

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

October 2018

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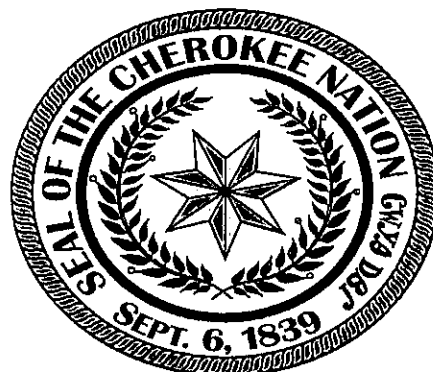


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Number of Employees	270
Number of Vacancies	30
Number of Volunteers	38

Human Services Announcements



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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

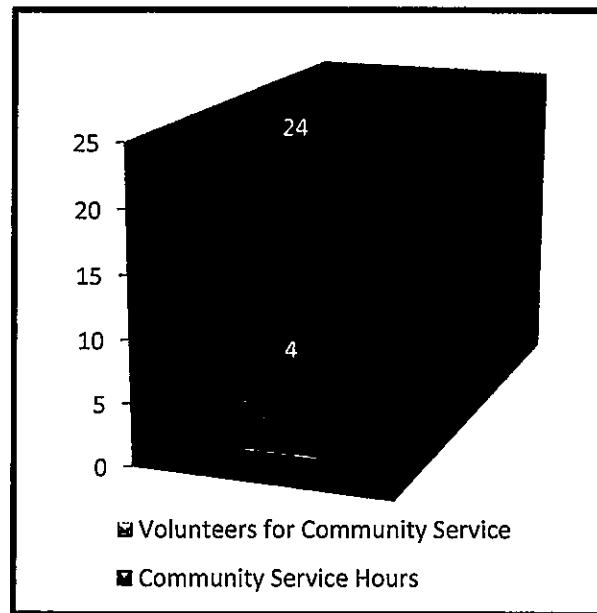
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	23
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	13
Admissions	10



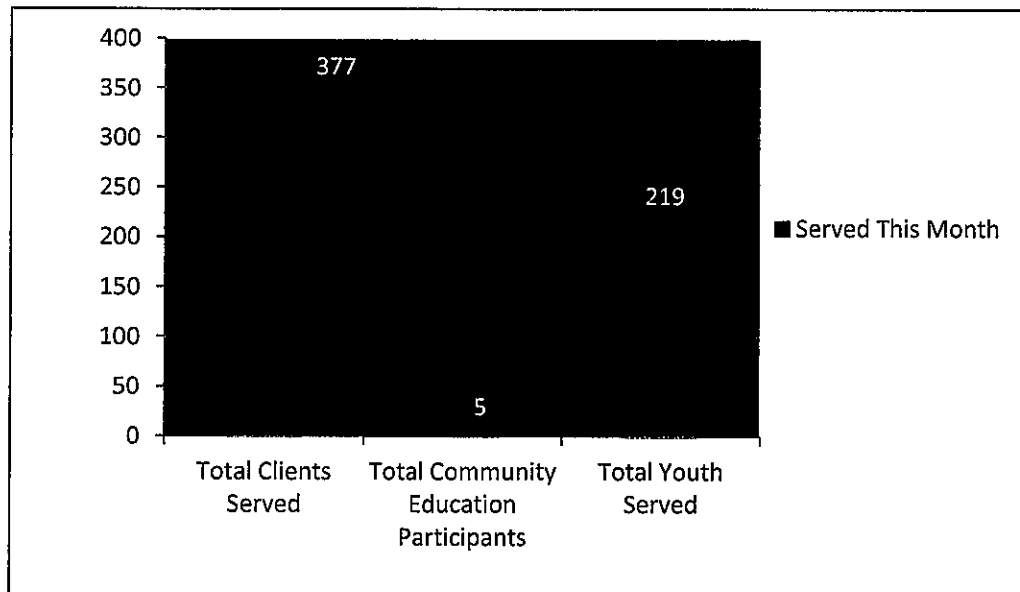
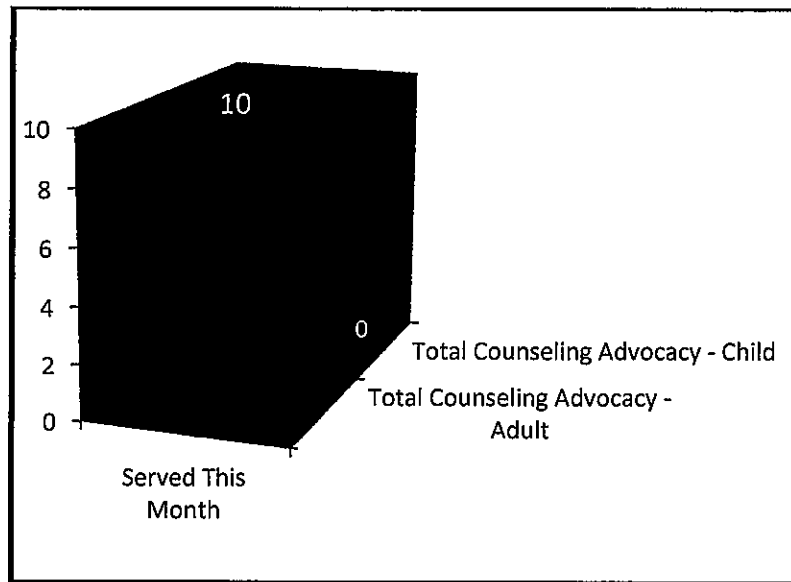
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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations 5



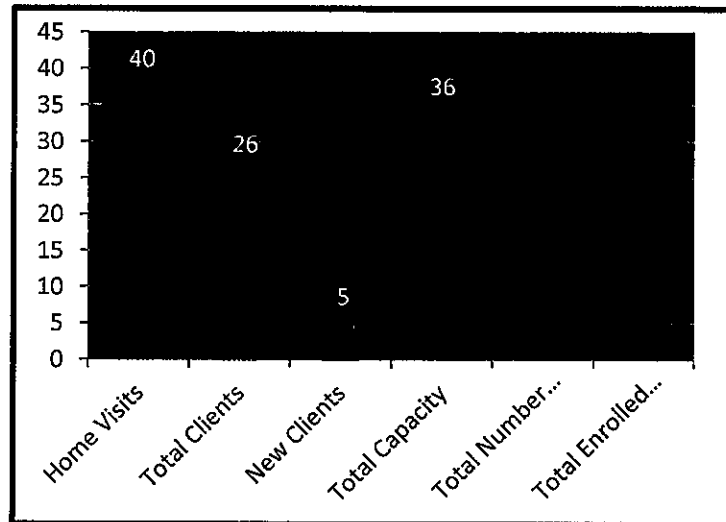
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## YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	26
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### Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell -



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## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	104
Number of Vacancies	19
Number of Volunteers	0

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

### Child Care Development Centers :

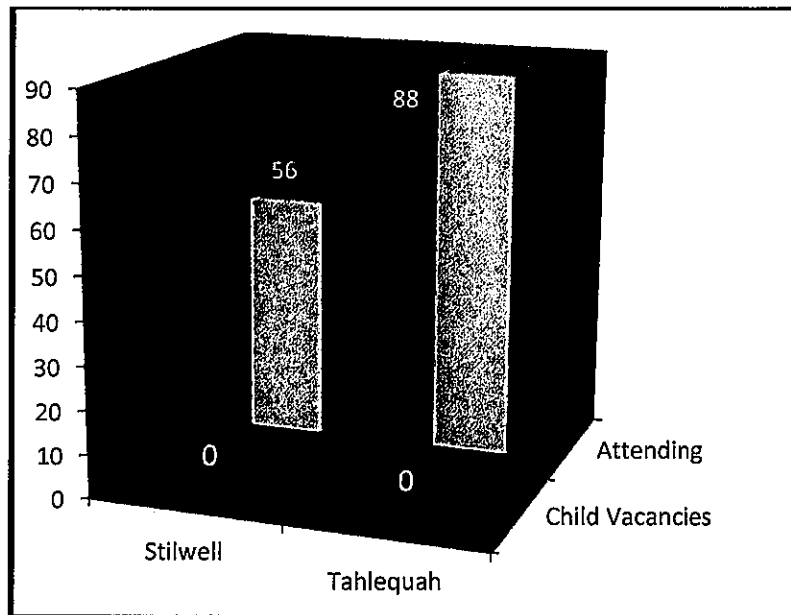
- Stilwell - The Fall Festival was held this month. Over 100 participated in the games and fun. The staff represented SCDC at the annual Trunk O Ween, handing out treats to hundreds of children. Our Children also trick or treated at the center. The monthly drills were conducted.

- Tahlequah - Fall Festival (Over 200 people in attendance) Scholastic Book Fair started.

- Resource & Referral - CN Prov Conf, Building Native Comm, Cherokee Challenge Bowl, CN Comm mtg Warner, DHS recruitment mtg, Grange mtg, Native Am Assoc Ketchum, Angel Tree apps, Rogers County mini-conf, Children's Environmental Conf, ICW Safe Babies, CN Comm mtg Muskogee, webinars

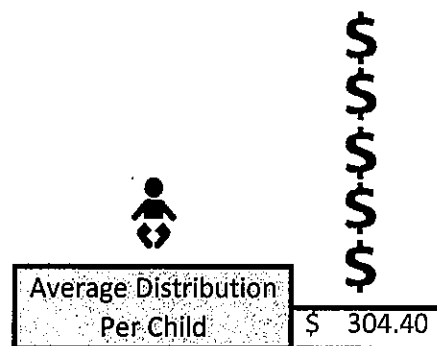
- Subsidy - Our new rates went into effect this month.

- Licensing - CC Conf, Community Meetings =Owasso, Warner, Tahlequah, NICCA BOD mtg, Training Institute



### Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,739
Amount Distributed	\$ 529,353.00



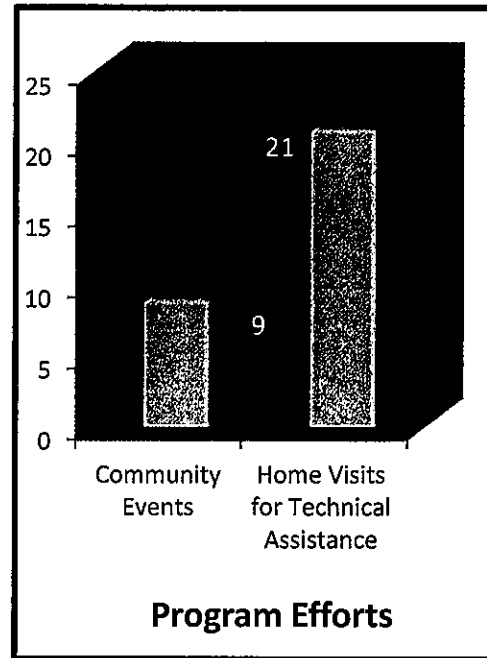
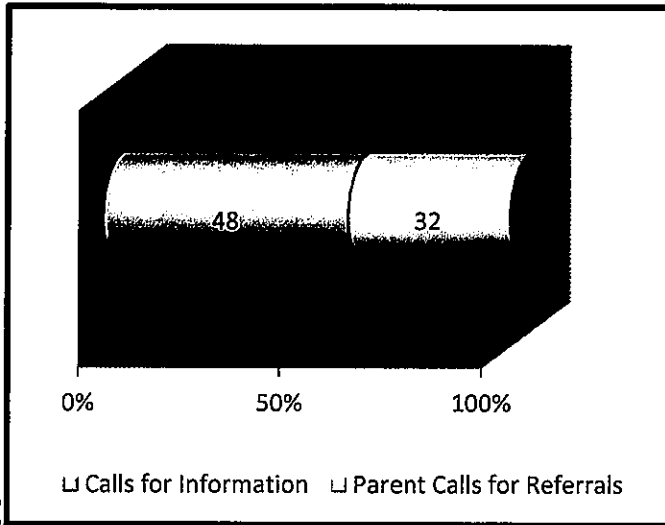
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## CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

