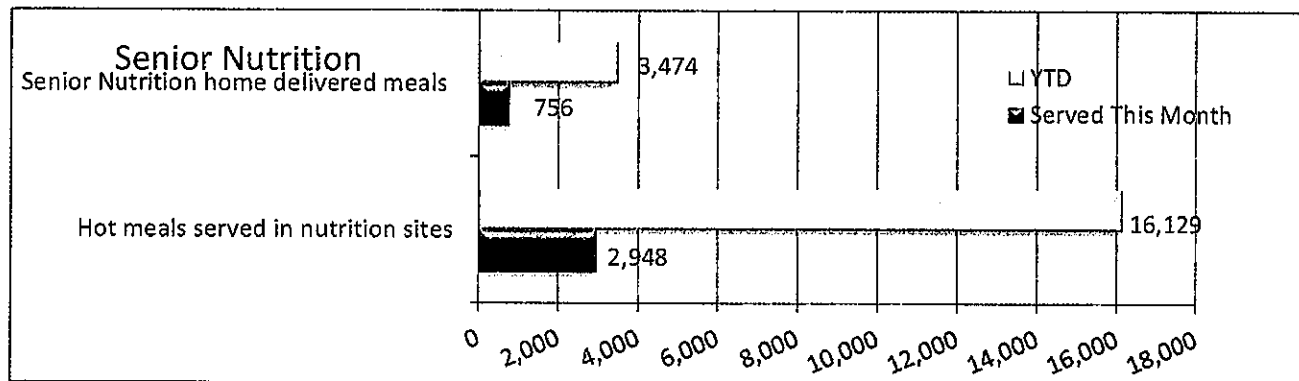
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**LIHEAP:**

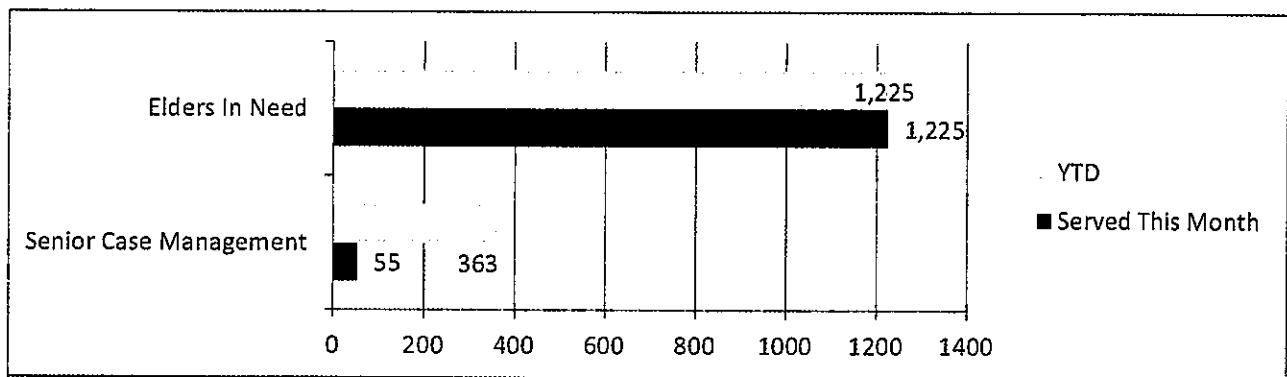


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

**Elder Services :**



\*Program starts in April



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

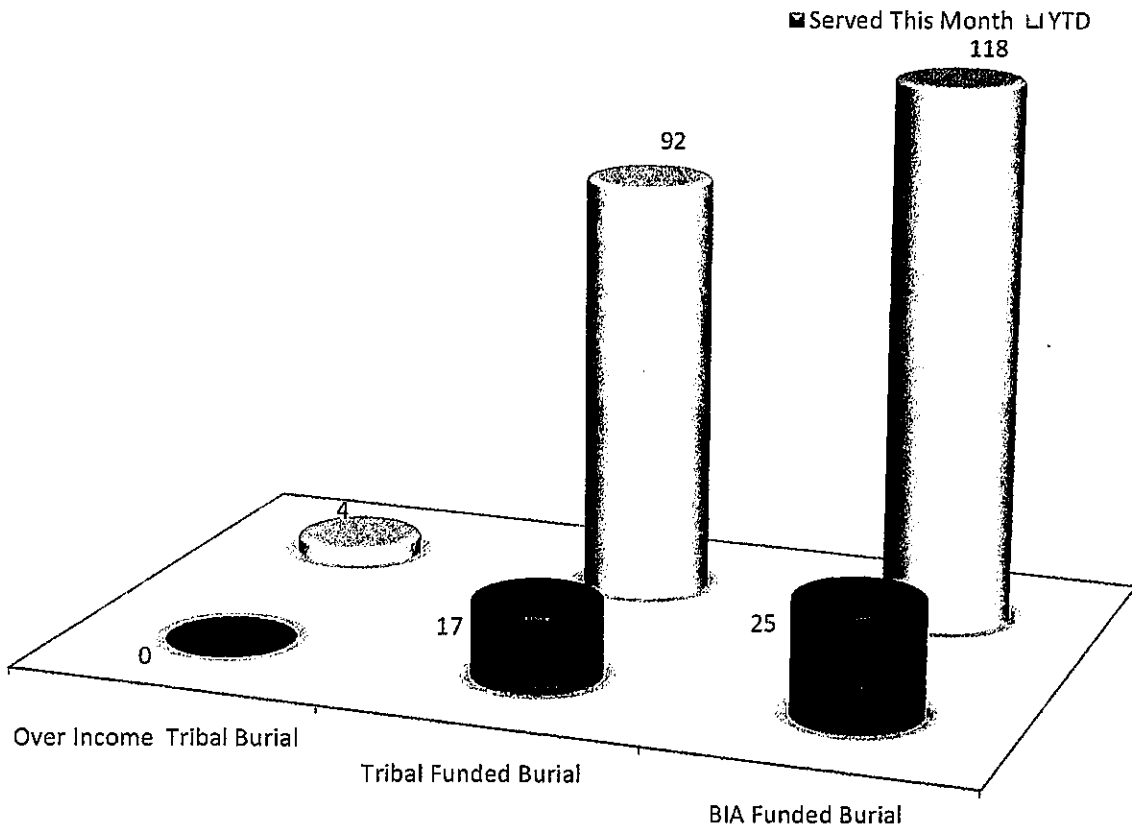


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Burial Assistance :

