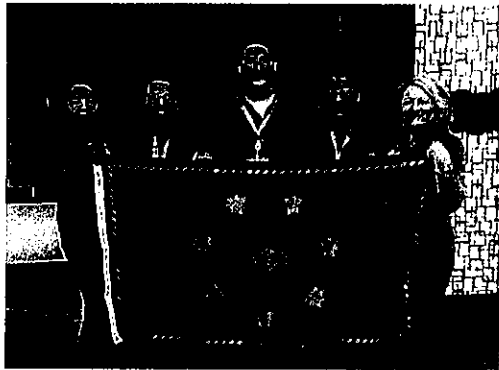


**Education Committee
Career Services
July Monthly Report
Diane Kelley, Executive Director**

The **Alternative Education Program** had seven students pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of July. Our total graduate count is **79** (66 are Cherokee Nation citizens; **seven** are members of different Federally Recognized tribes and **two** are/were clients of the Jack Brown Center.)

Alternative Education Teachers Marcie Harris and Anna Christie attended the 2018 GED Conference in San Diego, CA from July 25-28.

The **Career Development Skills Training** Program provided training to 78 individuals.



Vocational Rehabilitation and Disability Employment Initiative staff attended the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR), where Mary Ross won an award for 15 years of faithful service working for Native Americans who happen to have a disability. Brenda Fitzgerald was awarded for 10 years of faithful service working for Native Americans who happen to have a disability. Pictured from left to right are: Mary Ross, Lucinda Washington, Josh Drywater, Brenda Fitzgerald, and Cheryl Adams.

Talking Leaves Job Corps presented our Annual Health Fair on June 26, 2018 for our students which covered a multitude of events: SART (Sexual Assault Response Team), Stress Bingo, Mental Health, Hygiene/Employability, Sex Education, Safety, TUPP (Tobacco Use Prevention Program), TEAP (Tobacco Education & Alcohol Prevention), Disability, HEALS (Healthy Eating & Active Learning Styles) Dental, Blood Pressure, Height/Weight.

Talking Leaves Job Corps Culinary Arts Instructor and 20 of our students assisted with the Cherokee Nation Employee Appreciation Day Luncheon on June 29, 2018.

Vocational Programs Participant Success:

Kaylen Reece is 18 years old, single, and has received her GED. As she has been trying to pay for her own personal expenses for the past year, she worked at the Grand Lake Villa Nursing Home in Grove, Oklahoma as a dietary aid. Kaylen worked in the Dietary Department because she did not have any advanced training. She worked at this jobsite from September 2017 to January 2018. She quit her position in January so she could attend school and receive a certificate. She understood this would be the only way she could advance in position and pay.

On February 26, 2018 Kaylen started her Certified Nurse Aide training at Kansas VoTech in Kansas, Oklahoma. The students attend eight hours a day for five days. The class lasts for two and a half weeks, then there is a final exam. Kaylen was so proud that she successfully passed.

Now she has a Certified Nurse Aide certificate with the Oklahoma State Department of Health. She will not need to renew her certificate until March 2020.

Kaylen also has another new development in her life. After becoming certified, she applied one month later and was hired at the Grandwood Assisted Living Facility in Grove, Oklahoma as a CAN. Not only did she get the advanced position she had been wanting, but she also secured a \$2.00 per hour raise in pay.

Kaylen was counseled before leaving the training program to consider advancement in her nursing career. She was informed that if she chose to start her short-term trainings, Cherokee Nation Career Services would be able to assist with the cost of those classes. She stated she would consider the LPN program at a later date.

Vocational Programs Participant Success:

Danora Powell first visited the Claremore Career Services office in August 2016. She had moved back into the area to care for her aging parents in June 2015. Her previous work history had been as a teacher's aide, but the pay rate was barely above minimum wage and she found it difficult to find a fulltime position in the field near her parents' home.

At that time, we discussed several options, and she ultimately decided on education in the healthcare field. She began Practical Nursing classes in September 2016. This field would allow her to become self-sufficient and also help her in caring for her parents.

Danora graduated in November 2017 with a 3.87 GPA and attained her LPN license. In January 2018, she changed positions at her same place of employment from a CAN to an LPN.



From Danora:

5-2-18

Thank you for your assistance to help me through LPN School. I greatly appreciate your belief in me. I graduated with a 3.87 GPA. This journey has been so wonderful! Thank you so much for being part of it. Christy Stites helped me throughout the program - A huge "Thank You!" for always being there to help and answer my questions. May God bless each of you!