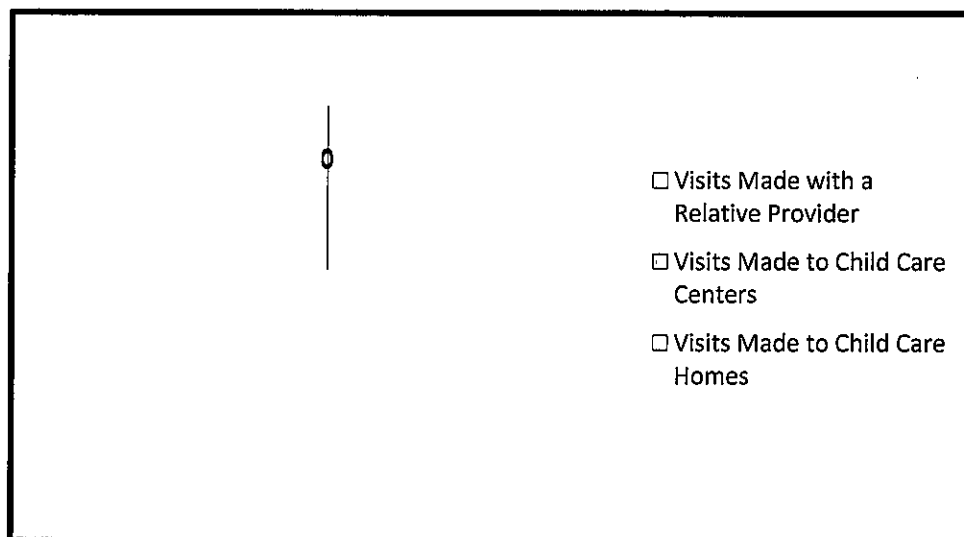
### Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

13



### Licensing & Monitoring :





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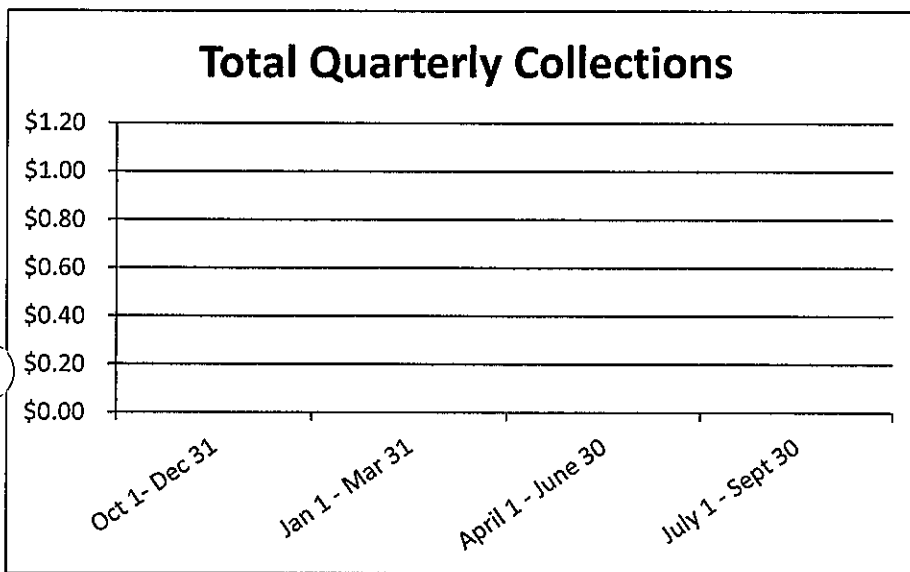
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT**

Director - Kara Whitworth

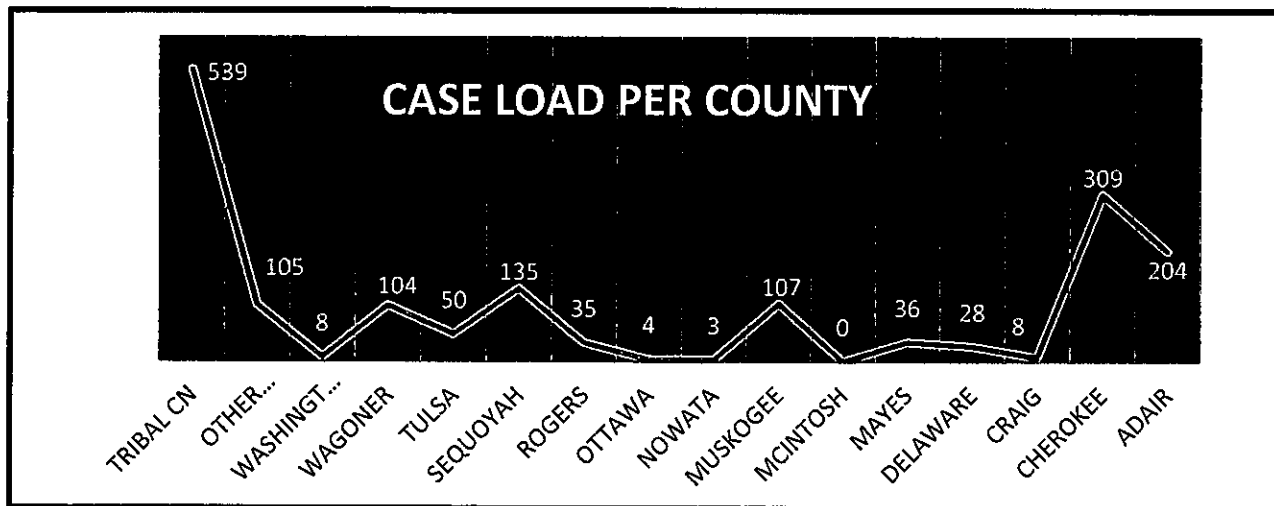
Number of Employees	32
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

Oct. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 280,090.00
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Total Client Contacts	2,709
Total Court Hearings	67
Total Active Efforts Case	1,527
Total Case Assessments for Service	25
Total Applications Distributed	37

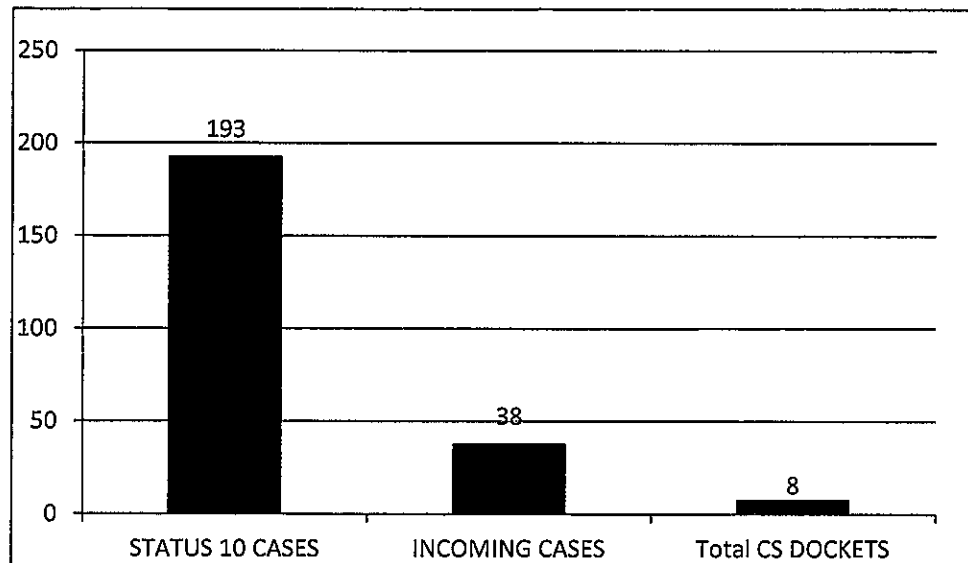


\*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections



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**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT**



Child Support:

The Office of Child Support Services distributed 37 requested applications and received 25 new application for new cases. Current active cases as go into FY 2019 is approximately 2,531. The program recently added a new Assistant Attorney General to our office full time. The hope is that with an additional attorney, the program will continue to build in the northern counties of Cherokee Nation's jurisdiction. The program continues to work on the new digital media grant through the Federal Office of Child Support Grants division. This grant will ensure the program focuses on developing a web presence regarding child support via our own web page and facebook presence as well as developing Public Service announcements about child support program as well as short educational videos about how child support completes items such as DNA testing and what to expect when attending court hearings. The overall goal of the grant is provide better communication avenues for potential clients as well current clients the program serves. The first quarter, the Director will be focused on hiring a lead project specialist who has a background in marketing and communication as well as IT expertise to ensure the grant goals are met. In addition, the Director of Child Support also recently was voted in as Oklahoma Tribal Child Support Association's President. There are currently 9 other tribal child support programs within Oklahoma and so this association is open to all child support professionals within Oklahoma. In addition there are also two additional Cherokee Nation Child Support staff who serve on the OTCSA board. We have 3 success stories which define the difference this program makes in ensuring our children and families are being supported in the best interest of the children and families involved in these cases.



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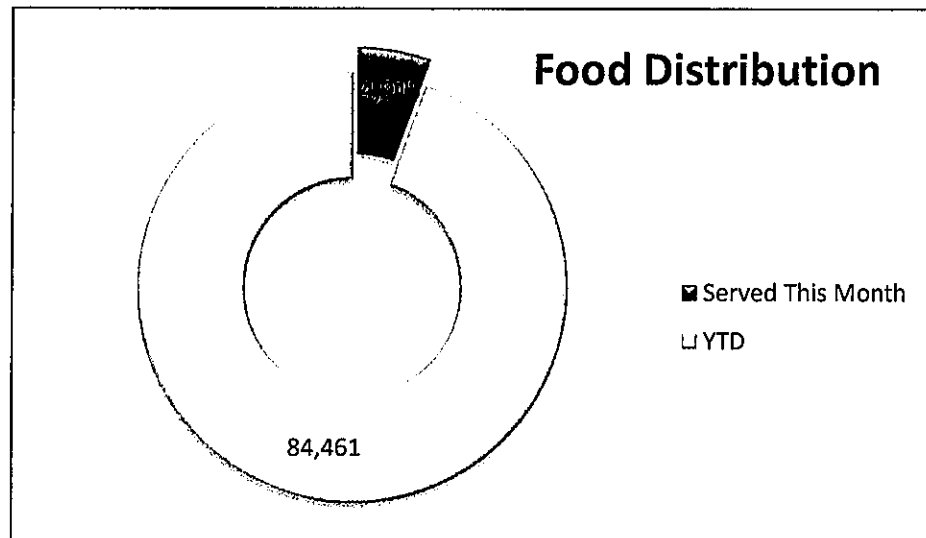
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