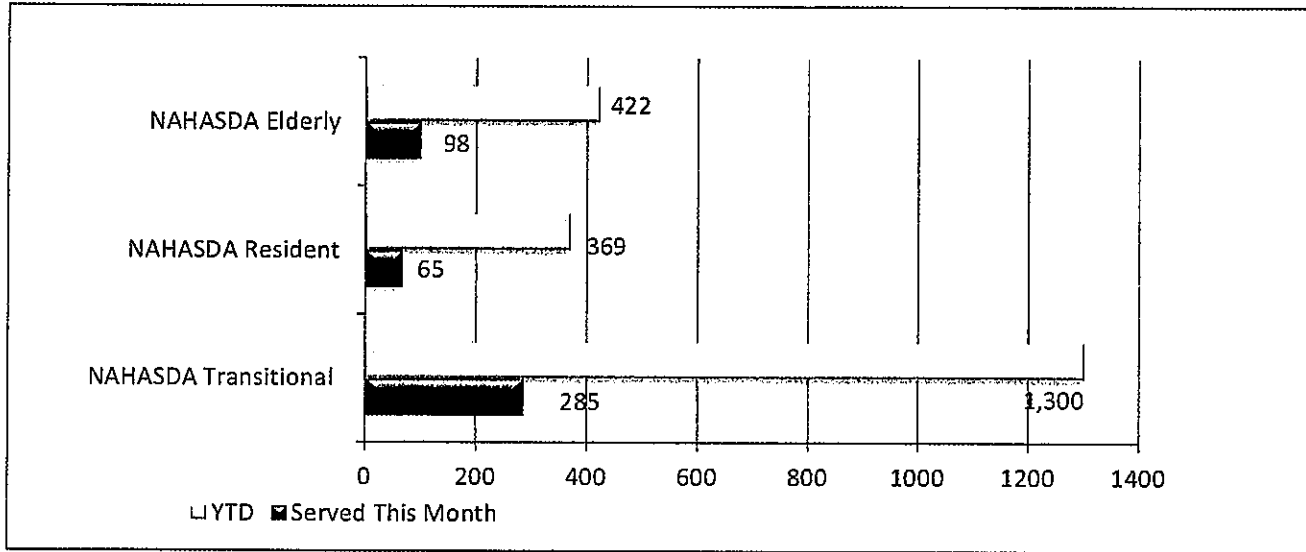
**Burial - Clients Served**



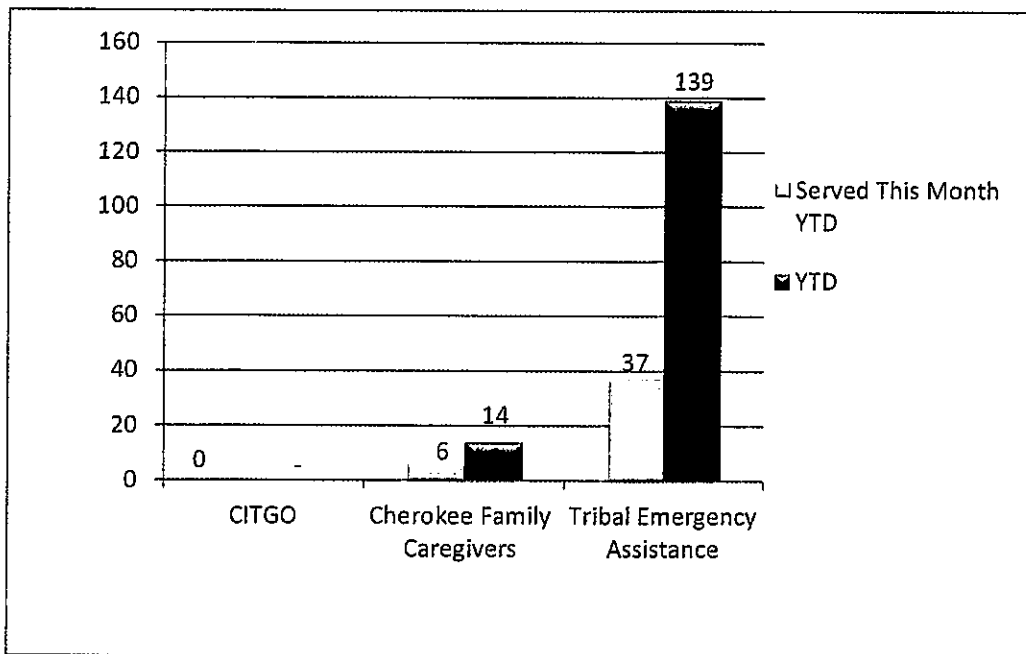
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**NAHASDA :**



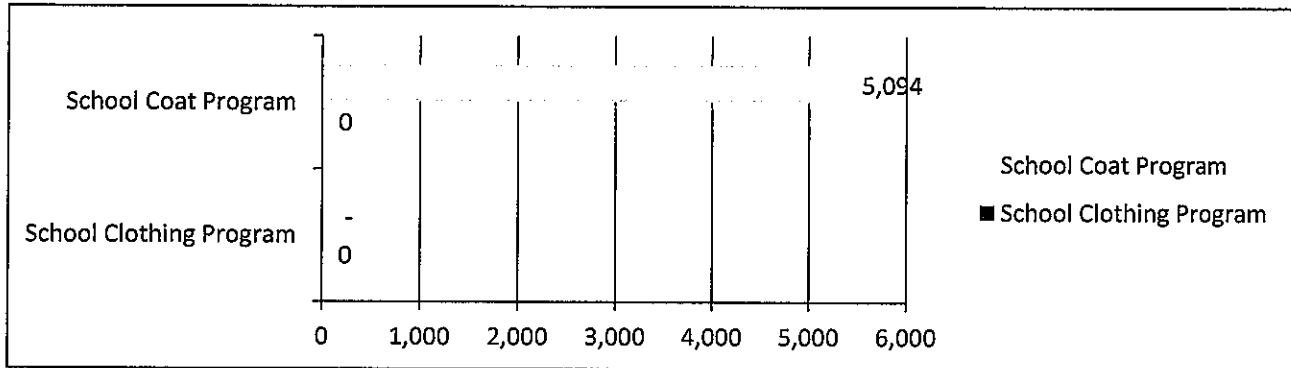
**Family Assistance :**



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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

