

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

**Alternative Education** had **one** student pass all components of the HSE (GED®, HiSET®) Test during the month of July. Our total graduate count is **53** (**45** of which are Cherokee Nation citizens. **Eight** are members of a different federally recognized tribe.)

**Alternative Education** Instructors Donna McNabb, Tammy Heflin, and Marcie Harris will be attending in-house trainings throughout the months of June, July and August, but will still have classes on Mondays and Thursdays in Claremore, Sallisaw and Stilwell, respectfully. Brad Perry and Jana Kingfisher will be attending the 2019 GED Testing Service Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from July 23-27<sup>th</sup>.

The **Career Skills Education Class** had 697 individuals complete training. This number includes 589 Summer Youth participants.

**The National Health Emergency – Dislocated Worker Grant – Opioid (Helping Others Perform Effectively HOPE)**, completed our first department training from June 17<sup>th</sup> -June 19<sup>th</sup> in West Siloam Springs.

Topics covered included  
TEGL 4-18, Drug Testing  
Protocol, Grant Specific  
Testing, Personal  
Experience Speakers, UKB  
Opioid Healing Grant,  
Diversity and Inclusion,  
Narcan Training and  
Knowing your Participants.  
This training was very



instrumental to allow staff to ask questions, listen to experts, and learn about important topics to ensure everyone has an understanding of the NHEDWG (Opioid Grant).

**Disability Employment Initiative (DEI)** Program Manager, Marsha White and Disability Resource Navigator, Chrystal Lofton, completed the Certified Work Incentive Practitioner course and will be taking the final exam in August. This will allow Cherokee Nation to accept the clients who have a Ticket to Work. They also completed the required Core Training through American Dream Employment Network. This allows them to use the client portal when working with clients with Ticket to Work.

**DEI** Resource Navigator, Chrystal Lofton attended the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Training Academy, completing the three-week long series.

This month's **DEI** Lunch and Learn was presented by the Oklahoma Department of Visual Services; 45 staff attended.



Disability Employment Initiative staff met with the DEI Project Officer during a site visit to Cherokee Nation. An overview of the grant was given, and the federal project officer offered technical assistance.

### Vocational Programs Participant Success:



In a June 2019 article by Alison Doyle titled “*Top 15 Kids’ Dream Jobs*,” number seven on the list is a firefighter. Since youth, like the kids surveyed for Mrs. Doyle’s article, **Jacob Graham** dreamed of being not only a firefighter, but an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) firefighter. As an adult, Jacob enrolled in vocational training as an EMT but needed funding to attend. A Cherokee tribal citizen from Sequoyah County, Jacob requested assistance through Cherokee Nation Career Services and received funding for the EMT training. Jacob excelled in EMT training and completed his course with good grades and an employment opportunity with a federal government ammunitions plant. Today, Jacob is employed at McAlister Ammunitions Plant as a firefighter EMT. His dream is fulfilled, with the help of Cherokee Nation Career Services.

### Vocational Programs Participant Success:

**Tristan Frazier** from Grove is a Construction Management student at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT) Okmulgee. He started his training in September 2017 and is scheduled to complete August 25, 2019. He is very excited to finish his last eight-week rotation at the school then prepare for graduation.

The student explained some of his job assignments he has worked on while on internship with Crossland Construction, Tulsa. As this company travels to different states and locations, Tristan has worked at Miami, Oklahoma and Springfield, Missouri, and as far away as Nebraska. During his time in Nebraska, a railroad had part of the tracks washed away and Crossland Construction was responsible for putting 40' pilings in the ground. This helped secure the ground and not move while restoring the tracks.

The Miami, Oklahoma area had received flooding and bridges were damaged or



washed away and needed immediate repair. One of the obstacles to these repairs was the rebar installation had to be put under water. Tristan said he tried to wear his waders but water went over the tops so he just took them off and worked underwater without any rubber boots or waders. He said he was a bit concerned about snakes as the crew saw them regularly around the river.

During the internship program, Crossland Construction is paying Tristan \$16.00 per hour. At the completion of his training he has been offered a permanent position where he will receive \$52,000 a year starting salary. Tristan states the Project Manager is very pleased with his job performance and





compliments him regularly. The student seems very happy with his choice of career and looks forward to eight more weeks then graduation. He greatly appreciates the assistance Cherokee Nation provided for his education and work tools.



**Vocational Rehabilitation** Coordinator, James Ballard was honored at the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation for having 25 years of dedicated services to American Indians in Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

**Career Services** staff attended Diamond Dazes in Sallisaw (below) and the Huckleberry Festival in Jay (right).



CHEROKEE NATION employees provided free items and literature with resources and information about the tribe.