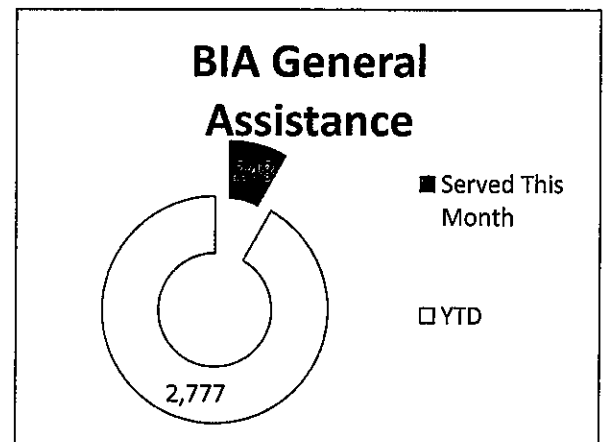
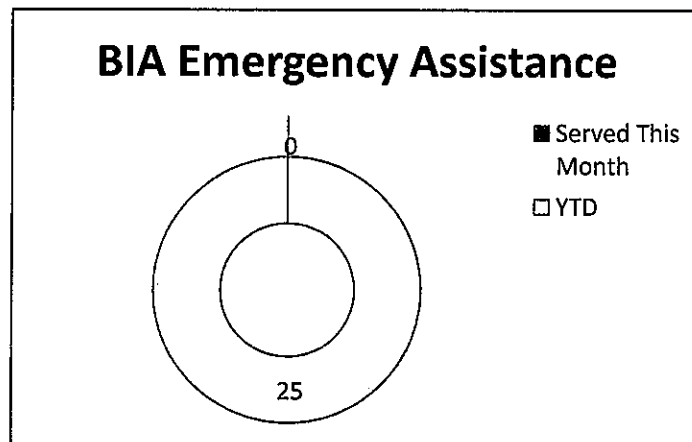
Number of Employees	111
Number of Vacancies	8
Number of Volunteers	38

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

### Food Distribution :



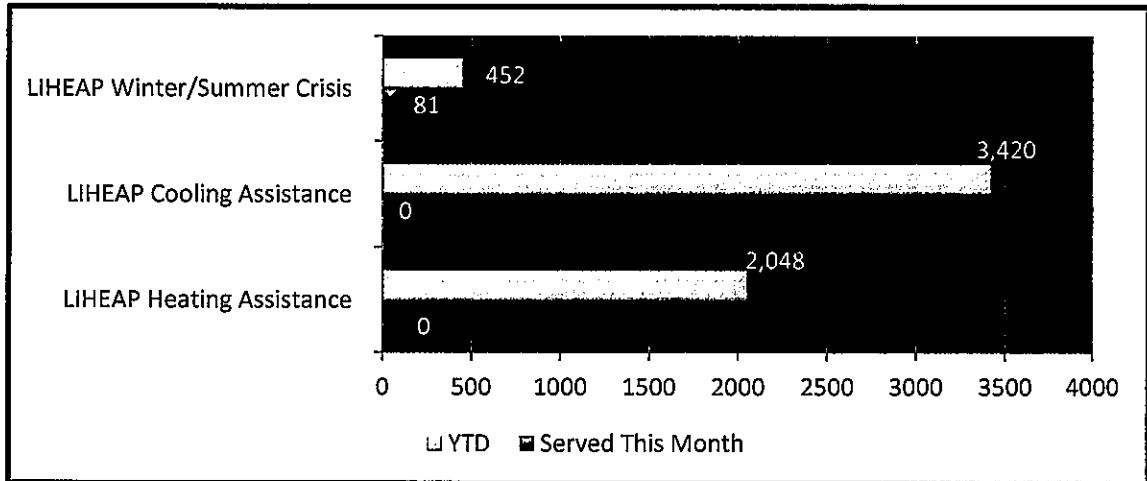
### BIA Social Services :



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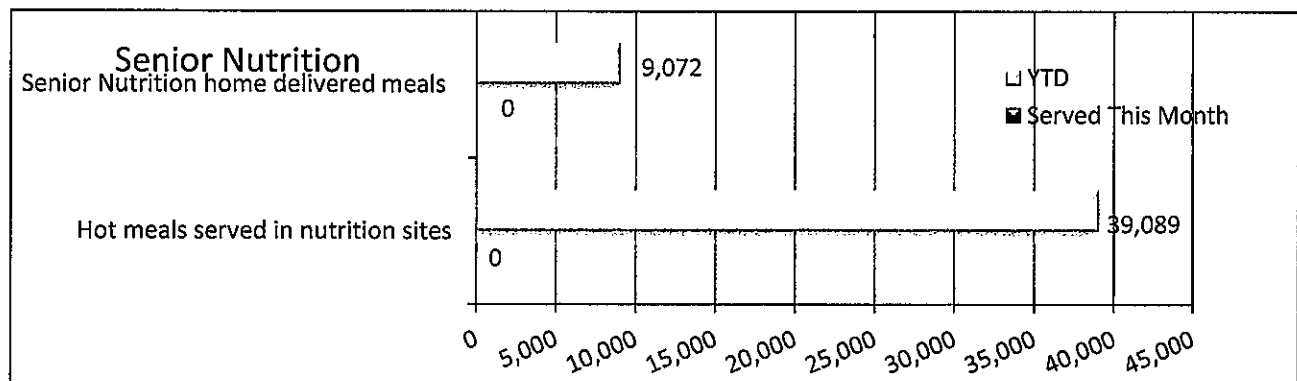
## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### LIHEAP:

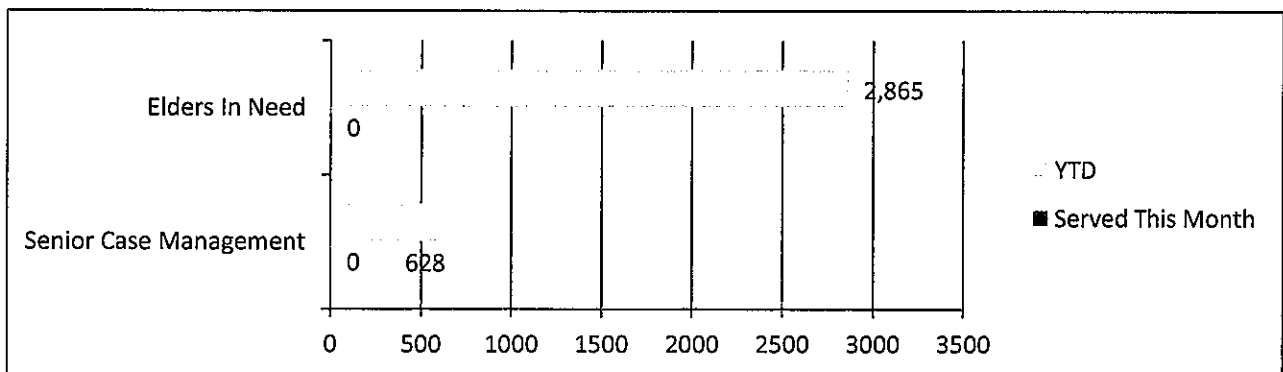


\*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

### Elder Services :



\*Program starts in April



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



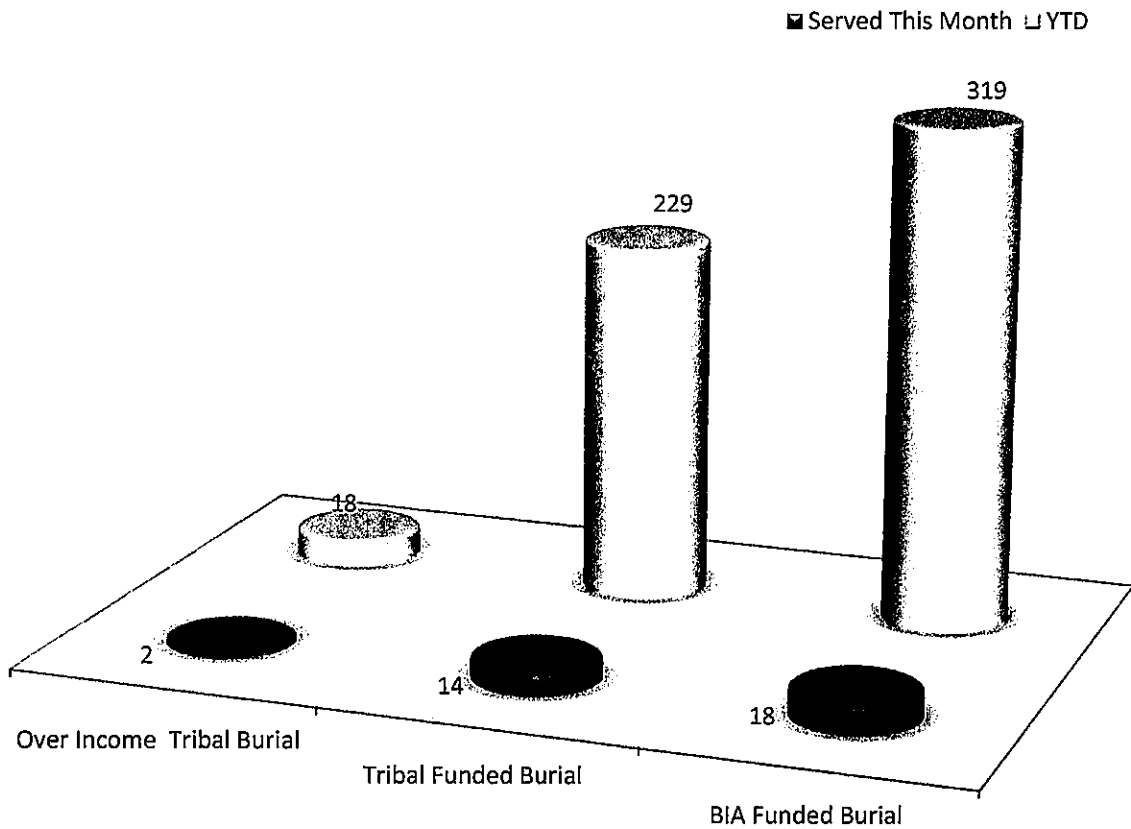
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## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### Burial Assistance :