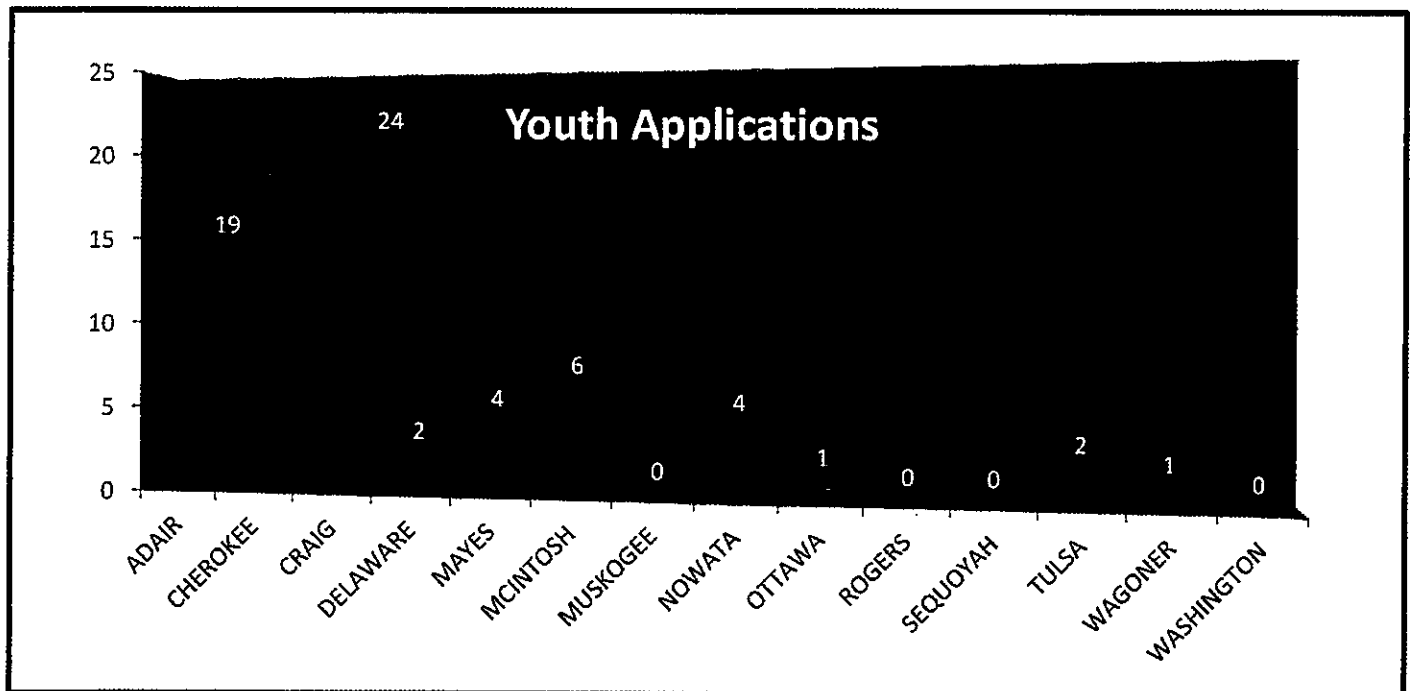
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

**Reception :**

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,504
Total Applications Taken	76

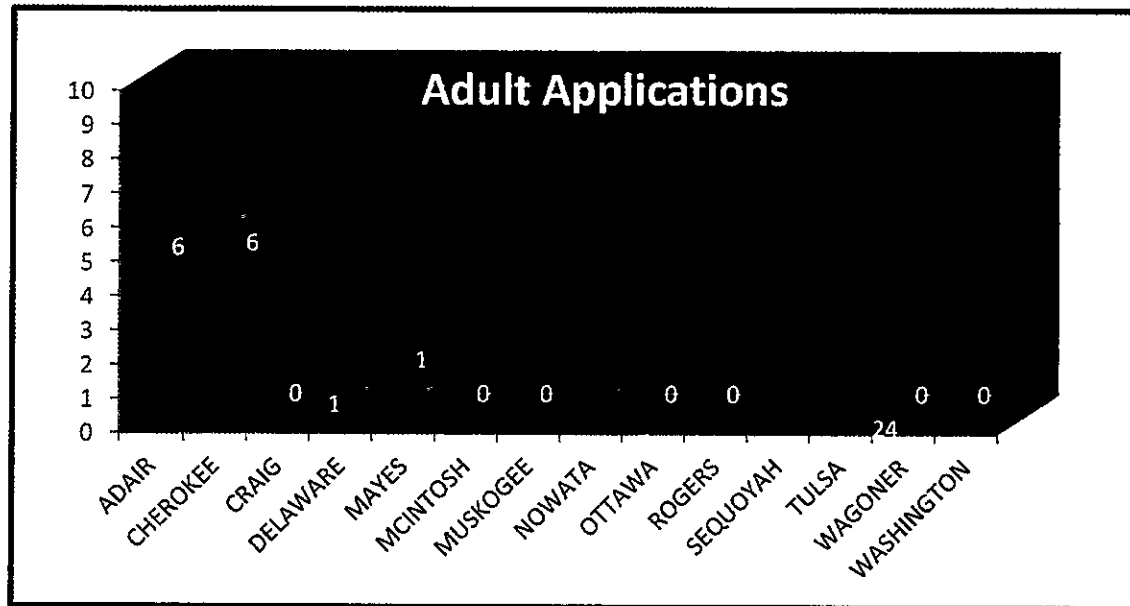
**Community Youth :**





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## Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	64
Total Adult	15

## Monthly Total Amount Distributed

February	\$ 15,800.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services Month/Year of Report: March 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.
4. Requested additional Tribal funds carryover for MOA's that were in place last FY but were not complete.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 124 food handlers
2. Repaired 21 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 26 sewer and/or water facilities

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on Fort Gibson WTP project approximately 85% 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 20% complete.
4. Construction on the Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP is approximately 30% complete.
5. Construction on the Duck Lane small lift station at Cherry Tree approximately 75% complete.

#### c.) Future Plans

1. Annual IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Meeting in Roland, OK April 3-5
2. 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>April, 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.

Wanda Sanders, niece is Nina Dew 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.