### College Resource Center

#### School Year 2019-20 Applications Received as of July 15, 2019:

- 5,548 Cherokee Nation Scholarships (Undergraduate, Graduate and/or Concurrent Enrollment)

#### Outreach & Presentations:

- June 24<sup>th</sup> youth services – booth set up at ballroom
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Tahlequah ICTC – booth set up
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Peoria Housing Authority – booth set up
- July 10<sup>th</sup> UCO recruitment conference- presentation
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of community leaders – Booth set up

#### Summer Enrichment Program Camps:

- June 10 to June 19, 2019 - Kansas MS – Number of students, 27
- June 3 to June 14, 2019 - Rocky Mountain ES – Number of students, 18
- May 20 to June 3, 2019 - Salina MS – Number of students, 30
- June 3 to June 14, 2019 - Sallisaw MS – Number of students, 44
- June 3 to June 14, 2019 - Stilwell MS – Number of students, 30
- June 3 to June 20, 2019 - USD (Coffeyville, KS) MS – Number of Students, 15
- June 3 to June 14, 2019 - Zion MS – Number of students, 24

#### 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 2019-20 – Tahlequah and Northern Areas – October/November 2019  
TBD

### Head Start

Activity	June/July	YTD
# of classrooms/sites	63 classrooms 21 sites	63 classrooms 21 sites
# of parent meetings conducted	14 Meetings Conducted	132 Conducted
# of site visits by HS/ECU staff	89 Site Visits	1,270 Conducted
# of PD hours completed	34.5 hours offered	417.25 hours offered

#### Accomplishments:

- 1) Construction on the Children's Village safe room started June 24, 2019 and the foundation has been poured with a connection from the existing sidewalk. The storm safe room is 1300 sq feet.
- 2) The Early Childhood Head Start Continuation application is near completion and will be submitted July 31, 2019. The Continuation application includes the recently funded Duration grant amount.
- 3) The Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Unit was selected to participate in the second round of the FACES Family and Child Experiences Survey research project.. We participated in the first round in 2015 and fortunately the data collection will continue this fall. The survey reveals services received by American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start children and families. The data collected will be descriptive information on children's skills and the experiences of families attending Head Start in Region XI to help inform policies and practices. The study is being conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, an independent policy research organization.
- 4) The Early Childhood Head Start faculty attended the state Oklahoma Indian Head Start Director Association (OIHSDA) conference in Tulsa. They received 12 hours of professional development.

#### Upcoming:

- 1) The quarterly Health Advisory Board (HAB) is scheduled July 25, 2019 in the Early Childhood Unit Conference room. The board will review health related practices for the new school year.
- 2) Oklahoma Indian Head Start Director Association (OIHSDA) Preservice training for Head Start is scheduled for August 1-2, 2019 at the Marriott in Tulsa. They will receive eight hours of professional development.
- 3) The new school year for Head Start children begins August 12, 2019 and the Early Childhood Head Start infants and toddlers begins July 22, 2019.

#### **JOM/ Johnson O'Malley Program**

Activity	June/July			YTD
	JOM	Special Projects	Public School Outreach	YTD Total
# of students on program	26,272 (7/17/19)	-		26,297
# of schools participating	68	9		409
# of communities participating	3	-		22
# of special events		4		135
# participants students/adults		48		172,279/834
# of school staff participating		32		2125
# of contractors participating		5		212

**Accomplishments:**

1. JOM FS working on JOM Claims 2018-19 school year close out.
2. JOM FS Reviewing 2019-20 JOM Applications for approval.
3. JOM FS Staff attended 2019 OKJOM close out meeting in McAlester, OK 6/24/29
4. JOM FS presented at Pryor Public Schools summer program storytelling 75 students 6/27/19
5. JOM FS Coordinator provided technical assistance to Bell, Gore, Grove, Claremore, Kansas, Keys, Nowata, Greasy, Welch, and Dahlongah.
6. BIE / JOM Tribal Consultation hosted at SHS 7/16/19. CN JOM and Government Relation attended.
7. Government Accountability Office visit to learn more about CN JOM Program. 7/17/19. CN JOM and Government Relations attended.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:****JOM:**

1. July 22 - 25 - JOM Camp Cherokee Day camp
2. July 28 - 31 - JOM Staff strategic planning.
3. August 1 -JOM FS Coordinator speaking at Rogers Country Community Organization (RCCO) meeting in Claremore.
4. August 5 - 2020 OKJOM Planning meeting Thakerville, OK.
5. August 22 - Fall Training.

**Sequoyah Schools****Accomplishments:**

1. July 23-25- Department of Interior annual safety inspection of Sequoyah High School
2. July 22-26- SHS Coaches and Athletic Director attending Oklahoma Coaches Clinic in Tulsa
3. July 30- Open House for students and parents at 4 to 6 pm
4. August 7- Immersion Students return to School
5. August 8<sup>th</sup>- SHS students return to school



Holly Davis  
Elementary Principal

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

## August 2019

**July 23-25- Department of Interior annual safety inspection of Sequoyah High School**

**July 22-26- SHS Coaches and Athletic Director attending Oklahoma Coaches Clinic in Tulsa**

**July 24- Jonia Walker is participating in the OCA Girls All-State Game in Tulsa on the ORU Campus**

**July 30- Back to school SHS Manager Meeting at noon**

**July 30- Open House for students and parents at 4 to 6 pm**

**August 5- Welcome back breakfast for returning teachers and staff**

## August 7- freshman return to school for orientation and testing

**August 8<sup>th</sup>- All students report for school**

**August 16&17- Volleyball opens season with a tournament at SHS and will host first home game on August 20 against Westville**

**August 23 – football will scrimmage at Sallisaw (multiple teams participating and also on August 29 – football will scrimmage Roland and Heavener at home. Sequoyah will host the first home game against Muldrow on September 6.**

## School of Choice