#### Burial - Clients Served

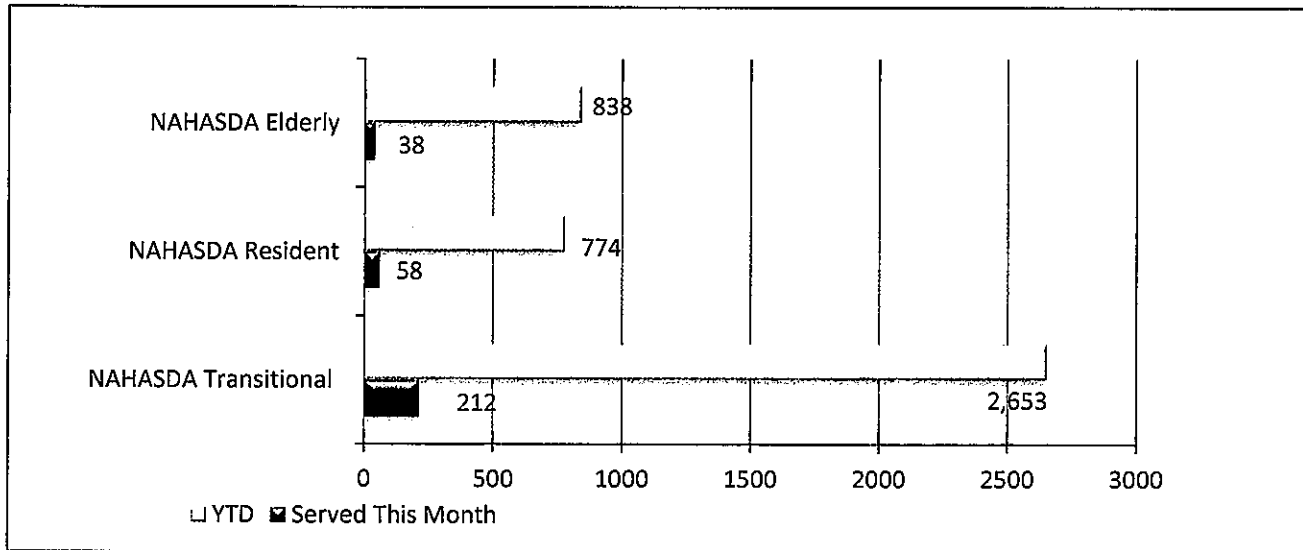


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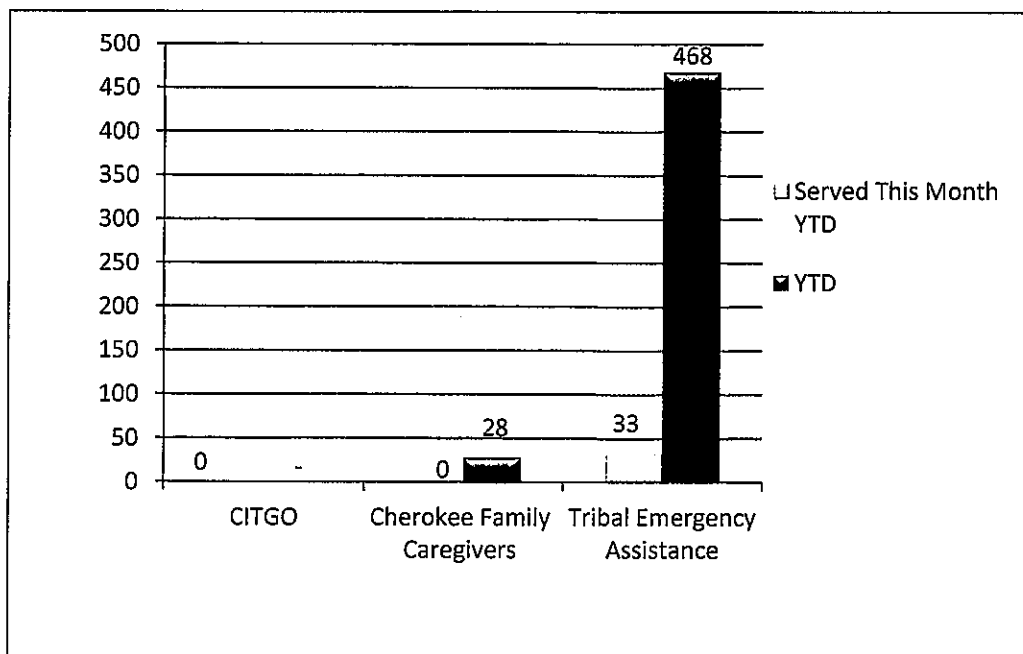
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## FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

### NAHASDA :



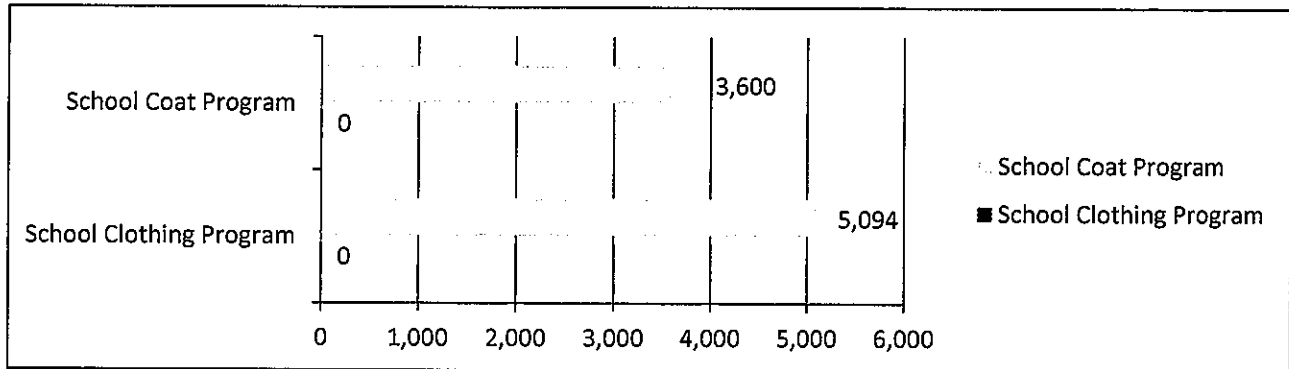
### Family Assistance :



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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

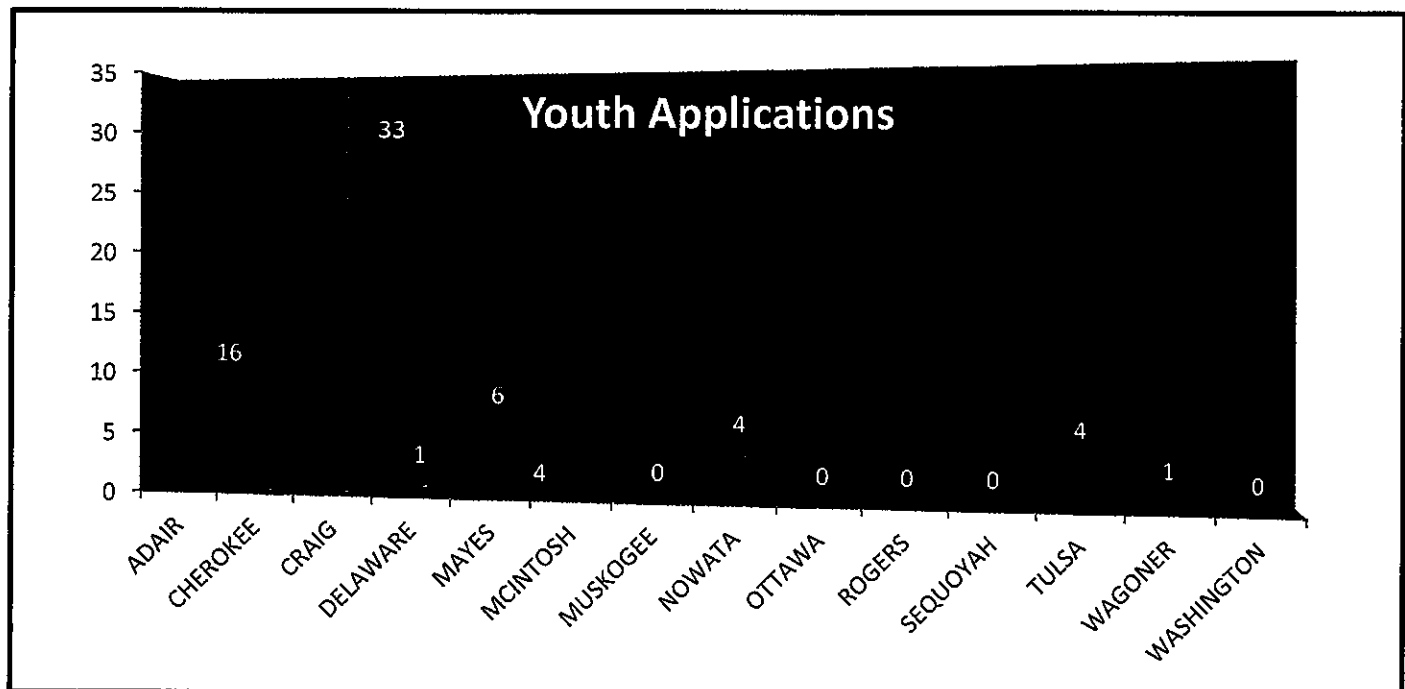
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

### Reception :

Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	2,272
Total Applications Taken	115

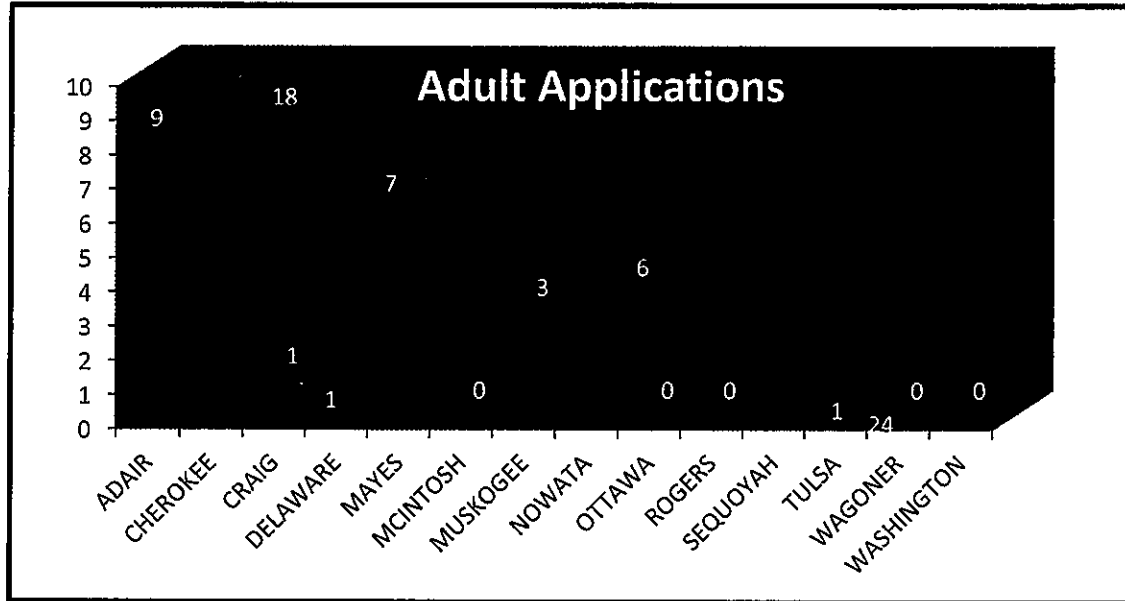
### Community Youth :





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## Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	69
Total Adult	46

## Monthly Total Amount Distributed

October	\$ 23,000.00
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# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Community Services      **Month/Year of Report:** December 2018 (data for Oct activities)

**Executive Director:** Martha Ketcher      **Phone:** 453-5248      **E-mail:** Martha-ketcher@cherokee.org

### I. Budget Highlights

1. Accounting has prepared IHS Allocation worksheet for FY 18 and calculated actual carryover amounts. We will use this to prepare budget modifications for review and approval.

### II. Program Highlights

#### a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Trained 87 food handlers
2. Repaired 14 sewer and/or water facilities
3. Installed 13 sewer and/or water facilities

#### b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on the Delaware Co RWD # 11 Phase II waterline is approximately 85% complete.
2. Construction on the Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP is approximately 80% complete.
3. Signed MOA's with Stilwell Area Development Authority
4. Muskogee Co RWD # 7 Two Mile Rd Waterline Project- Booster pump is scheduled to be installed within the next couple of weeks. Should be on-line by mid-December and homes will begin to be connected.

#### c.) Future Plans

1. Met with Stilwell Area Development Authority about connection to Cherry Tree Sewer System.
2. ICDBG submittal for Stilwell/Cherry Tree Sewer Connection project
3. Working with Cherokee Co RWD # 7 on bid package for system improvements project.

## OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Director: Billy Hix

Phone: 453-5126

## PERFORMANCE: OCTOBER 2018

DISTRICT # & COUNTY	FACILITY DATA SYSTEM			Food Handlers Trng	INDOOR AIR QUALITY Test/Invest	Water Test Completed Bac-T & Chem	Primary Drinking Water Standards Violations	Well Assessments	Site Evals	Perc Tests	Soil Profiles	
	Inspections - Referrals	Investigations - Complaints	Technical Assistance									
1, 2 & 3 Cherokee/Wagoner	10		24	39	1	21	27		7	1	1	
4 - Muskogee/McIntosh			2									
5 & 6 Sequoyah	3	1	2						2			
7 & 8 Adair	2		2						3	1		
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	15		6			6			6		2	
11 - Craig											1	
12 - Nowata/Washington	3								1			
13 - Tulsa	16		1	47								
14 - Rogers											4	
15 - Mayes	7			1		1			5		5	
MONTHLY TOTAL	56	1	37	87	1	28	27	0	24	2	13	19
YEAR TO DATE		94		87	1	28	27	0	24	15		19
ANNUAL GOAL		800		1525				50	230	175		100
% COMPLETE		12%		6%				0%	10%	9%		19%

## HIGHLIGHTS:

**Training** - Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium - Hard Rock  
Oklahoma Onsite Wastewater Conference

**Meetings** -

**Misc.** - Set up flu shot clinic

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This office helps to ensure that tribal facilities are operated in a safe and sanitary manner and provides Tribal members with services and information to lead environmentally healthy lifestyles through inspections and investigations related to food, vectors, water and waste water. This office further provides food service training for certification, environmental disease prevention training, injury prevention intervention, water sampling, and indoor air quality investigations.

November 2018 Monthly Report

**Youth Activities:**

**We held 9 youth activities in October, due to no youth coming to the activity at Talking Leaves Job Corp and 2 schools being out for Thanksgiving break on their regularly scheduled date. Total attendance at November youth activities was 478 youth, 56 parents/community members/B&G club staff & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 3 – 6 staff members went to each site.**

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities in November on Tuesdays, November 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> ; where they made Christmas cards for Veterans, pony bead Indian corn wall decorations and had a drug free presentation and movie. There were 4 -13 youth in attendance at each activity for a total of 17 youth & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, where they made Christmas cards for Veterans and pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 11 youth, 12 parents & Adult community members & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, where they made Christmas Cards for Veterans and pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 18 youth, 3 Boys & Girls club staff and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls did not have a youth activity in November as their regularly scheduled date fell on Thanksgiving.

Briggs Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, where they made Christmas cards for Veterans and pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 48 youth, 4 Boys & Girls club staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls club did not have a youth activity in November as they were out of school for the Thanksgiving break on their regularly scheduled date.

Job Corp had 1 youth activity scheduled on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, where they were supposed to stencil picture on leather, make a leather pouch and learn to do beaded edging on them. However no youth showed up for the activity so there were only 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center held 1 youth activity on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, where they made Christmas cards for Veterans and made gourd Christmas Ornaments. There were 17 youth, 12 adult community members and 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

We partnered with Foyil Elementary School for Choogie Kingfisher to do storytelling for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 30 youth, 2 teachers and 1 CYD & ARS staff who participated.

We partnered with Kansas Middle School and High School to provide youth activities at their cultural day on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, where they played stickball, made baskets, made miniature gourd masks and bead necklaces. There were 286 youth, 15 teachers & 6 CYD & ARS staff who participated.

We also partnered with Adair County Boys & Girls Club administration to provide youth activities for their Native Day on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, where they made miniature gourd masks and clay pinch pots. There were 51 youth, 8 teachers and B&G club staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff who participated.

Mailed & handed out 77 copies of flyers about December youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Oaks & Chewey and e-mailed flyers to Briggs, Maryetta, Rocky Mountain & Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Clubs and Job Corp to post.

### **Adult Resident Activities:**

**We held 9 adult resident activities in November, due to the Veteran's Day Holiday & Thanksgiving falling on 2 of the regularly scheduled dates. Total attendance at November Adult resident activities was 87 Adult residents & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended activities at each site, 2-4 staff went to each site.**

Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita, had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, where they made a pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 11 residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore, did not have an Adult Resident Activity in November due to their regular scheduled day falling on Thanksgiving.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, where they made pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 9 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, where they made pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 7 adult residents and 4 CYDARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, where they made pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 5 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing did not get to have an activity for adult residents of Swimmer, Autumn Heights & Daniels additions at the Gregg Glass Building on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Lost City Community held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, where they gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 12 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Sallisaw/ Tsalagi apartments had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, where they pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 13 Adult residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, where they made pony bead Indian corn wall decorations. There were 12 Adult residents & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, where they made gourd Christmas ornaments. There were 11 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

We partnered with the Cherokee Nation Veterans Center to have an adult resident activity at their Veteran's Appreciation Day, on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, where they made baskets. There were 9 adults and 5 CYD & ARS staff, who participated.

Mailed and handed out 254 copies of flyers about December adult resident activities to housing residents and housing offices in Stilwell, Claremore, Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah (Leon Daniels, Ross Swimmer and Autumn Heights housing additions), Jay, Vinita, Tsalagi Apartments in Sallisaw, Oaks Community, Chewey Community Organization and Lost City Community Organization and e-mailed flyers to Wisdom Keepers, Stilwell Senior Housing, Tahlequah Housing Office, Jay Senior Housing and Tsalagi apartments in Sallisaw to post.

## Activities scheduled in the future:

### We have 7 youth activities scheduled for December 2018.

We will have activities in:

- Cherokee Heights on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 6 pm.;
- Chewey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm. – 7 pm.;
- Briggs Boys & Girls Club, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
- Maryetta Boys & Girls Club, on the second Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club, **will not have an activity** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., due to the Christmas break;
- Oaks Community, **will not have an activity** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. – 7 pm., due to the Christmas Eve Holiday;
- Talking Leaves Job Corp, **will not have an activity** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., due to the Christmas Holiday;
- Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30 pm. – 5 pm.

### We have 8 adult resident activities scheduled for December 2018.

We will have activities at:

- Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm.- 3:30 pm.;
- Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
- Jay Senior Housing, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Chewey, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm. – 7 pm.;
- Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Lost City, **will not have an activity** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm., due to the Christmas Holiday;
- Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm. – 4 pm.;
- Oaks Family Support Center, **will not have an activity** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. – 7 pm., due to the Christmas Holiday.

Staff will be taking the HERO Projects, “Youth Brain Architecture” training, on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.

We are continually working on learning and putting together new projects, language lessons and leadership exercises to use at future youth and adult activities and teaching each other skills we have and making sure everyone is teaching the same way so we will not confuse the participants.

We are all working on getting projects ready and taking turns making sure all supplies and paperwork is ready for each activity.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Housing Authority Month/Year of Report: December, 2018  
Executive Director: Gary J. Cooper  
Deputy Director: Erna Reeves Phone: 918-456-5482

**Public Disclosures:**

As required by 24 CFR Part 1000.30, services provided to Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation / Cherokee Nation 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.

Savanna McCollum, mother is Michelle Keys of CN Human Svcs

**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:**

Dec 4     December Regular BOC Meeting at 2:00 PM

### **Office Closures:**

Dec 4     Annual Staff Development, Training & Christmas Dinner  
Dec 24     Christmas Eve  
Dec 25     Christmas Day  
Jan 1     New Year's Day

### **Other Info:**

Dec     National American Indian Housing Council  
10-12     Annual Legal Symposium

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

**918-456-5482**

**800-837-2869**

**Employee Email is:**

**firstname.lastname@hacn.org**

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

**Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation**  
**Month Ending: October, 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 Completed	Title VI Mortgage Program	Assumable/ Other Mtg. Program	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants
Adair	311	146	80	4	9	102	75	20	5	752	14%
Cherokee	297	177	265	6	23	248	156	58	5	1,235	23%
Craig	24	51	28	1	6	10	25	2	0	147	3%
Delaware	202	115	43	0	8	68	107	19	1	563	11%
McIntosh	14	N/A	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	22	0%
Mayes	153	115	49	0	11	50	52	11	2	443	8%
Muskogee	87	48	39	0	4	47	47	12	1	285	5%
Nowata	21	40	17	0	0	10	27	1	0	116	2%
Ottawa	11	N/A	1	0	0	6	7	4	0	29	1%
Rogers	81	67	149	5	7	74	34	43	4	464	9%
Sequoyah	347	N/A	152	4	26	145	137	56	7	874	17%
Tulsa	35	N/A	84	0	4	28	8	4	0	163	3%
Wagoner	7	N/A	1	0	0	53	3	1	1	66	1%
Washington	20	40	32	0	2	26	12	3	0	135	3%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5,294</b>	<b>100%</b>
			1,061			1,564		260			

**Current Applications:**

County	Rehab Programs	Rehab Replacement Homes	Rehab Replacement Mobile	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Rental Properties / Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	207	2	1	14	3	107	145	198	10%	677	12%
Cherokee	188	1	1	30	1	258	205	545	29%	1,229	22%
Craig	48	0	0	1	0	34	17	54	3%	154	3%
Delaware	141	1	0	9	0	112	76	201	11%	540	10%
McIntosh	7	0	0	0	0	N/A	1	9	0%	17	0%
Mayes	96	0	0	6	0	53	86	143	8%	384	7%
Muskogee	74	0	0	5	0	42	62	88	5%	271	5%
Nowata	30	0	0	6	0	43	11	42	2%	132	2%
Ottawa	10	0	0	1	0	N/A	8	32	2%	51	1%
Rogers	80	0	0	19	0	198	169	174	9%	640	12%
Sequoyah	247	0	3	29	2	N/A	172	183	10%	636	12%
Tulsa	78	1	0	24	0	N/A	175	144	8%	422	8%
Wagoner	18	0	0	3	0	N/A	10	40	2%	71	1%
Washington	48	0	0	8	0	98	60	42	2%	256	5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,480</b>	<b>100%</b>

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation  
Month Ending: October, 2018



# 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	0	0	6	6	30%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	1	0	1	2	10%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayes	0	0	0	1	1	5%
Muskogee	0	0	0	3	3	15%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	0	0	0	4	4	20%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	1	1	5%
Tulsa	0	0	0	1	1	5%
Wagoner	1	0	0	0	1	5%
Washington	0	0	0	1	1	5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</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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Tribal HUD/VASH Case Manager for Cherokee Nation  
1011 Honor Heights Drive  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401  
Phone: (918) 616-8794 | Fax: (918) 577-3329  
[Lisa.Look@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Look@va.gov)

**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Development Files Processing**

Month of:  
Oct, 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	159	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	11	9	75	0	21	9	75	
Cherokee	488	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	31	156	0	15	31	156	
Craig	47	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	25	0	3	4	25	
Delaware	167	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	7	11	107	2	11	11	107	
McIntosh	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	
Mayes	114	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	3	13	52	8	6	13	52	
Muskogee	70	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	9	47	4	6	9	47	
Nowata	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	0	0	1	27	
Ottawa	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	
Rogers	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	34	0	2	3	34	
Sequoyah	159	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	7	11	137	6	8	11	137	
Tulsa	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	1	8	
Wagoner	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	
Washington	42	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	12	
Total:	1,668	0	20	16	3	0	4	3	50	95	693	20	76	95	693	
		20		76						788						

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

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

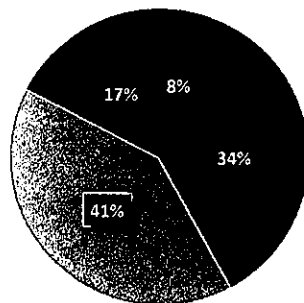
**STAGE II:**  
Visit Site  
Identify/Propose Site Plan  
Identify/Propose Utilities  
Identify/Propose Lateral Field  
Identify/Propose Easement(s)  
Deliver Utility Assurance Letters  
Request Abstract from participant