Thank You,
Danora Powell

Group: Education Services

Month/Year: July 18

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College Resource Center

School Year 2018-19 Applications Received as of June 15, 2018:

- 5,541 Cherokee Nation Scholarships (Undergraduate, Graduate and/or Concurrent Enrollment)

Outreach & Presentations:

- 6/16/18—Table, Community Meeting, Sperry
- 6/22-23/18—Table, CCO Conference, NSU-Tahlequah
- 6/26/18—Table, Community Meeting, Claremore
- 7/12/18—Table, CNB Education Fair, West Siloam Springs Casino

Future Plans:

1. Scheduling of outreach and technical assistance sessions with 14-county and contiguous area schools for 2019-20 school year.
2. Planning College & Career Fairs 2018-19 – Tahlequah and Northern Areas – October/November 2018
TBD

Head Start

Activity

June

YTD

# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	12 Meetings Conducted	260 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	83 Site Visits	1,01 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	17 hours offered	374.00 hours offered
CC Expenditures - Travel	\$502.08	\$20,738.51

Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Monthly Meal Counts and Reimbursement

June 2018

Breakfast – 2,321	Lunch – 2,368	Snack – 2,268
Total Food Cost – \$		Reimbursement – \$14,256.75

Accomplishments:

- 1) Progress continues in preparation for the federal review with requisitions being filled for replacement and repair of equipment and playgrounds and facilities.
- 2) Administrative staff have completed the revisions and updates for all guiding documents including the amended Policies and Procedures written specifically for ECU classroom

operations. Other approved documents are the Parent Manual and the Child Abuse Reporting policy.

- 3) Attached you will find pictures of the children enjoying the fruits of their labor from their gardens. The faculty incorporates gardening into their lesson plans and instill the joy of outdoor activities like gardening. Gardening develops children's brain, body and soul from physically being engaged in the planning, working, harvesting and feeling the respect for what good comes from the earth and developing a desire to eat fresh healthy foods.
- 4) 1 staff member received their renewal CDA this month.

New Initiatives:

- 1) CNECU is scheduled for the federal on-site review the week of September 10-14, 2018. The first of pre-planning conference calls will be July 17, 2018 to preview the process and detail the necessary documentation to upload.
- 2) The annual OIHSDA state pre-service is scheduled July 31-August 2, 2018 in Tulsa. Head Start staff will attend.
- 3) Head Start staff return July 19, 2018 from furlough and Head Start children return August 6, 2018. The Early Head faculty will take a two week break for training starting July 30 through August 3, 2018. EHS will also be enrolling new students for the new school year beginning August 6, 2018 as well.
- 4) The quarterly Health Advisory Board is scheduled July 19, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the ECU conference room. The HAB will review, resolve and approve health related practices and provide guidance on routine children's health concerns.

JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program

JOM Program

Activity

June/July

YTD

	JOM	Special Projects	Public School Outreach	YTD Total
# of students on program	26,097 (7/18/18)	-		26,097
# of schools participating	68			68
# of communities participating	3	-		3
# of special events		3		75
# participants students/adults		43		13,531/266
# of school staff participating		30		1346
# of contractors participating		4		152

Accomplishments:

1. June 18 – JOM FS Coordinator attended Jay IEC meeting – 5 parents, Jay JOM Contact in attendance
2. June 19 – Field Specialists assisted at CTE/CLMT Stickball and Archery 20 Participants
3. June 22 – JOM FS Coordinator taught basket weaving class at CTE/CLMT at Heritage School 20 Participants
4. June 24 - 28 Strategic Planning
5. July 10 – 2019 OKJOM Planning meeting and site visit in Durant
6. July 18 – Site visit Cave Springs school met with new JOM Contact.
7. Technical Assistance provided via by phone to Afton, Belfonte, Brushy, Catoosa, Central, Copan, Foyil, Gans, Keys Maryetta, Oklahoma Union, Porum, Pryor, Roland, Sallisaw, Tulsa, Warner

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

JOM:

1. July 30 – JOM FS Coordinator doing cultural crafts with Foster Children
2. August 10 – 2019 OKJOM Planning meeting Okmulgee
3. August 23 – Fall Training

Up Coming Events:

IGNITE conference