Michael Hudson, mother is Tonya Hudson on CN Career Services  
Joana Macy, sister is Anita Lockhart of HACN

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

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

None to report

**HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

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

Marcus Thompson, employee of HACN



*Keys to a brighter future*

## **Announcements**

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

Apr 24    March Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 PM

### **Office Closures:**

May 28    Memorial Day

### **Other Info:**

Apr    Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA)  
16-20    Annual Meeting at Catoosa, OK

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

**918-456-5482**

**800-837-2869**

**Employee Email is:**

[firstname.lastname@hacn.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@hacn.org)

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

**Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation**  
**Month Ending: February, 2018**

**Current Program Participants:**

County	Rental Assistance				Homeownership			Loans		Totals	
	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs	New Construction Homes	Title VI Mortgage Program	Assumable/ Other Mtg. Program	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants
Adair	457	147	81	5	6	107	66	20	3	892	14%
Cherokee	578	182	236	3	22	229	153	58	2	1,463	24%
Craig	37	50	28	0	3	10	14	2	0	144	2%
Delaware	308	114	74	1	7	68	103	19	5	699	11%
McIntosh	15	N/A	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	25	0%
Mayes	220	122	50	1	10	56	45	11	1	516	8%
Muskogee	113	47	47	1	0	49	48	12	0	317	5%
Nowata	32	39	24	0	1	9	26	1	0	132	2%
Ottawa	25	N/A	1	1	1	7	7	4	1	47	1%
Rogers	147	71	145	2	7	78	35	43	3	531	9%
Sequoyah	514	N/A	130	10	13	155	126	56	4	1,008	16%
Tulsa	57	N/A	72	0	3	28	8	4	1	173	3%
Wagoner	13	N/A	3	0	1	58	4	1	1	81	1%
Washington	24	41	37	0	1	25	12	3	0	143	2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>100%</b>
				<b>1,029</b>			<b>1,534</b>		<b>255</b>		

**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	173	3	4	19	17	170	265	202	10%	853	14%
Cherokee	180	1	3	45	22	185	253	478	24%	1,167	19%
Craig	51	0	0	3	1	22	27	60	3%	164	3%
Delaware	130	0	1	22	13	157	132	241	12%	696	11%
McIntosh	6	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	14	1%	24	0%
Mayes	94	1	2	9	11	68	160	159	8%	504	8%
Muskogee	62	0	1	7	2	57	144	150	7%	423	7%
Nowata	29	0	0	6	1	36	15	59	3%	146	2%
Ottawa	13	0	0	2	0	N/A	17	26	1%	58	1%
Rogers	72	1	1	21	1	17	256	179	9%	548	9%
Sequoyah	212	3	1	7	11	N/A	402	231	11%	867	14%
Tulsa	69	0	1	24	6	N/A	213	151	7%	464	7%
Wagoner	21	0	0	8	1	N/A	14	33	2%	77	1%
Washington	34	0	0	18	2	100	65	40	2%	259	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Tribal HUD - VASH

## VA Supportive Housing Program

County	Applications			Assistance	Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List		Total	% of Participants
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Cherokee	2	3	0	3	8	44%
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	33%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	2	2	11%
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>



## **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.**

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS  
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**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Development Files Processing**

Month of:  
Feb, 2018

		Applications		Processing							Construction		In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
				Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV							
County	Waiting List	App Problem	App Processing	Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Survey Rec'd	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete					
Adair	146	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	20	10	66	0	30	10	66	
Cherokee	392	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	46	22	153	0	49	22	153	
Craig	41	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	16	14	0	7	16	14	
Delaware	209	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	16	10	103	1	20	10	103	
McIntosh	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	
Mayes	130	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	12	45	0	17	12	45	
Muskogee	135	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	10	48	0	16	10	48	
Nowata	57	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	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	35	0	4	3	35	
Sequoyah	191	0	7	8	0	0	0	1	22	14	126	7	31	14	126	
Tulsa	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	1	1	8	
Wagoner	26	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:	1,725	0	8	24	3	0	4	3	148	100	650	8	182	100	650	
		8		182							750					

**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

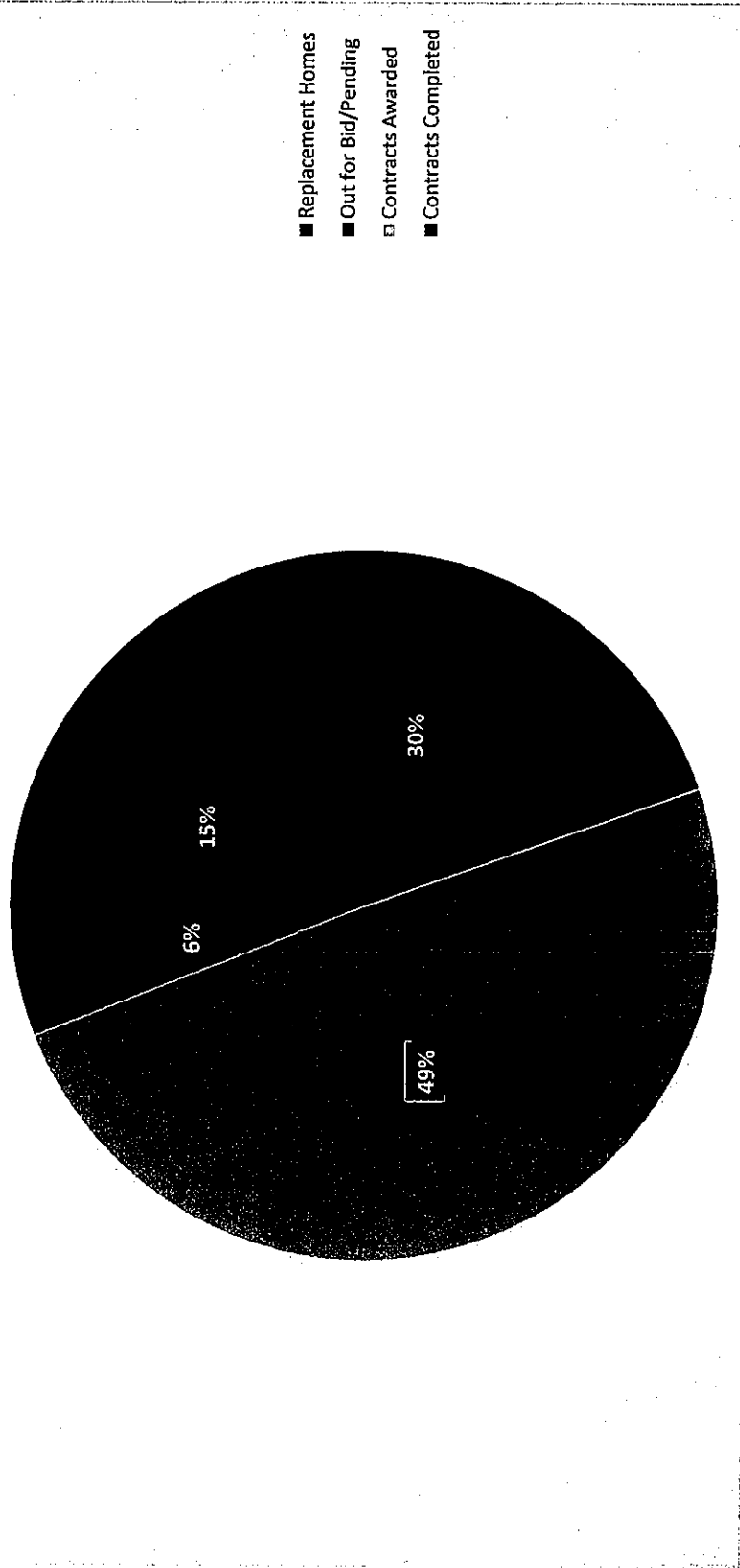
**STAGE III:**  
Order/Receive Survey  
Order/Receive Perc Test  
Receive Utility Assurance  
Receive Abstract from participant

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

Month Ending:  
February, 2018

## Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

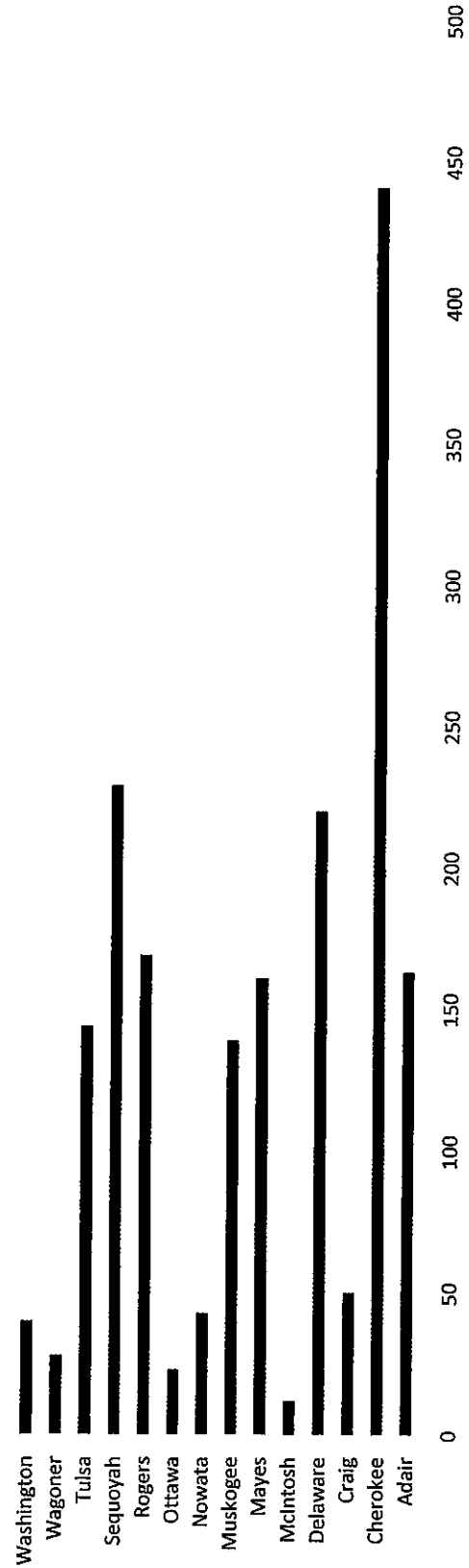
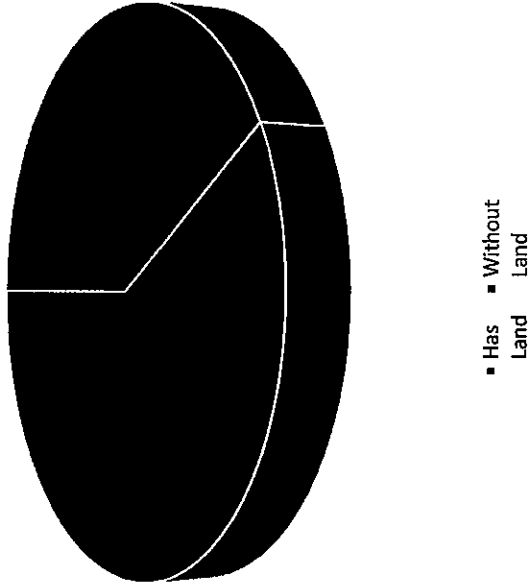
Replacement Homes	12
Out for Bid/Pending	25
Contracts Awarded	41
Contracts Completed	5



## New Construction Homeownership Program Application Data

By Has Land/Does not have land:

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



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

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# **CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Group:** Community Services/ Dept. of Transportation **Month/Year of Report:** April 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 – Right of Way Acquisition is complete. All parcels have been acquired. This project has one utility to relocate and they have requested 60 days to finalize relocation plans.
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. Utility Easement applications crossing Restricted Indian Land and appraisal requests through RES have been completed. We have requested utility relocation information from Red Plains.
5. Dahlenegah South – NEPA has been completed. The firm of Smith-Roberts started the acquisition process. Utility Easement application packets crossing Restricted Indian Land and CN Trust land are in the works. Utility relocation information has been received, Holloway Updike and Bellen is coordinating the utility relocation.
6. Dahlenegah 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 55% complete on schedule at this time. Earthwork and Aggregate Base .
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. Preliminary relocation plans have been received 3 of the 4 impacted utility companies. 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. All parcels have been acquired except for Lottie Cain, dec'd. Gave County Commissioner Dale Dandridge parcel for Lottie Cain to condemn for title.

## **CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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:**

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. Eight Fee parcels have been acquired out of a total of 19 parcels. Four parcels out of the 19 are USA in Trust for the Cherokee Nation. Two parcels out of the 19 are restricted Indian land owned by the Birdtail family. The remaining 5 parcels are fee and still in negotiations. Utility relocation plans and agreements have been received from 4 of the 5 impacted utility companies.

#### **CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:**

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

#### **DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is -55% complete. Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017. As of February 28, 2018 the number of days have accumulated to 383 days 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:**

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1. Chimney Rock – R/W acquisition is almost complete. One parcel out of 27 parcels remains to be acquired. Utility are in the process of being relocated.

**MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Utilities are in the process of being relocated.
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 – A final inspection was performed on March 20<sup>th</sup> with no major deficiencies found.

**III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

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

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 196 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 683 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 80 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 55 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 118 rides
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 90 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 284 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 341 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 43 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,551

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

# Commerce Group

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

Anna Knight, Executive Director  
918-453-5532  
anna-knight@cherokee.org

## Mortgage Assistance Program

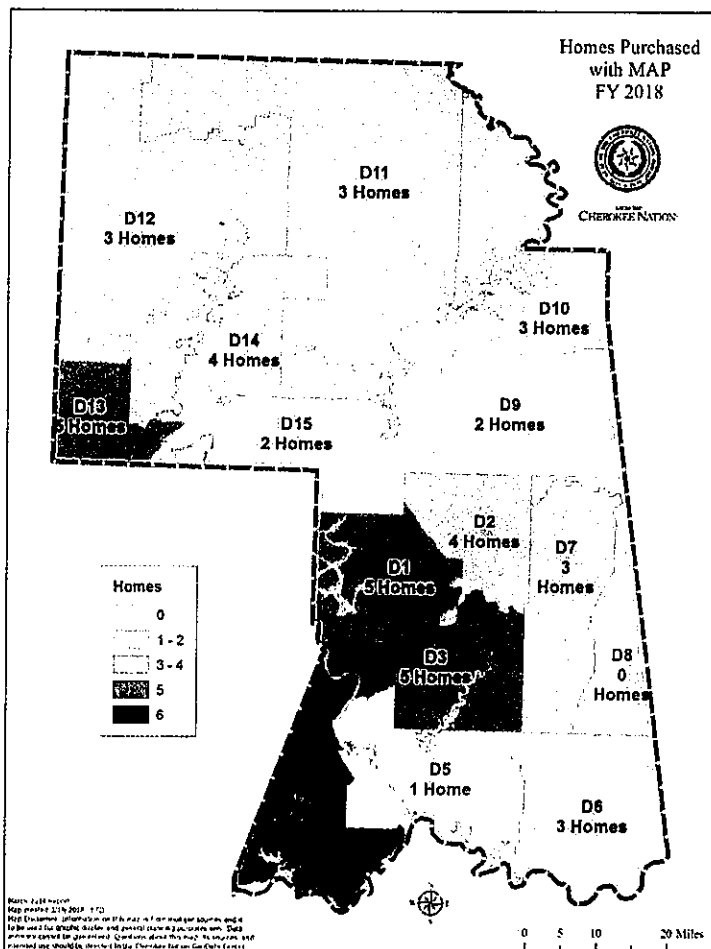


**49 Families became Homeowners** through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

24 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

### MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$36,237.05
Home Price	\$94,971.98



Since FY2009, **1,651 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 in full swing. As of March 20<sup>th</sup>, the program has helped 1,228 clients.

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

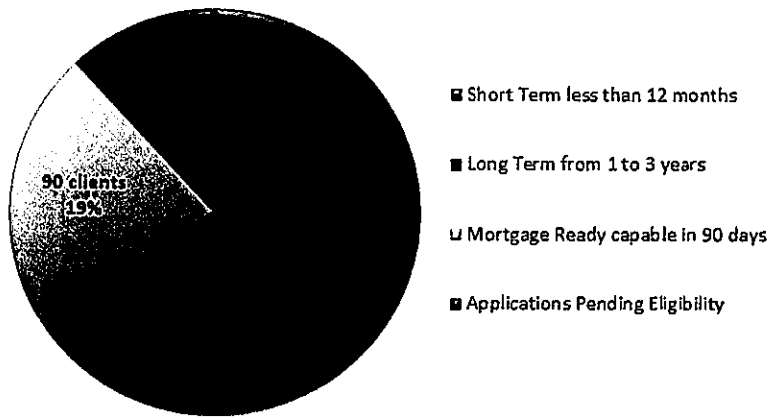
*I would recommend everyone take the Homebuyers Education Class because of the knowledge you gain from it.*

*J. Cornell, Mortgage Assistance Program recipient, Cherokee County*



## Financial Counseling

### MAP Applications and Financial Counseling

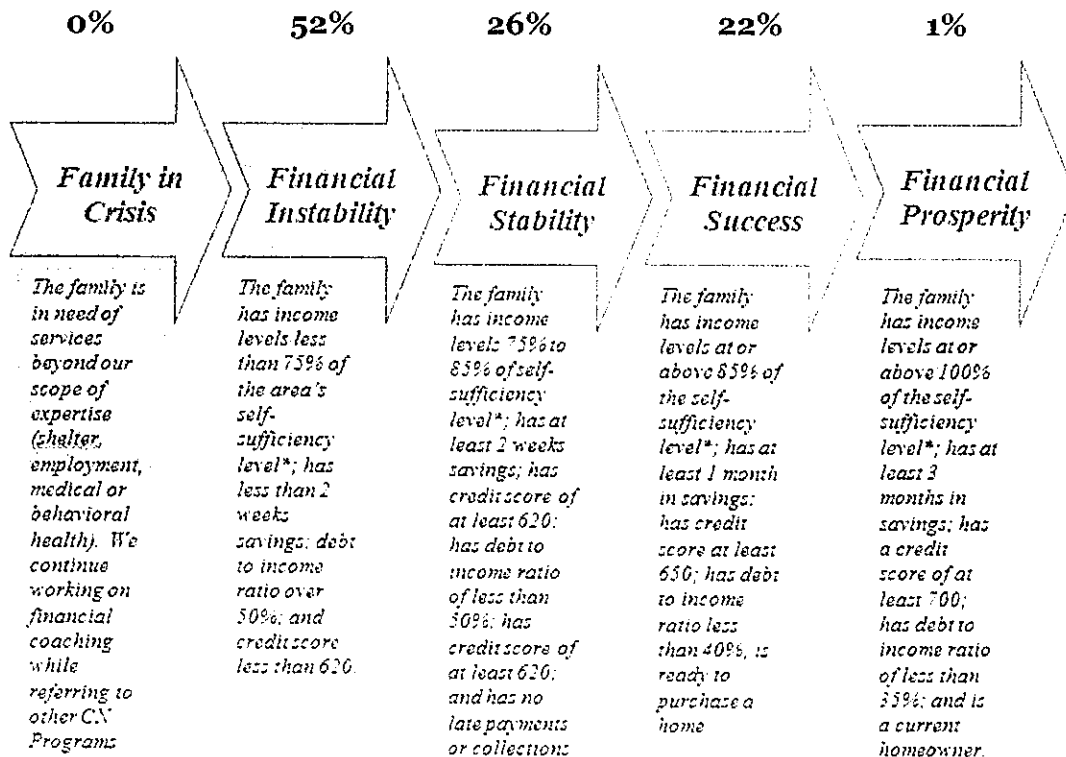


411 families are in the home buyers' pipeline, either having completed or active in financial counseling.

Since FY07, 841 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

32 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>

**620 families** have participated in financial and credit coaching this year.

397 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 24% financial success
- 28% financially stable
- 47% financially instable

#### Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	43 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	28.60%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	4.00%

**878 consumer loans totaling \$994,286.43** 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**.

**346 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 **105 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

Financial education classes are offered at no cost 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 **223 people have attended community and work based financial education classes**.

## Training Schedule

Interested in attending a class? Contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-336 or [susan-sharp@cherokee.org](mailto:susan-sharp@cherokee.org).

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
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 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
June 11-13	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
June 13	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
June 18-20	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 16-18	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 18	Tahlequah	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Financial Education Class
July 23-15	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 28	Jay	Saturday All Day	Homebuyers Training



# CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT February 2018

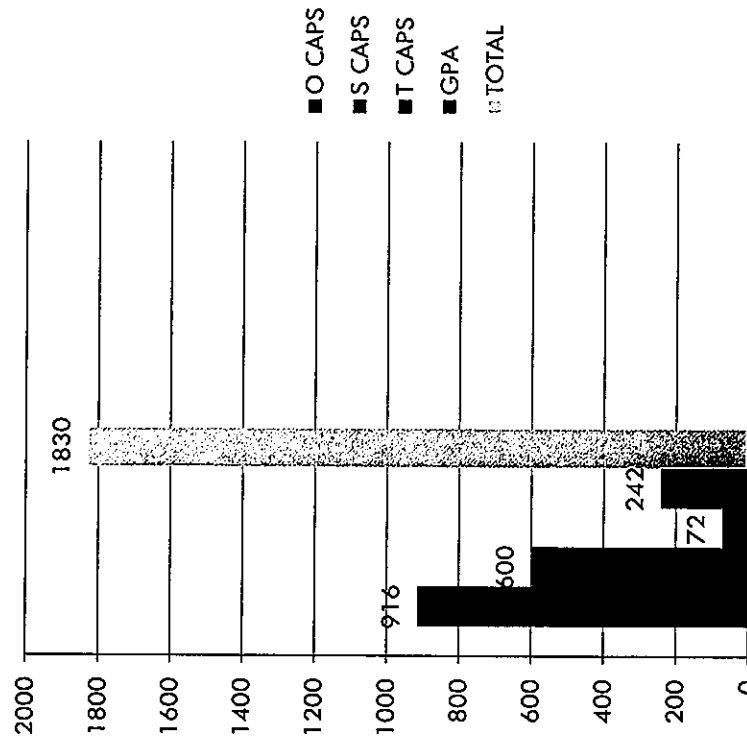
Nikki Baker-Limore, Executive Director

# Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of February:

1,830 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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Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 516 times on behalf of Cherokee children and families.

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Minnesota

Wisconsin

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# 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 February

Cherokee Nation received:

- ❑ State of Oklahoma – 472 notices involving 823 children
- ❑ Outside of Oklahoma – 957 notices for 1,486 children.
- ❑ Totaling – 1,429 notices and 2,309 children.
- ❑ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 63 days.

## Prevention and Intervention

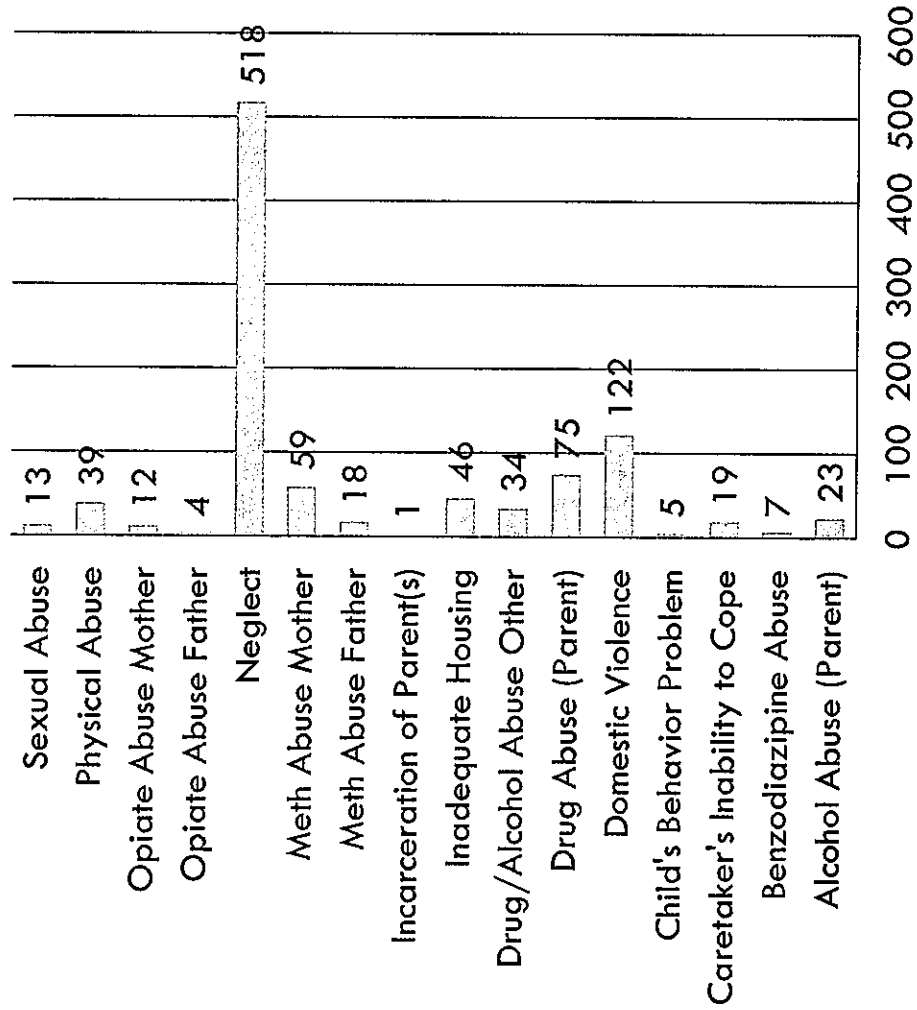
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 22 children and 15 families.

# Child Protective Services

**Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported**



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

## Month of February

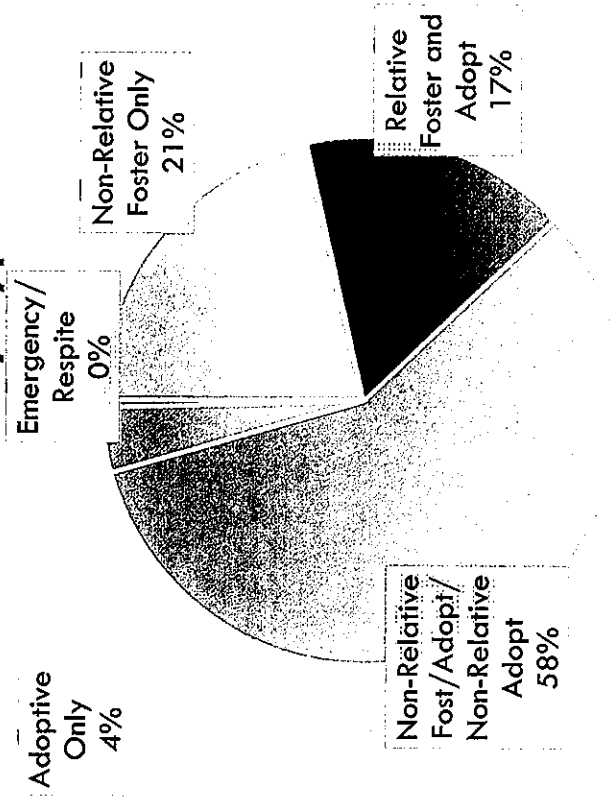
- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 271 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 271 referrals involved 471 children
  - 1 of the 271 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
  - 13 of the 271 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 8 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

# CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

## (Foster & Adoptive Homes)

### CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

#### Homes by Type



#### Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

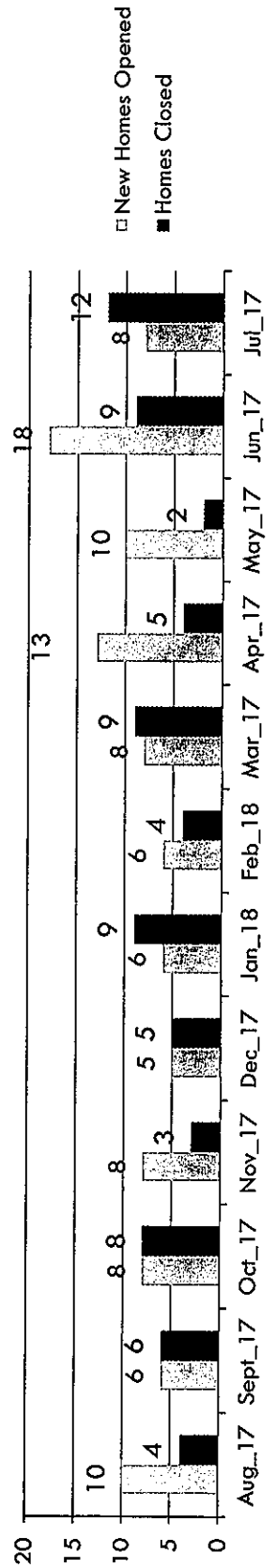
**Non-Relative Adoptive:** Families who hope to adopt children when the children's parents' rights are terminated. These homes do not take foster placements.

**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.







Community & Cultural Outreach

## Community Report for **March 2018** Rob Daugherty – Director

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

In March, CCO staff lost an extremely important member of our team, Donna Chuculate. Ms Chuculate served our Cherokee people for over 20 years with honor. She is missed within our CCO staff and in our communities.



### Technical Assistance Capacity Building

#### Capacity Building in March

Number of Community  
Organizations Assisted  
in February

28

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.

380

Number of hours of capacity  
building training received by  
community leaders

CCO Staff collaborated with Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management to provide our Cherokee communities leaders with knowledge that will help our communities when an emergency strikes. Thirty two community leaders from fifteen communities attended our Community Emergency Preparedness training. Participants received instruction in patient assessment, first aid, CPR, as well as storm preparedness and the Civilian Emergency Responder program.

15

Community Organization attending the  
Community Emergency Preparedness Training

**Community Leaders attending the  
Community Emergency Preparedness  
Training**

**32**

**Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in February**

Adair County Historical and Genealogical Asso (D7&8)	Muldrow Cherokee Comm Org (D6)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County (D7&8)	Native American Fellowship (D11)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association (D6)	Neighborhood Association of Chewey
Cherokee National Historical Society (D1)	Noweta Cherokee Community Foundation
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preserv Found (D1)	Orchard Road Community Outreach (D7&8)
Family Support Center of Oaks	POTLUCK Society (D14&15)
Four Corners Helping Hands	Proctor Community Organization (D7)
Illinois River Area Community Organization (D2)	Project A Association (D4)
Immersion School Parent Organization* (D1)	Project OsiYo Tahlequah Men's Shelter (D1)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Soc (D7&8)
Jeremiah 29 (D7&8)	Tailholt Community Organization (D2&3)
Marble City Community Activity Organization (D5&6)	Webbers Falls Historical Museum (D4&5)
Marble City Food Pantry (D5&6)	White Oak Comm Center (D11)
Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)	Zoo Safari USA* (D1,2,9&15)

\* 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Outreach staff provided a cultural presentation for Councilman Dobbins' 4<sup>th</sup> 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

To celebrate Women's History Month, Winnie Guess-Perdue joined us for a special presentation on March 15<sup>th</sup>. She shared her extraordinary journey as one of the five women featured in Cherokee Nation's exhibit "Cherokee Women Who Changed the World." Ms Guess-Perdue is a direct descendant of Sequoyah and an accomplished ballerina, fancy dancer, and artist. In 2002, she competed in Melbourne, Australia at the World Masters Games and in 2004, was named Oklahoma's Senior Athlete of the Year. Ms Guess-Perdue is one of 2-3 females in history to have mastered the old school traditional version of the Hoop Dance. She received the Moscelyn Larkin Greater Tulsa Lifetime of Cultural Achievement Award in 2008, and in 2015 she accepted the Oral Roberts University Lifetime of Global Achievement Award. There were 38 people in attendance.



On March 10<sup>th</sup>, History & Preservation sent Ashley Vann to give a genealogy presentation in Springfield, MO. Fifty five people attended this event.

**55**

Number attending Springfield, MO event

During the month of March, History & Preservation provided four presentations to our At-Large Communities. These were at the Anaheim Central Library for the Cherokees of Orange County on the 17<sup>th</sup>; the Northeast Branch of the Seattle Public Library for the Cherokee Community of Puget Sound, also on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Mountain City City Hall for the Central Texas Cherokee Township on the 24<sup>th</sup>; and at the Universal City Public Library for the Cherokee Township of San Antonio on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**119**

Number attending the History presentation

These presentations cover, Cherokee Genealogy, with Gene Norris, Historic Sites of the Cherokee Nation, with Catherine Grey and the Cherokee Nation and the American Civil War, with Brad Wagnon.



## Volunteer Program

Volunteer staff had a very busy in March. Staff hosted Alternative Spring Break groups from four Universities



These volunteers worked in 9 different Cherokee communities. They cleaned cemeteries, repaired drywall, build handicap ramps for home access and repaired flooring for our elders and community organizations.

Brushy	Langley
Sallisaw	Piney
Marble City	Welling
Adair County	Oaks
Vinita	

### Number of Volunteers

48

### Number of Projects Completed

21

1513

### Number of Hours of Labor

### Up Coming Events:

April 5 – Four Corners Helping Hands, 4029 E. 640 Rd., Locust Grove, OK, 6:00 pm, Jess Oosahwee  
Blowguns & Darts