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

## Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:  
October, 2018

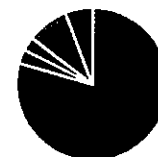
Replacement Homes	7
Out for Bid/Pending	29
Contracts Awarded	35
Contracts Completed	15



- Replacement Homes
- Out for Bid/Pending
- Contracts Awarded
- Contracts Completed

Classification	Monthly Activity	Year to Date
Emergency	27	27
Rehab	1	1
Replacement	0	0
Storm Shelters	1	1
Weatherization	3	3
BIA - HIP Program	0	0
Lead Based Paint	2	2
<b>All Rehab jobs</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>

Rehab

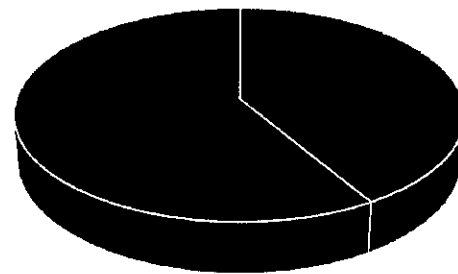


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- Lead Based Paint

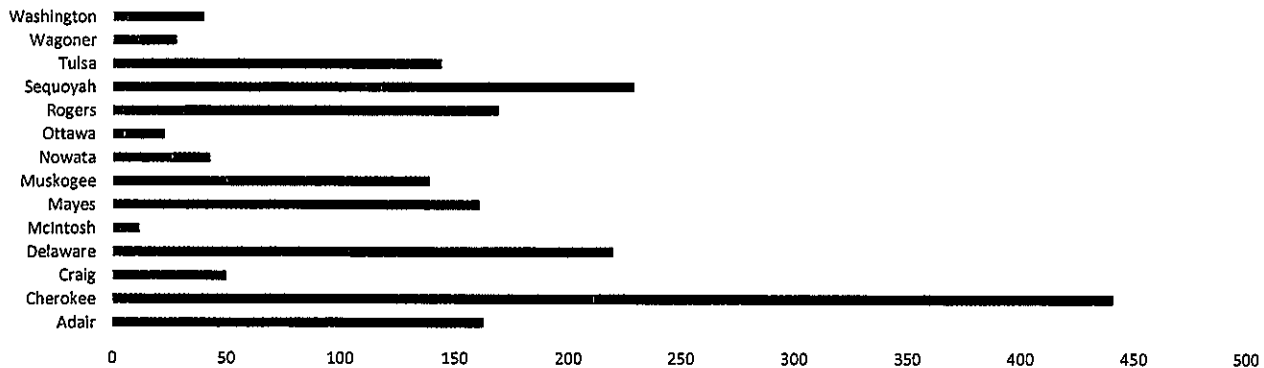
**New Construction Homeownership Program  
Application Data**

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>

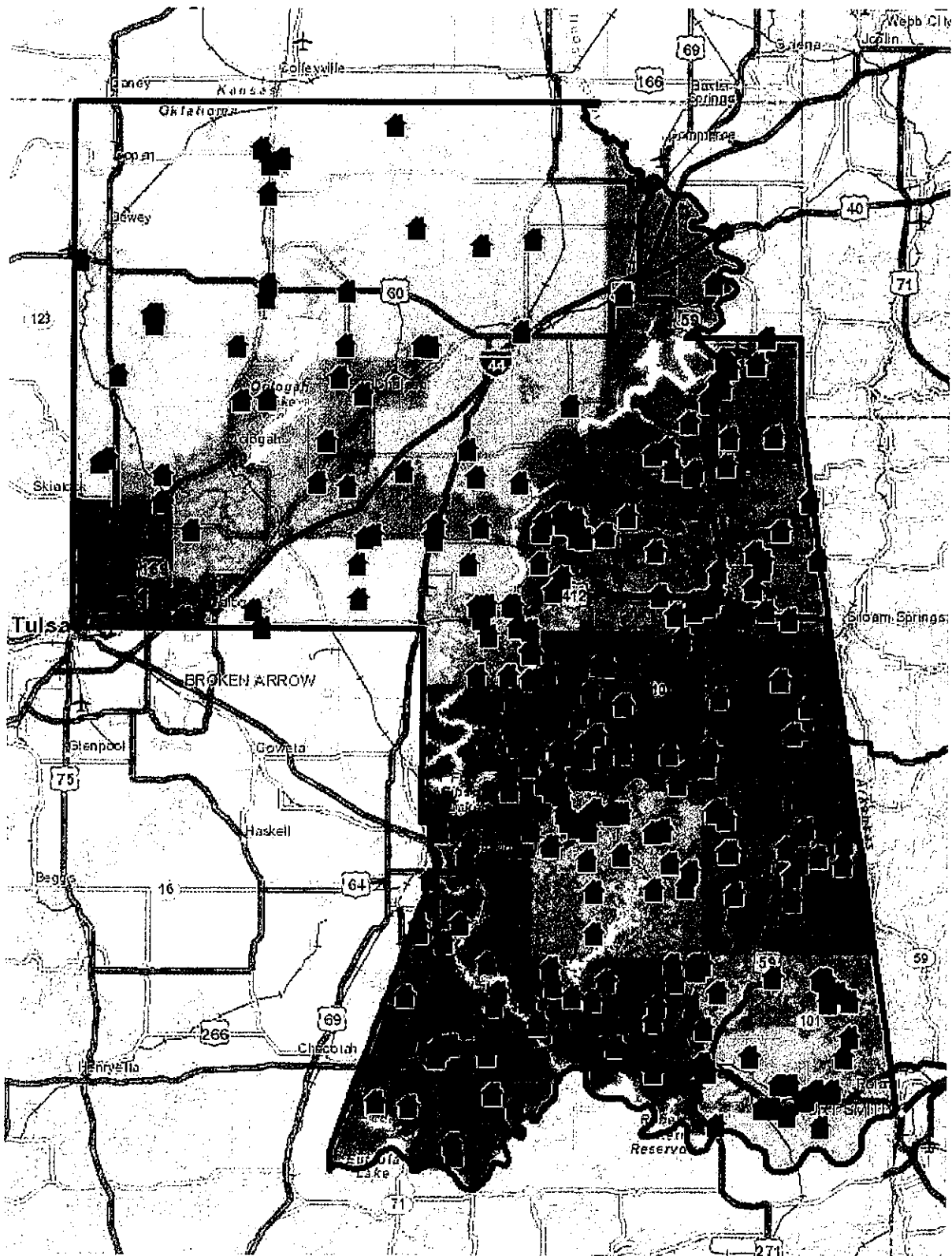


■ Has Land  
■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

## HACN New Construction Program



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



**CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Group:** Community Services/ Dept. of Trans. **Month/Year of Report:** November 2018

**Executive Director:** Martha Ketcher **Phone:** 918-453-5248 **E-mail:** Martha-Ketcher@cherokee.org

**Comments:**

**ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Bell School South – Cherry Tree RWD has completed the relocation plans for the 6" waterline and is preparing documents to have the line relocated. A utility relocation agreement has been processed to reimburse the RWD for this cost. Windstream's contractor completed his relocation on November 16th.
2. Dahlenegah South – Continued right of way acquisition of four remaining fee parcels, with one family signing easements this past Friday. Three remain to be acquired.
3. Rocky Mountain Loop (Smith Hollow BR) – Utilities have received notice to proceed with relocation.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- The large variations in the bid amounts received for the NE Ft Gibson caused us to revisit the plans. It was decided to cancel the project and revise the plans to include multiple phases for constructability purposes and to lessen the impact on the landowners. No new bid date has been determined at this time.
2. Ross Street- Pre-Bid was held on November 8, 2018. Addendum was posted on November 28, 2018 and Bid Opening is on December 4, 2018. Attending weekly OAC meetings to keep updated on progress of CNOHC to collate with our project. Utilities are currently scheduled to be completed by January 1.. Received approved contracts and po's for expert appraiser and engineer who will be used for condemnation trial.
3. Hulbert Lost City – Final construction plans are being revised after final review before sending to engineer for final approval, 6 application packets for right of way across Restricted Indian Land were submitted to the BIA for approval on 10/9/18 and the BIA has responded requesting additional paperwork from two of the utilities. Final parcel needing a condemnation for title has been filed and commissioners will be appointed on 12/19/2018. LREC/LRTC has submitted relocation plans for review.

**CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. NS4410 Turnpike BR – Right of Way Acquisition has 9 parcels acquired out of a total of 11 parcels.
2. NS4340 White Oak Road – Craig County RWD 2 has completed the installation of the mainline and is performing pressure and water quality tests before connecting the service lines.

# **CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is at 85% complete. Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017. As of October 31, 2018 the number of days have accumulated to -659 days over the contract time at \$1,000.00 per day.

### **MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Chimney Rock – RWD # 9 Mayes County submitted the final reimbursement request for the construction portion of the waterline relocation. Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative has received Notice to Proceed.

### **SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Moonshine Road – Construction is complete and the final payment has been submitted for processing.

### **III. CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

Two conversion vans were delivered to the Cherokee Nation Department of Transportation on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The combine cost of the two vans is \$122,594.00. Both will be leased to Pelivan Transit. One will be for the Pryor to Catoosa route and the other for the Salina to Pryor route.

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 139 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 885 rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 70 rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 66 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 135 rides
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 96 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 250 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 339 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 56 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 8,423

Total Rides: 10,459

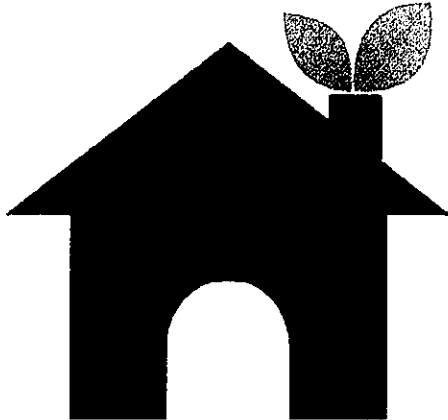
Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

# 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

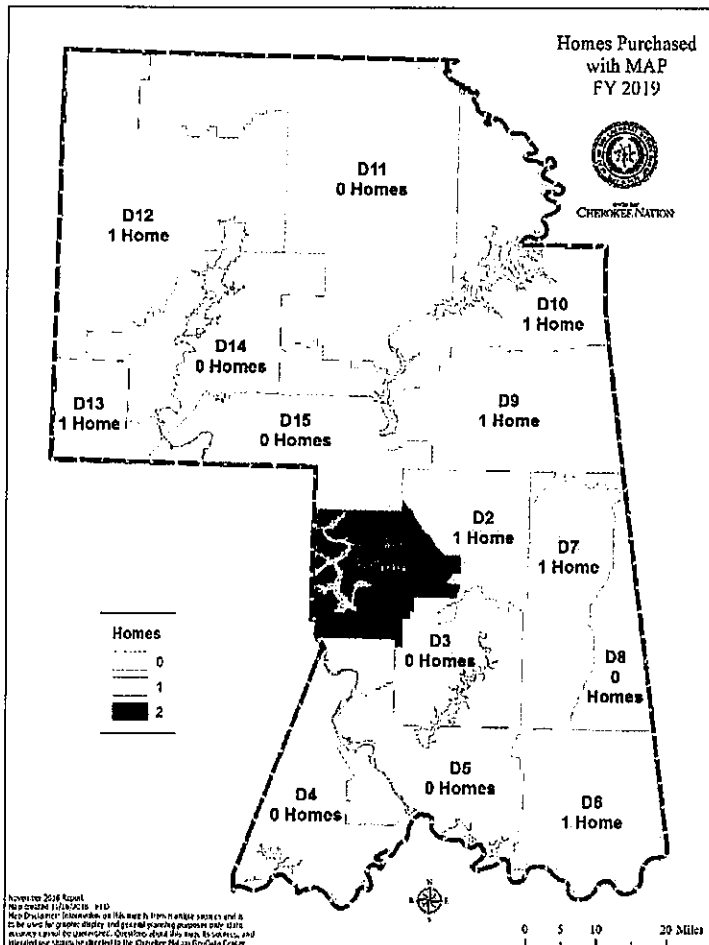


**9 Family became Homeowners** through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

3 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

### MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$36,321.67
Home Price	\$104,111.11
Equity Created with MAP	15.73%



Since FY2009, **1,723 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

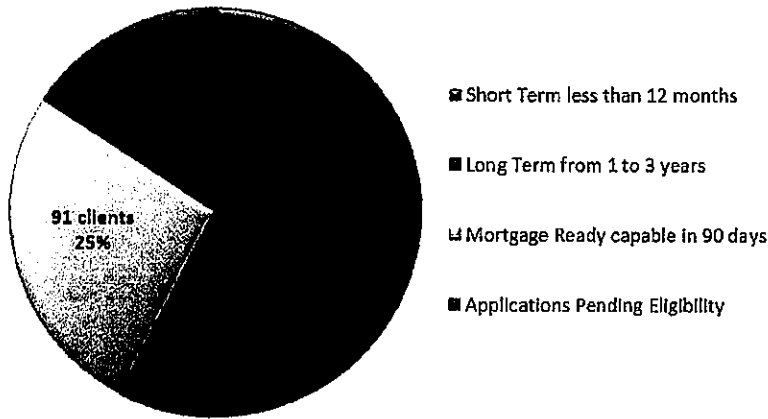
77.8% of families who purchased a home in FY19 moved up at least one level in the **Financial Prosperity Spectrum**.

*The coaching we received from the Mortgage Assistance Program made the home buying process less intimidating and the information we gained in the coaching process was invaluable.*

*M. Fields, Mortgage Assistance Program recipient, Cherokee County*

## Financial Counseling

### MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



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

Since FY07, **879 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

**7 families this year have finished counseling to obtain a non-predatory mortgage.**

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

299 families still actively pursuing goals

- 1% financial prosperity
- 30% financial success
- 28% financially stable
- 39% financially instable

### Financial Counseling Impact

Increase to Credit Score	51 points
Debt to Income with Mortgage	32.8%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	2.30%

**207 consumer loans totaling \$239,220.24** have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of November 15th. Year to date, Self Sufficiency staff members are working with **4 families facing foreclosure.**

**251 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 **7 families have attended these classes**, which are held throughout the Cherokee Nation.

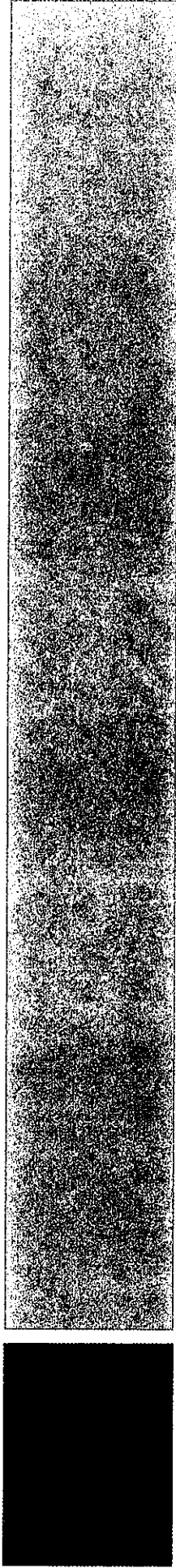
Financial education classes are offered at no cost. Employees and the public have the opportunity to attend financial education classes on topics ranging from spending plans, balancing checkbooks and couponing. Year to date, **30 people have attended community and work based financial education classes.**

## Training Schedule

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Interested in attending a class? Contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-5536 or [susan-sharp@cherokee.org](mailto:susan-sharp@cherokee.org).

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
December 3-4	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 6	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Education Class
December 10	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
January 1	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
January 5	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
January 12	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 2	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
March 2	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training



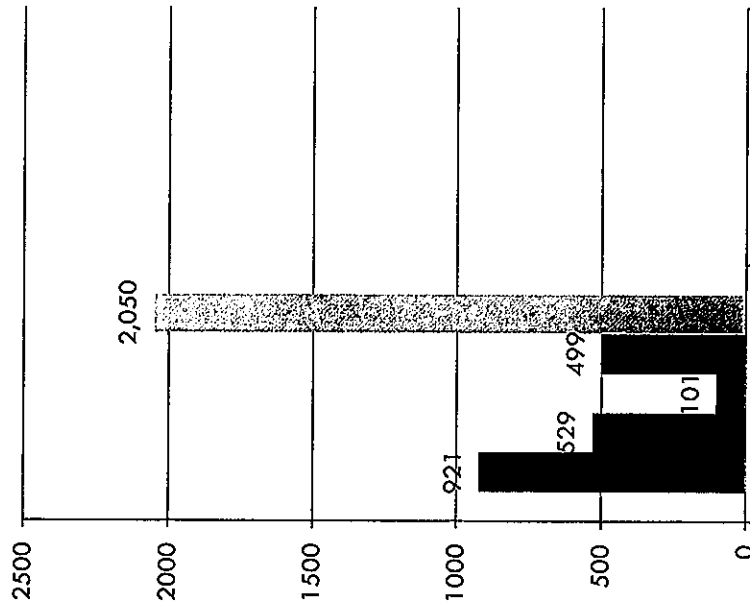
# CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE MONTHLY REPORT October 2018

Nikki Baker Limore, Executive Director

# Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

**Month of October:  
2,050 Children**

with Assigned ICW Workers

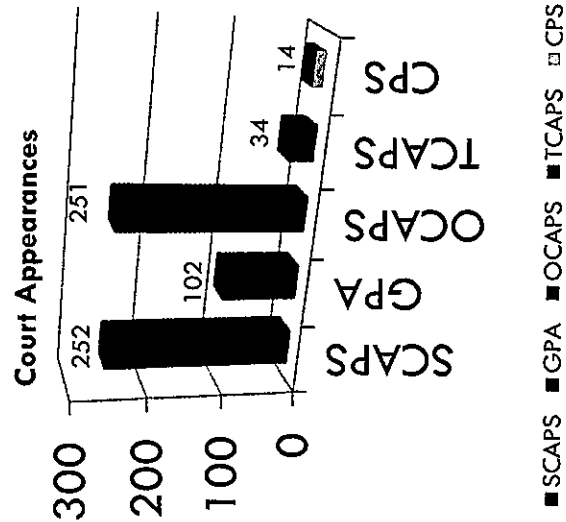


## Programs with court interaction

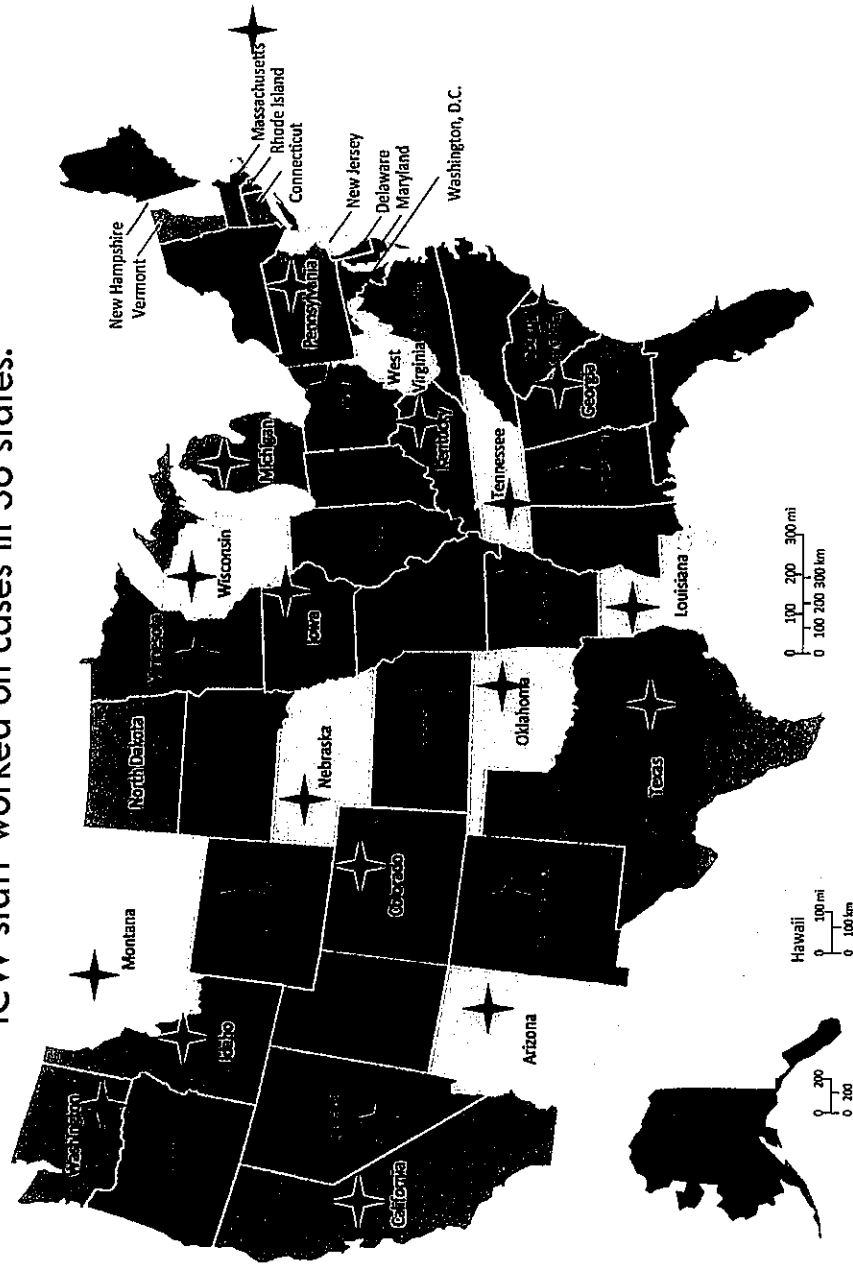
- ☐ **OCAPS: Out-Of-District Court Advocacy and Permanency Services**
  - ☐ Involved in child welfare cases in non-jurisdiction counties in Oklahoma and all 50 states.
  - ☐ Most work is done telephonically or electronically.
  - ☐ Emphasis on education about the Indian Child Welfare Act and ensuring 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 civil adoption cases to include voluntary adoption, involuntary adoption and birth parent adoptions.
  - ☐ 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 Courts and State Courts throughout the United States.
- ☐ **CPS: Child Protective Services**
  - ☐ Receives referrals involving allegations of maltreatment of Cherokee children.
  - ☐ Investigates allegations of child maltreatment in Indian Country and co-investigates with DHS in some counties when Cherokee children are involved.

# Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

**In October:**  
Indian Child Welfare workers  
went to court 653 times on  
behalf of Cherokee children  
and families.



ICW staff worked on cases in 36 states.





# Efficient & Effective Work

## Eligibility Notices

When a County or State's child welfare agency gets involved in the life of a family that they suspect to be Cherokee, they're required by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to send Notice to the tribe. The tribe must then reply to confirm or deny whether the children are members of (or eligible to become members of) the tribe. Currently, with six case workers processing approximately 200-300 pieces of mail, per month, response times may vary due to vacancies and depending on amount of mail received. The tribe has a goal of responding between 45-60 days.

### Month of October

Cherokee Nation received:

- ☐ State of Oklahoma – 575 notices involving 1,045 children
- ☐ Outside of Oklahoma – 918 notices for 1,513 children.
- ☐ Totalling – 1,493 notices and 2,558 children.
- ☐ The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 54 days.

## Prevention and Intervention

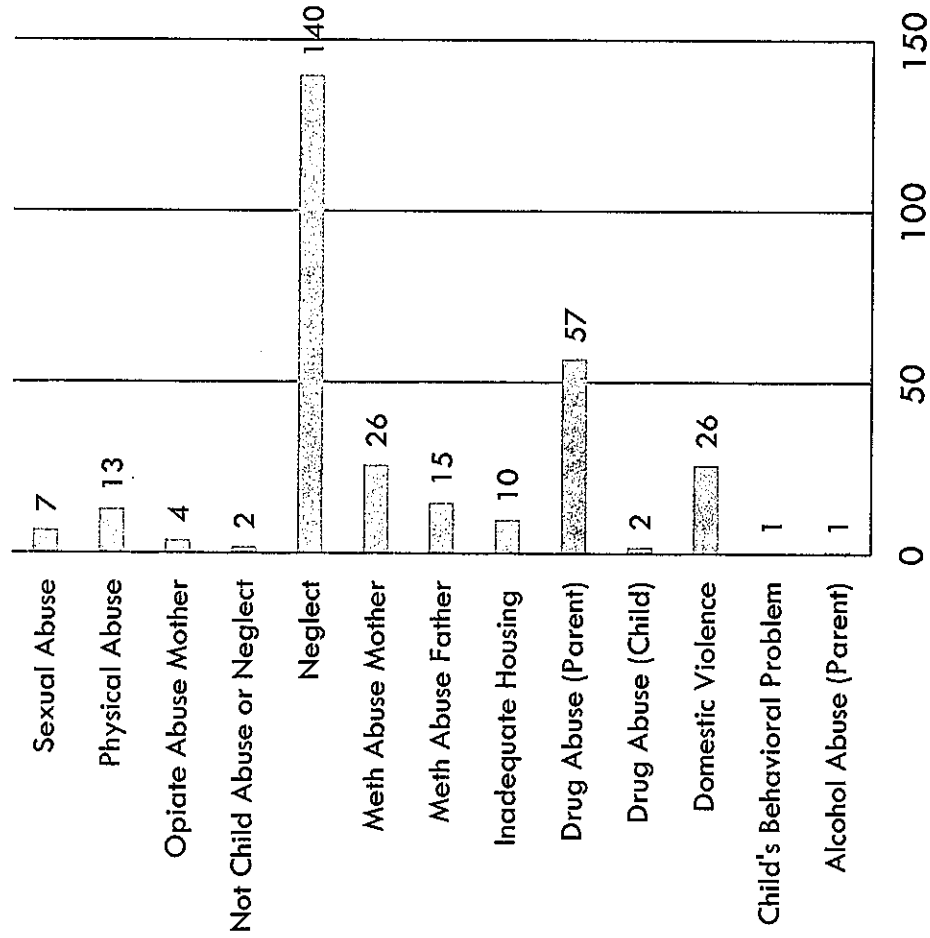
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 22 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 October

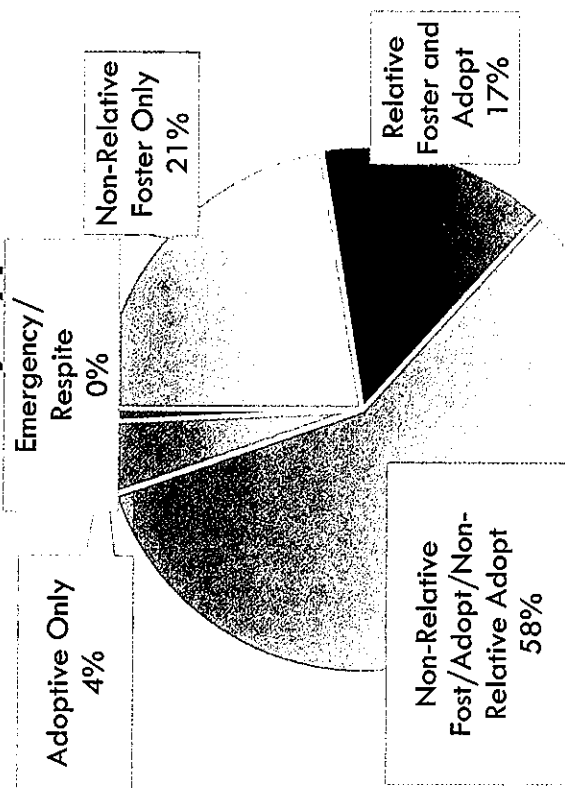
- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 440 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 440 referrals involved 708 children
  - 2 of the 440 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
  - 11 of the 440 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 11 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

# CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

## (Foster & Adoptive Homes)

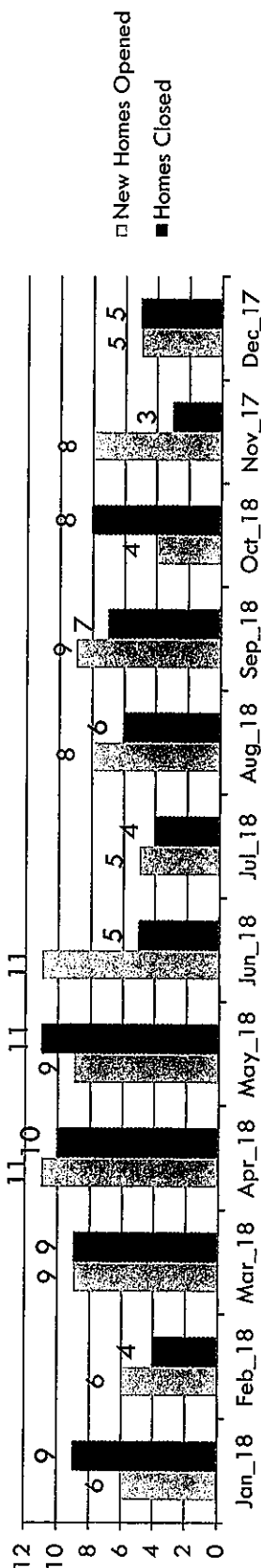
### CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

#### 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 Report for November 2018

Rob Daugherty – Director

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



### Technical Assistance Capacity Building

#### Capacity Building in November

Number of Community  
Organizations Assisted  
in November

25

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.

317

Number of hours of capacity  
building training received by  
community leaders

The Saturday Training Series was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Lindi Conover-Thompson founder of EP Collaboration will present Part 3 of her Ignite Your Nonprofit Series. Parts 3 will be presented in October.

18

Number of Community  
Organization Represented at  
Ignite Training

Number of Community Leaders  
attending Ignite Training

35

## Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in November

Adair County Historical & Genealogical Asso (D7&8)	Native American Fellowship (D11)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association (D6)	Northern Cherokee County Comm Booster Club (D2)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	Neighborhood Association of Chewey (D7&8)
Cherokee Elders Council Inc (D9&15)	Next Step*
Church on the Word* (D4)	Oaks Senior Center (2)
Cleora Alumni Foundation for Excellence in Education*	Okay Area Senior Citizens (D1)
District 4 Cherokee Service Organization* (D4)	One Fire association Kenwood/ Wickliff
Evening Shade Community Organization (D5)	Potluck Society (D14&15)
Greasy Community Fellowship (D7)	Spavinaw Youth & Neighborhood Center (D9&10)
Illinois River Area Community Organization (D2)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Jeremiah 29 (D7&8)	Vian Peace Center (D5)
Marble City Activity Organization	Victory Cherokee Organization (1)
Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)	

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



## Community Work/Building

Funds for 2019 Community Work/Building program were allocated quickly. Six community groups will receive a total of **\$274,164**. Funds have been distributed as described below:

- Washington County Cherokee Association received \$98,112.  
New Construction - slab, rough in plumbing, materials and erection of metal building and electric service
- Mid County Community Organization received \$92,131.  
Heat and air, flooring tile for kitchen and bath, plumbing and fixtures, covering walls and trim, doors, electrical
- Victory Cherokee Organization received \$16,821.  
Remodel ceiling, floors, bathrooms and paint in building
- Evening Shade Community Organization received \$38,300.  
Central heat & air, remodel bathrooms, light fixtures, insulation, concrete finishing
- Native American Fellowship Received \$10,500.  
Concrete work for sidewalks, porch
- Spavinaw Youth and Neighborhood Center received \$18,300.  
Shower, handicap access, Storage



## Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

Cultural Outreach conducted an In-District meeting in Councilman David Walkingstick's District 3 on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Tailholt Community Organization provided the setting for the presentation. Mat Anderson provided information on Cherokee Symbolism and Clay Medallions.

Dawni Squirrel attending the Spring Creek Guardians meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Oaks. Ms. Squirrel gave a Cultural Perspective on Water presentation.

**Number of people attending Cultural Outreach presentation in November**

**76**

Cultural Outreach staff has also begun a project that will provide cultural educational materials for all our citizens. In November staff began the final production steps on a video with National Treasure Edith Knight. The title of this video is Kanutsi Making with Edith Knight.



## History Preservation

October's Lunch & Learn was hosted on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Archivist from the Cherokee heritage Center spoke on the topic, The Cherokee Nation Archives.

**Number of people attending October's Lunch & Learn**



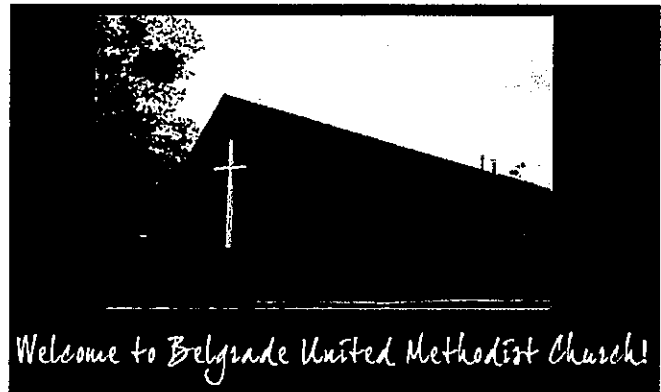
## Volunteer Program

Staff has been getting ready for the University groups coming in December. Ohio State will be staying at the Brushy Community building with projects in that community. Staff has also been coordinating with other Universities for March as well as other Methodist groups.



It is rare when the CCO and Volunteer Program staff get to see how much our volunteer groups give our communities. We easily see the labor they provide and the smiles on the faces of those in the homes on which the volunteers worked.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we got to see a little more of the impact of the Volunteer Program. The Christian Missourians United Methodist Group from Belgrade, Missouri. Every year, this group participates in CCO's Volunteer Program by volunteer their time serving our Cherokee communities. This month they did much more



than rehabilitate a home. They provided blankets, pillows, adult bibs, fidget blankets and tote bags to Cherokee Elder Care. All of the items were handmade by members of this volunteer group. Through the volunteer program the group participated in projects such as building handicap ramps and porches, hanging drywall, subfloor replacements as well as sewing and crafting items to give to our elders and babies. Along with the items they made for our elders, the group also made teddy bears and toys, baby blankets and pajamas which were donated to Labor and Delivery at W.W. Hastings Hospital and Indian Child Welfare's Angel Tree. CCO staff wishes to publically thank them for all their efforts on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens.