

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

July 2019

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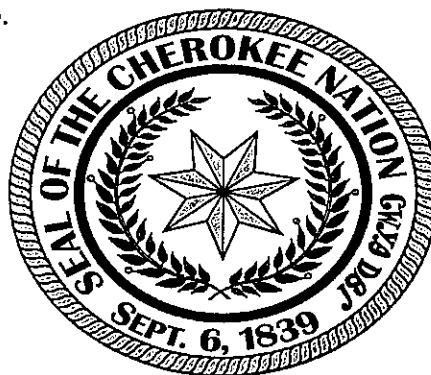
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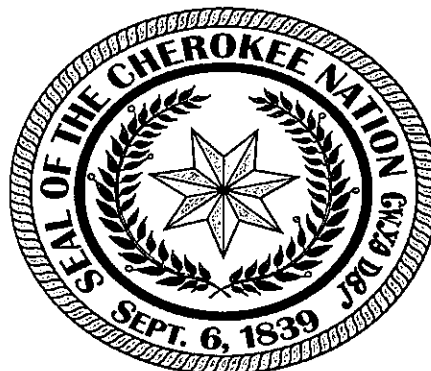
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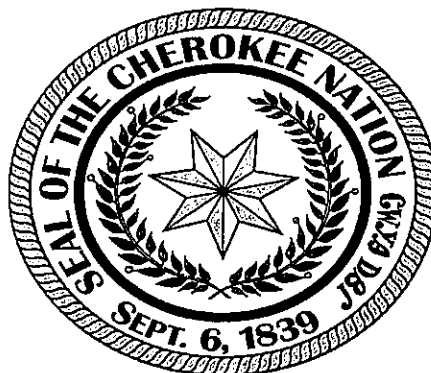
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Number of Employees	272
Number of Vacancies	46
Number of Volunteers	20

Human Services Announcements:

The School Clothing Voucher Program was a huge success this year. We were able to serve 2,939 Cherokee children. Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful program! Wado!



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

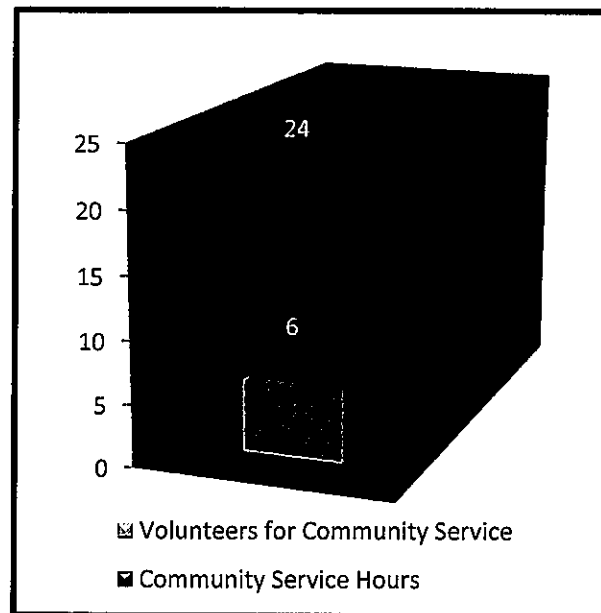
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	19
Number of Vacancies	0
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	12
Admissions	9



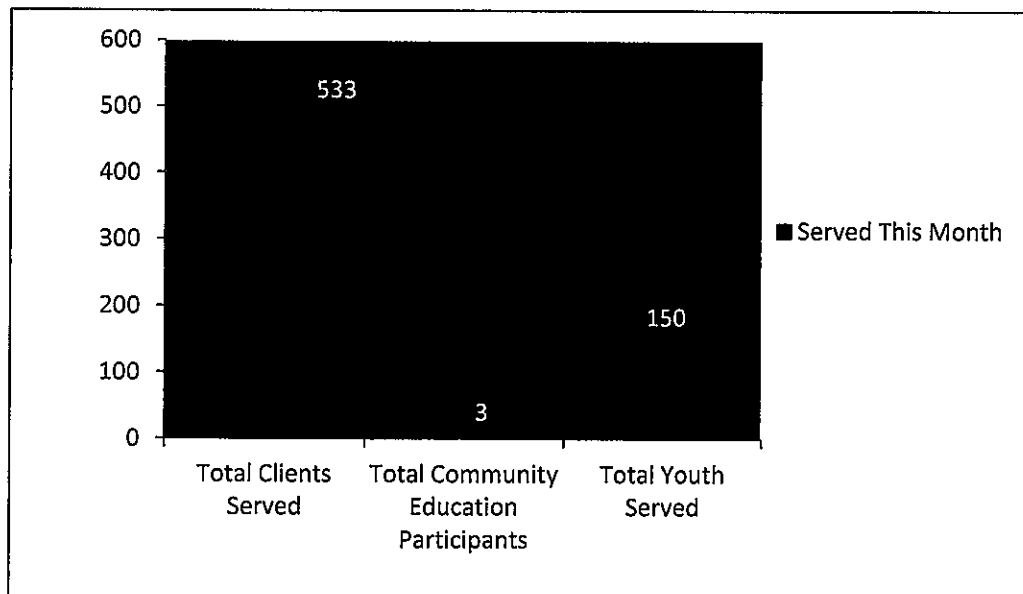
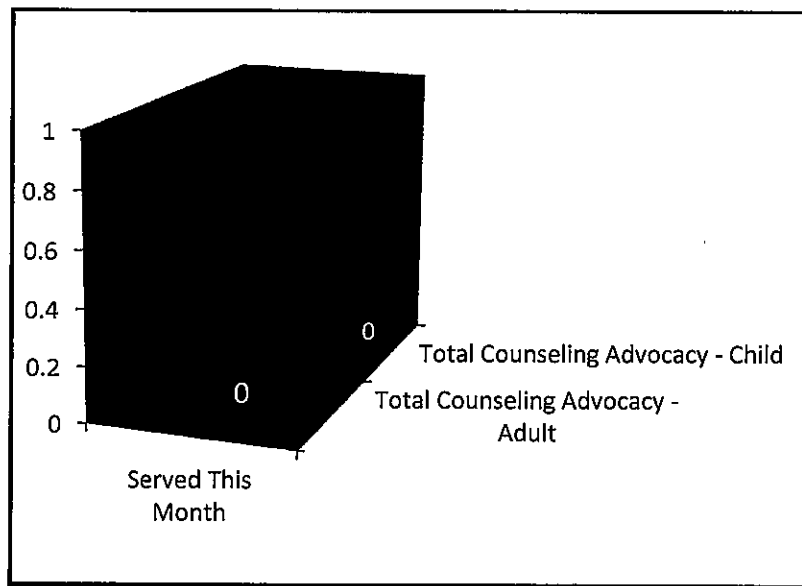
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations

3



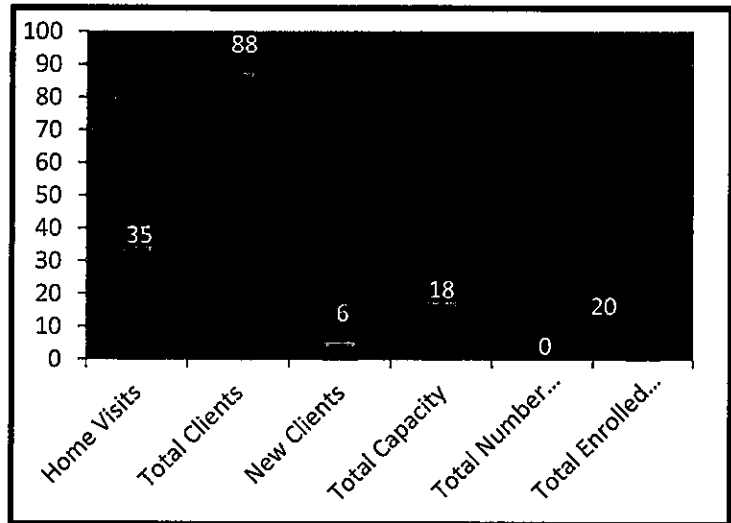
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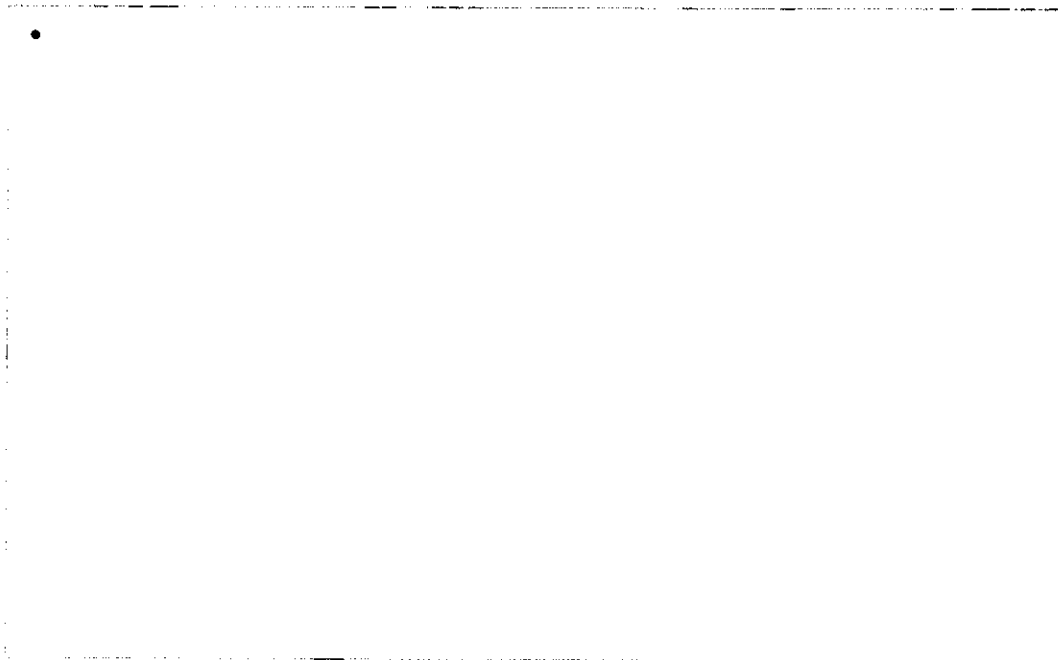
YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients 20



Child Care Development Centers :



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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	112
Number of Vacancies	31
Number of Volunteers	0

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

Child Care Development Centers :

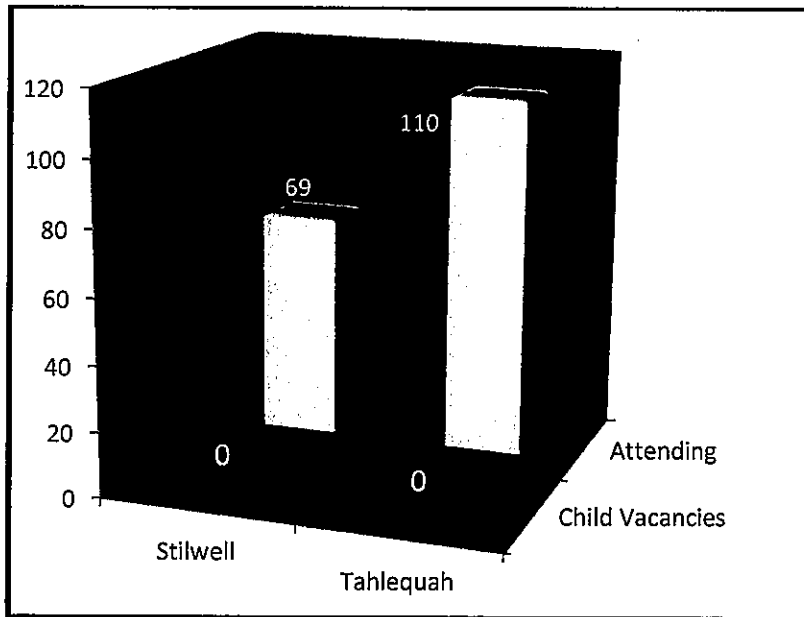
- Stilwell - The Summer Care children have been working in the gardens and playing in the water. The Eagles and Bluebirds have joined forces with them. We had guests from the rodeo demonstrate how to lasso as well as trick riding. The last day of this month ends summer care. All the drills were conducted

- Tahlequah - We had Summer Bash with water games! Local community helpers visited the center throughout the month.

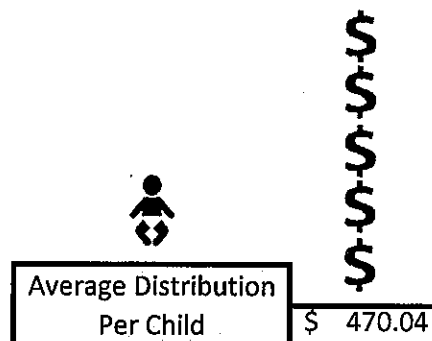
- Subsidy - 5 Providers attended orientation. Angel Galvan started her new position of Accounting Assistant I on 07/29/19

- Resource & Referral - Children's Farmers Market mtg, Children's Farmers Market Tah, Intertribal mtg, Cultural Storytelling, Cultural Basket weaving, Financial Resource Training, OCCRRRA Statewide mtg, Native Am. Assoc. mtg, Planning for CN Provider Conf, Grants

- Licensing - Darci completed 25 observation visits with CN/DHS Staff. Reorg completed for all staff. Licensing provided 3 training for 98 providers, Farmers Market, ITC, OK Futures, Star shearing, Financial Service Training, 16 Providers completed Training Incentives



Children Receiving	1,769
Amount Distributed	\$ 831,493.00



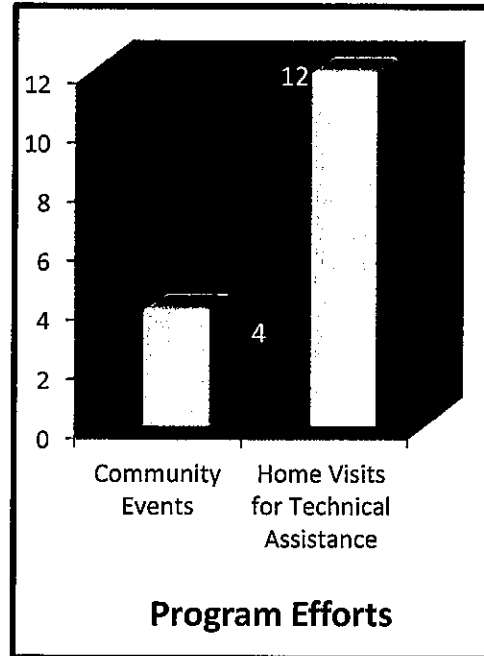
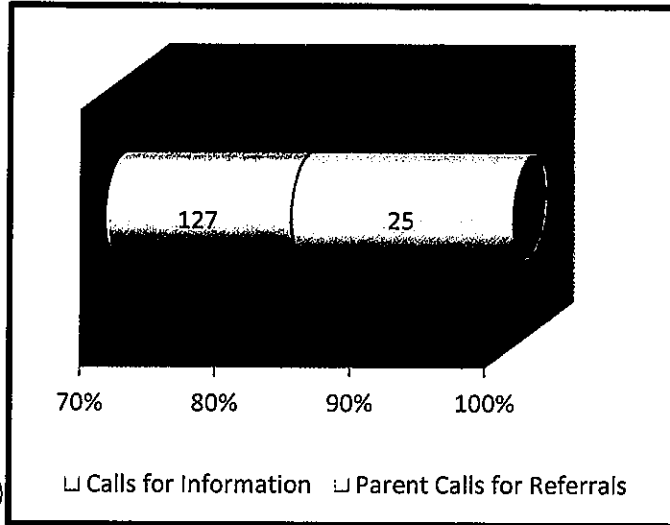
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CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

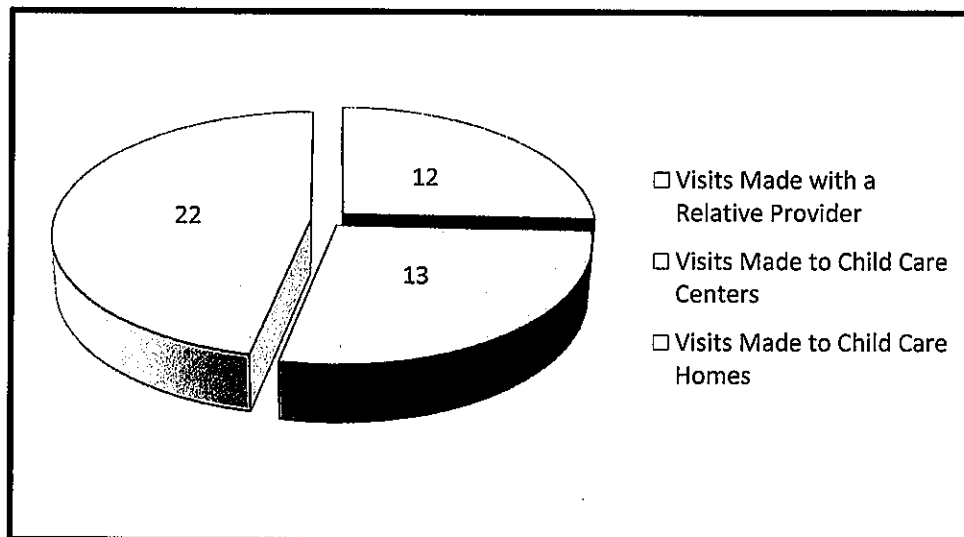
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

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Licensing & Monitoring :



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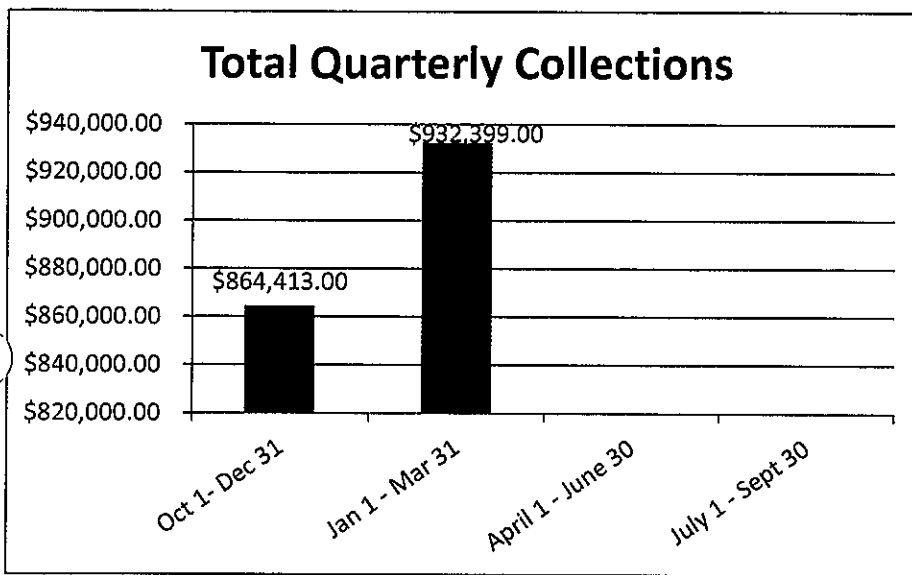
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

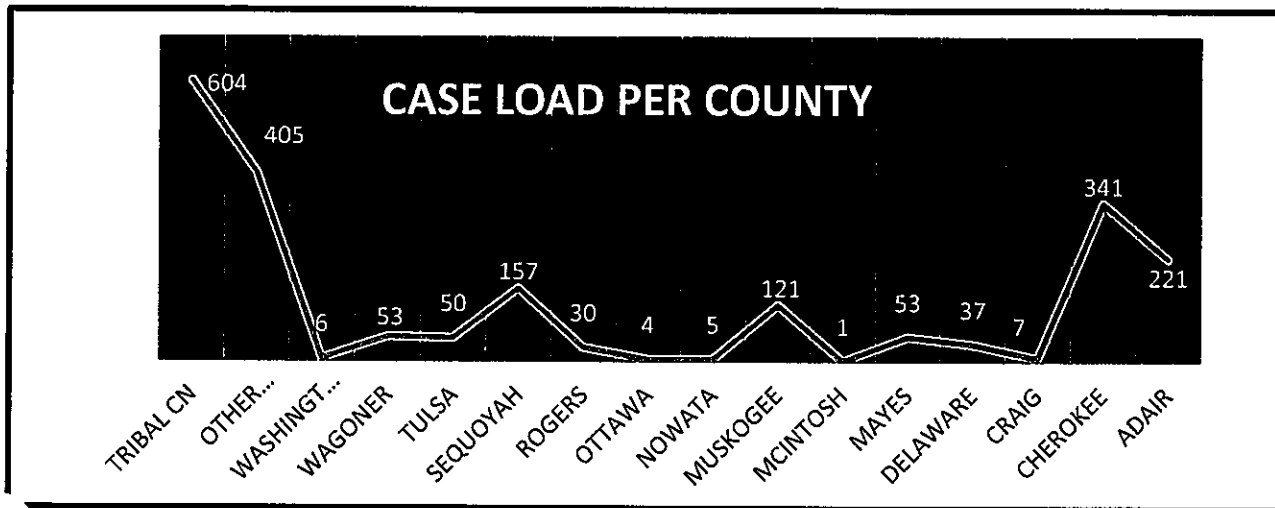
Number of Employees	34
Number of Vacancies	4
Number of Volunteers	

July Collections-CN	\$ 281,614.00
Payment Center only:	

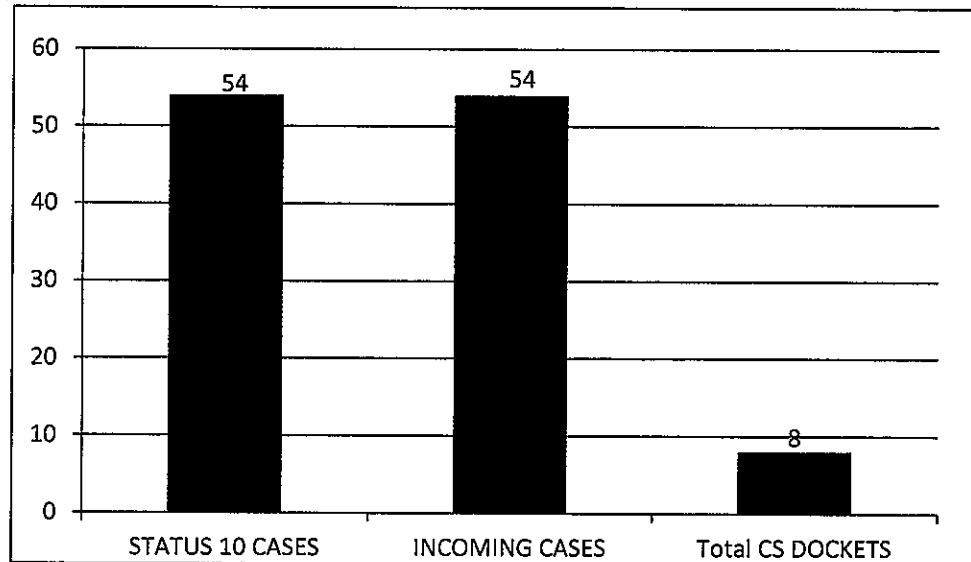
Total Client Contacts	3,010
Total Court Hearings	62
Total Active Efforts Case	1,347
Total Case Assessments for Service	3
Total Applications Distributed	26



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

August is Child Support Awareness Month! The program started the month with a proclamation of Child Support Awareness month and kicked off a month long drive for school supplies specifically for the Webbers Falls Elementary Schools. The drive is ongoing through August 30 at which time all items will be collected and delivered the Webbers Falls Elementary during the first week of September as they start their school year! The program also had staff volunteer to put together first responder care packets on August 12 for the Webbers Falls community. The Office of Child Support services distributed 26 requested applications via walk in's mail outs, or email and received 32 applications for new cases. As of July 1, the program's website: <https://childsupport.cherokee.org> has the ability for potential program participants to download the applications online. The number of actual downloads was 55. So total application distribution was 81. Current active cases as of Aug 15, 2019 is approximately 2358. The program has recently launched a brand new website that was designed by Child support staff input and developed with the assistance of CN Information systems staff. The program launched it's new website on July 1, 2019. The program recently had 2 addition to the team at Child Support .



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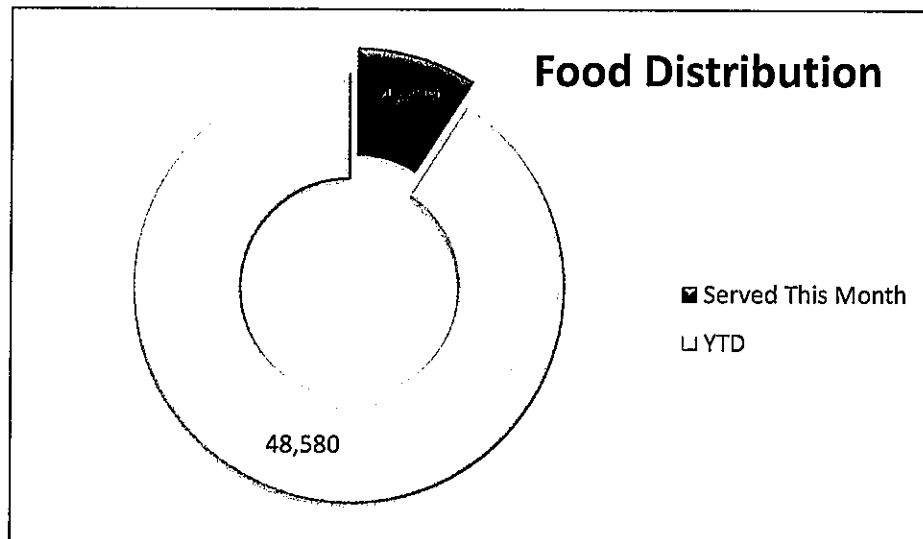
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

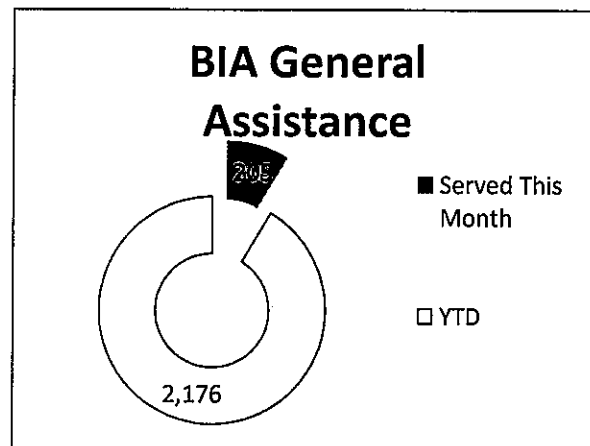
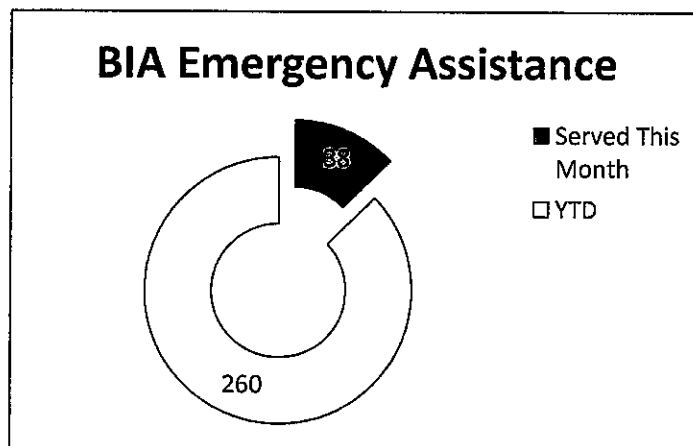
Number of Employees	107
Number of Vacancies	11
Number of Volunteers	20

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

Food Distribution :



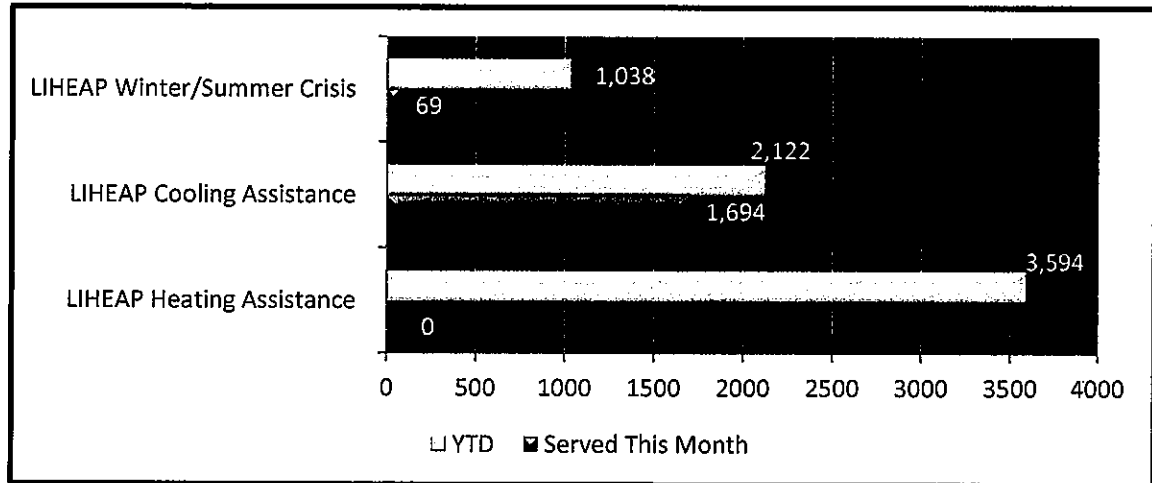
BIA Social Services :



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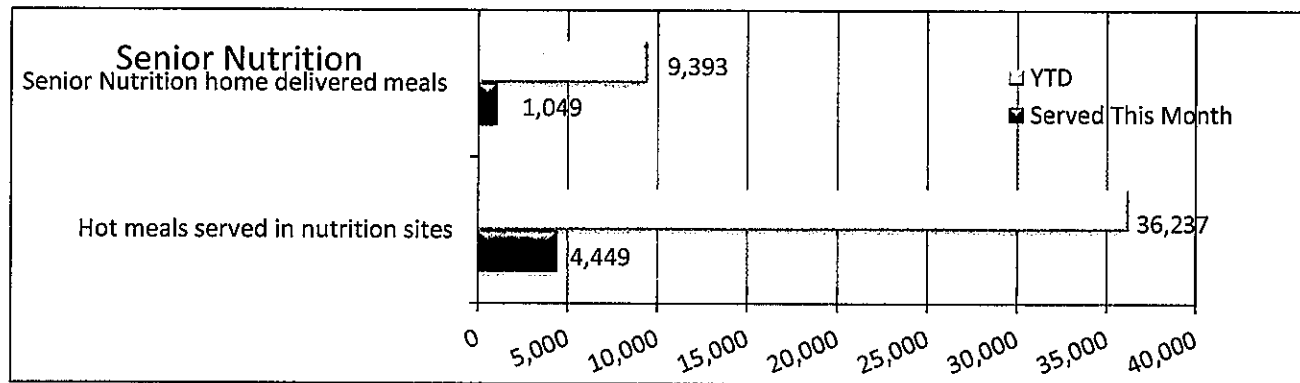
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LIHEAP:

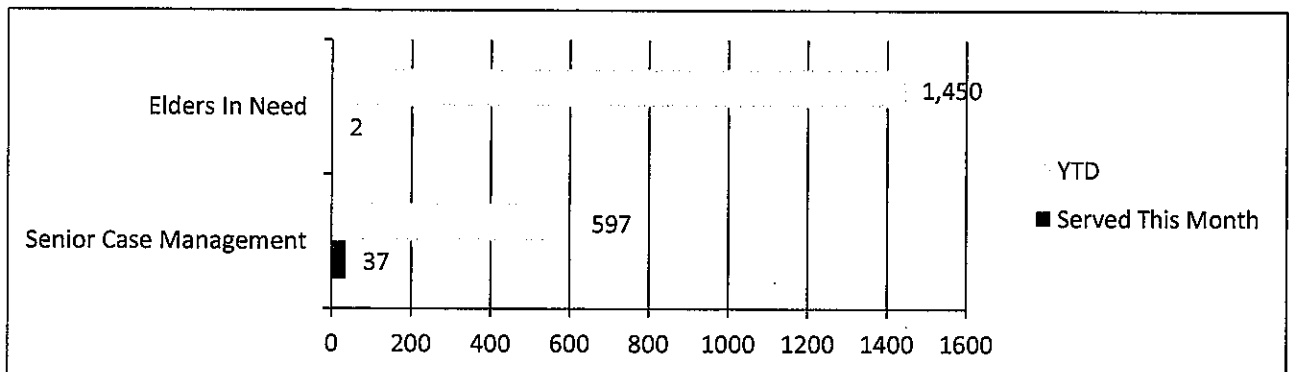


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April



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



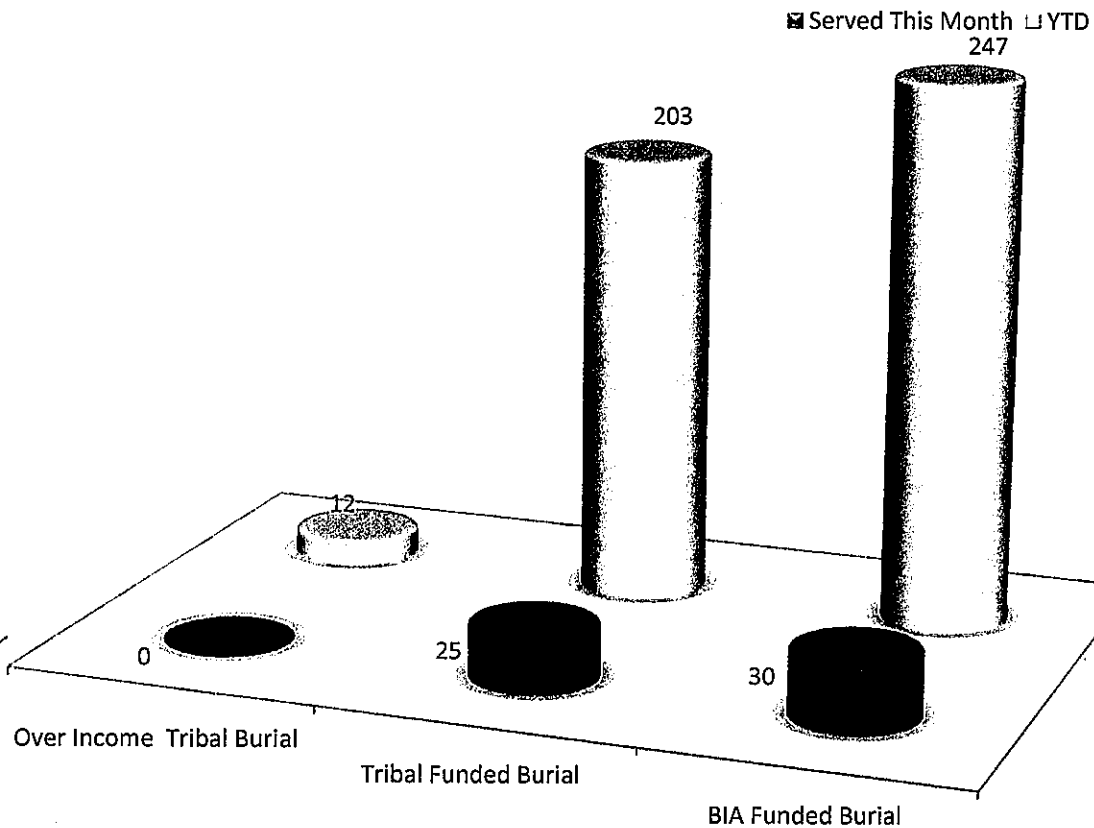
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FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Burial Assistance :

Burial - Clients Served

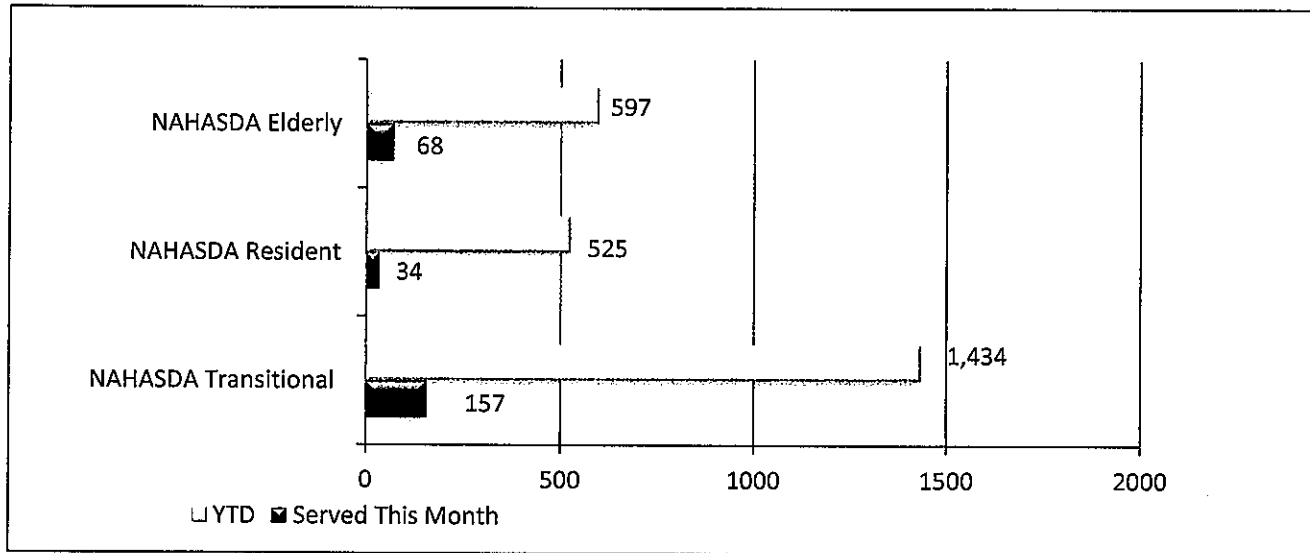


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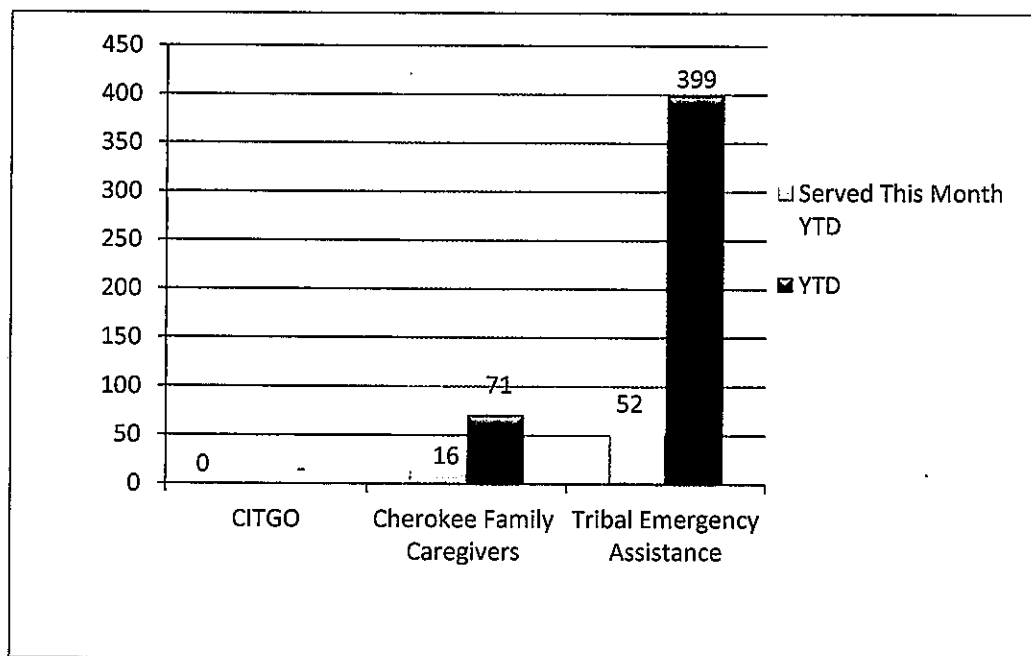
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NAHASDA :



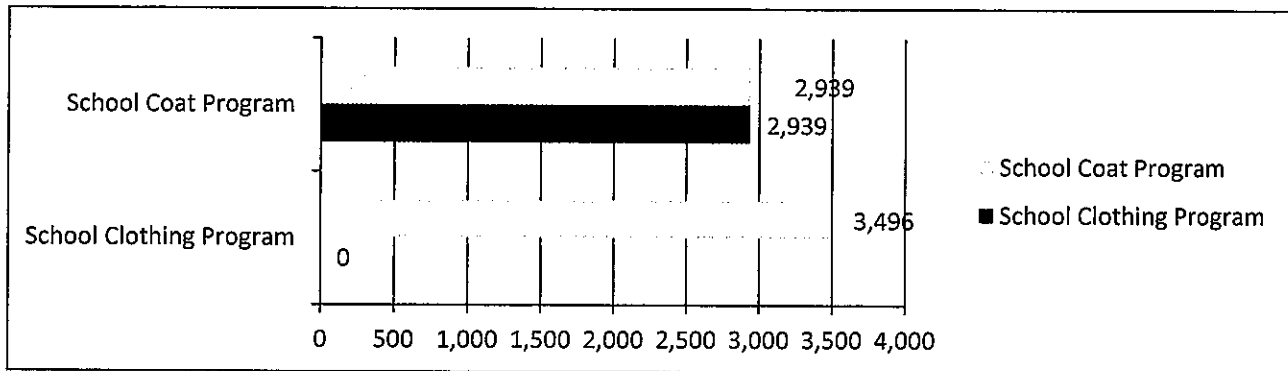
Family Assistance :



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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

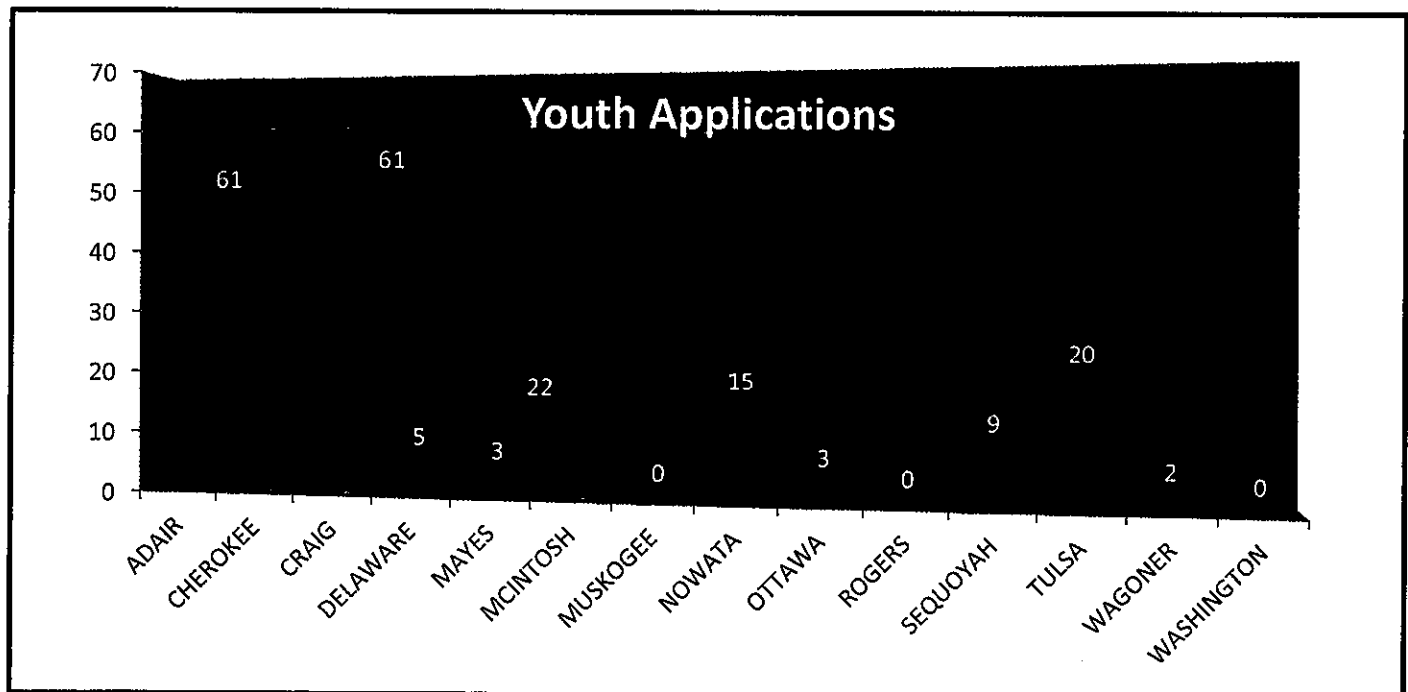
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

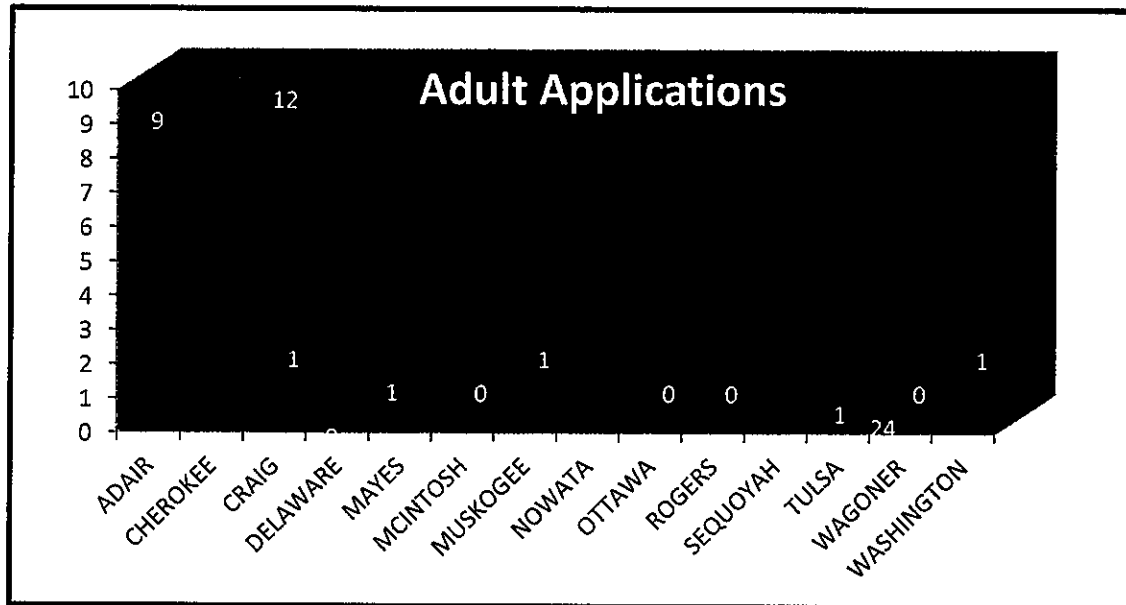
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	1,520
Total Applications Taken	228

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	201
Total Adult	27

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

July	\$ 45,600.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** September 2019 (data for July activities)

Executive Director: Michael Lynn **Phone:** 453-5396 **E-mail:** michael-lynn@cherokee.org

I. Budget Highlights

1. Received Emergency project funding from IHS for Webbers Falls (ECOWA) Emergency Waterline replacement OK19X78. \$200,000 for construction, \$10,000 for project technical support.
2. Preparing and submitting budget modification request to incorporate IHS/EPA funding recently awarded.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. 17 new water/sewer installations
2. 25 water/sewer repairs
3. 107 food handlers trained
4. 89 facility inspections/investigations/technical assistance
5. 40 water analyses
6. 30 site evaluations.
7. 22 soil tests

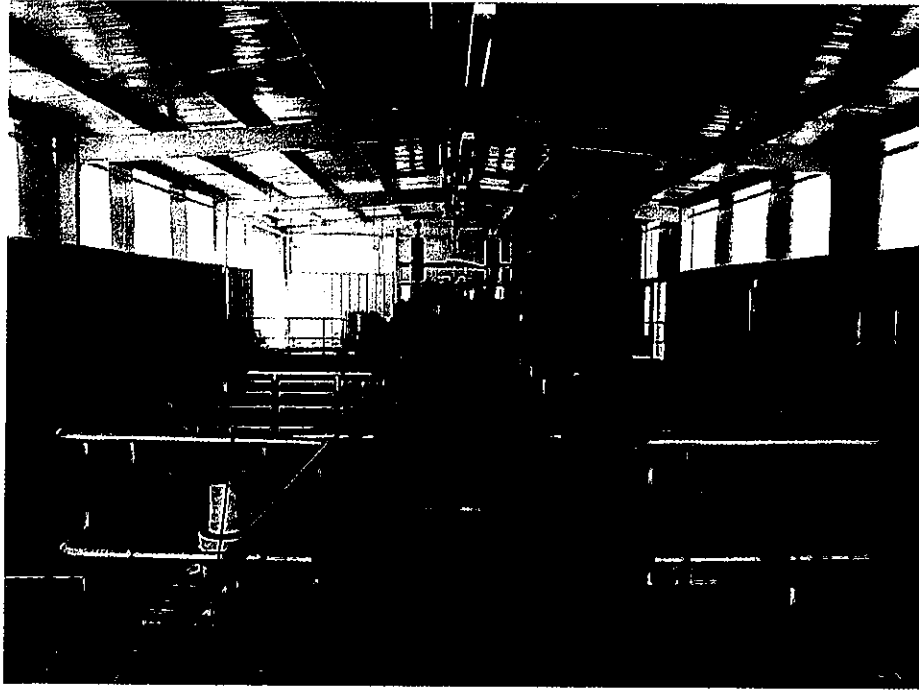
b.) Accomplishments

1. Construction on the Southern Delaware Co Regional WTP is substantially complete. Plant start up should begin soon and we are working on coordinating a dedication ceremony/ribbon cutting with Chief's office and Congressman Mullin's office.
2. Stilwell Area Development Authority Wastewater Improvement project approx. 40% complete.
3. Attended the quarterly Funding Agency Coordinating Team (FACT) meeting in OKC.
4. Met with Stilwell Area Development Authority (SADA) concerning the proposed connection to the Cherry Tree Wastewater System.
5. Attended the Rural Community Assistance Partnership annual training conference in St. Petersburg, FL
6. Assisted Cherry Tree RWD and ORWA staff with leak detection and isolation efforts, found several leaks totaling over 90 gallons per minute (47 million gallons per year!)

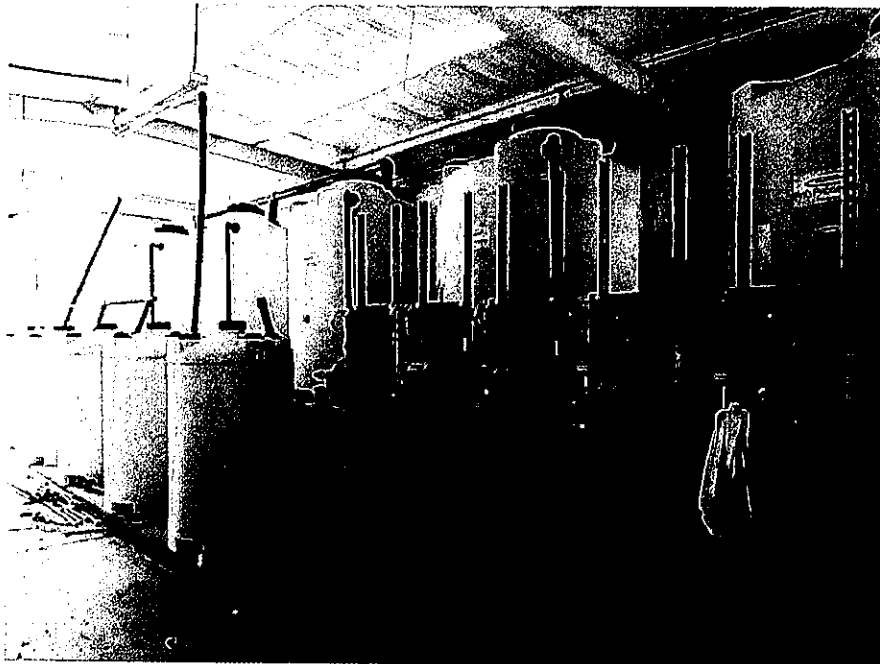
c.) Future Plans

1. Oklahoma Rural Water Association conference Western Hills State Lodge August 21-23.
2. Oklahoma Society of Environmental Health Professionals, OKC September 4-6
3. Oklahoma Engineering Conference, Stillwater, OK September 12
4. Rural Rise Conference Pine Bluff, AR September 17-19
5. EPA Small Systems Workshop Cincinnati, OH September 23-26
6. Preparing for food inspections for Cherokee National Holiday

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

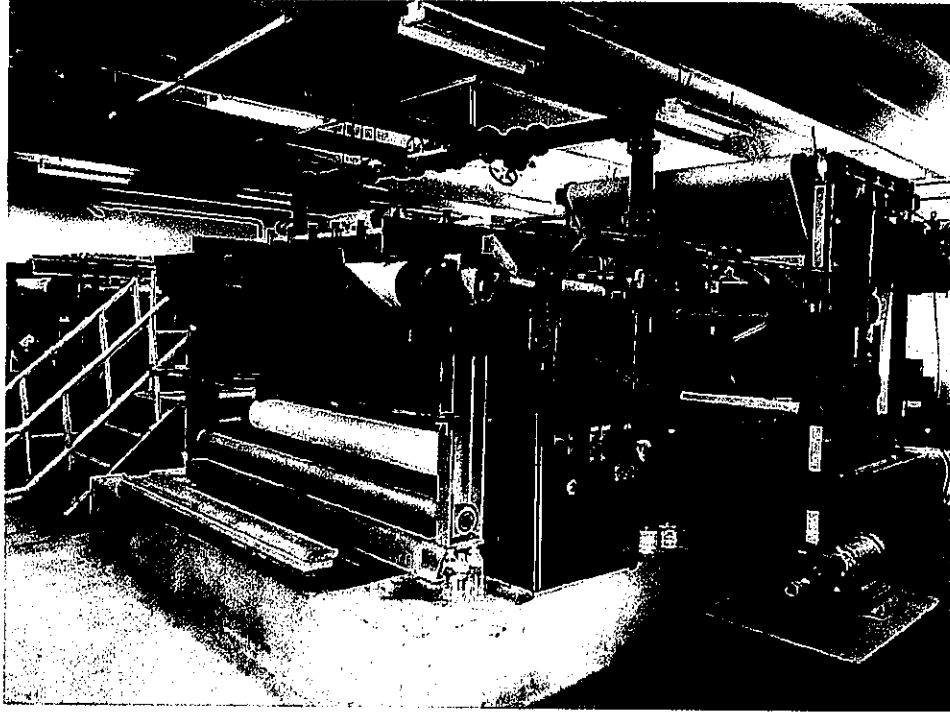


New Water Treatment Plant at South Delaware Co Regional Water Treatment Plant



New Chemical Feed Building at South Delaware Co Regional WTP

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New belt press installed at Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Plant

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
PERFORMANCE: JULY 2019

Director: Billy Hix

Phone: 453-5126

DISTRICT # & COUNTY	FACILITY DATA SYSTEM			Food Handlers Trng	INDOOR AIR QUALITY		Water Test Completed	Primary Drinking Water Standards Violations	Well Assessments	Site Evals	Perc Tests	Soil Profiles	
	Inspections - Referrals	Investigations - Complaints	Technical Assistance		Sampling/Investigations	BACT/Chemical							
1, 2 & 3 Cherokee/Wagoner	20	1	20	35		18	8			9	3	5	
4 Muskogee/McIntosh										1			
5 & 6 Sequoyah	2	7	5			2	3			9	3	5	
7 & 8 Adair	1					6	1			2		3	
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	6	1	3			14	12			5			
11 Craig												1	
12 Nowata/Washington	1												
13 Tulsa	15			72									
14 Rogers	2		2							3		2	
15 Mayes	1		2							1			
MONTHLY TOTAL	48	9	32	107	0	40	24	0	0	30	6	16	5
YEAR TO DATE		845		1162	10	339	205	57	231	168			62
ANNUAL GOAL		800		1525				50	230	175			100
% COMPLETE		106%		76%				114%	100%	96%			

Reduce # of
critical violations

HIGHLIGHTS:

Training -

Meetings - CN Holiday Coordinators
Staff - 2

Misc. - Dug for well crew 7-23-19

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This office is focused on protecting the public from such things as foodborne illness and transmission of various disease that are directly related to personal hygiene and other non-sanitary conditions. We organize, coordinate, and assist in many different programs such as food, public bathing places, hotel/motels, and rabies. This office provides food service training for certification, environmental disease prevention training, laboratory analytical services for individuals requesting assistance in evaluating their water wells, soil profiles, percolation test, and indoor air quality investigations.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services/ Dept. of Trans. **Month/Year of Report:** September 2019

Executive Director: Michael Lynn **Phone:** 918-453-5248 **E-mail:** Michael-Lynn@cherokee.org

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dahlenegah South – All CN Trust and restricted land parcels have been submitted to Real Estate Services for processing for approval.
2. Malloy Hollow – Right of Way is in the appraisal and right of way staking phase.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Construction of Phase I is -25%complete contractor clearing and grubbing – excavation and placing cross drains, hauling borrow pit material and fencing
2. Ross Street- Construction is underway - Aggregate Base curb and gutter being placed, placing mainline paving, ditchliners and sidewalk. The project is approx.-75% completed.
3. Hulbert Lost City (Grace Huddlen) – Right of Way acquisition is 100% complete. Final Plans are complete. Working on bid documents. Bid out in late winter early spring.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS4340 White Oak Road – The utility relocation is anticipated to be complete mid-July. Bid documents are ready for fall bid letting.
2. NS4410 Vinita Clinic – Final parcel needed to acquire, has been submitted to the BIA for approval.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – Construction is at -100% complete most guardrail placed, punch list items sent to H&G . Contract liquidated damages began on February 11, 2017. As of July, 19, 2019 the number of days have accumulated to -889 days over the contract time at \$1,000.00 per day. Project was completed July 19, 2019

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chimney Rock –Final plans are complete. /Bid documents are ready for fall letting.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

No updates at this time .

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Ridership on all routes for the month of July 2019 were:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 140 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 718
3. Salina to Tahlequah – 19
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 154 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 76
6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 152 rides
7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 167 rides
8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 313 rides
9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 95 rides
10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 7,548

Total Rides: 9,382

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

July 2019 Monthly Report

Youth Activities:

We held 7 youth activities in July due four sites being out of school and not having Boys & Girls Club and Youth MOVE not having an activity to due school being out on their regularly scheduled day and no youth showing up at 1 site. Total attendance at July youth activities was 114 youth, 22 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 on Tuesdays, July 2nd & 16th, where they made pencil toppers to give to new friends when school starts and played Cherokee marbles. There were 8 - 9 youth at each meeting for a total of 17 youth & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, July 9th where they made pencil toppers to give to new friends when school starts. There were 16 youth, 9 parents/adult community members, & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club – no youth activity due to no Boys & Girls Club at Maryetta.

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girl Club – no youth activity due to school being out.

Briggs Boys & Girls Club – no youth activity due to no Boys & Girls Club at Briggs.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club – no youth activity due to school being out.

Talking Leaves Job Corp had 1 youth activity schedule Tuesday, July 23rd, no youth showed up.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 youth activity on Thursday, July 18th where they made pencil toppers for new friends when school starts. There were 1 youth, 10 parents/adult community members, & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Youth MOVE, Sequoyah High School – no youth activity due to school being out.

Partnered With:

Partnered with Cherokee Nation Career Services Intern Program on Friday, July 26th to have a youth activity, youth made leather pouches with pictures stenciled on them and beaded edging around them and baskets. There were 15 youth, 5 Career Services staff/parents and 5 CYD&ARS staff in attendance.

Partnered with Stilwell Boys & Girls club on Monday, July 15th, to have a youth activity, where the youth made pencil toppers to give to new friends when school starts. There were 40 youth, 3 B & G club staff and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Partnered with Community and Cultural Outreach to have a youth activity at their annual conference youth leadership track, where youth made clay pinch pots and leather pouches with pictures stenciled on them and beaded edging around them. There were 25 youth, 5 CCO staff and 7 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed & handed out 118 copies of flyers about August youth activities to residents, community organizations, & participants in Cherokee Heights and Oaks & Chewey and e-mailed flyers to Briggs, Maryetta, Rocky Mountain & Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth MOVE and Talking Leaves Job Corp to post.

Adult Resident Activities:

We held 9 adult resident activities in July due to 2 sites regular scheduled day being on the 4th of July.

Total attendance at July Adult Resident activities was 54 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 held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, July 18th where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 4 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, July 25th where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There was 1 adult resident and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, July 11th where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 6 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, July 9th where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 4 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, July 9th where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 9 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing – no Adult Resident Activity due to 4th of July Holiday.

Sallisaw/ Tsalagi Apartments – no Adult Resident Activity due to 4th of July Holiday.

Tahlequah Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, July 8th at the Gregg Glass Community building, where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 6 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, July 23th where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 12 adult residents and 4 CYD&ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, July 18th, where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 10 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cherokee Heights had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, July 2nd, where residents made Beach Therapy Jars. There were 2 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 384 copies of flyers about August 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, Cherokee Heights residents 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 8 youth activities scheduled for August 2019 due to 2 schools being out for the summer on their regularly scheduled activity day.

We will have activities at:

Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School --- cancelled due to summer break;
Cherokee Heights on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, August 6th & 20th, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, August 13th, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the second Wednesday, August 14th, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
Maryetta Boys & Girls Club --- cancelled due to summer break;
Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club on the 3rd Monday, August 19th, 4 p. – 5:30 pm.;
Oaks Community on the 3rd Thursday, July 18th, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club --- cancelled due to school summer break;
Talking Leaves Job Corp, on the 4th Tuesday, July 23rd, 4:00 pm. – 5:30 pm.

We have 11 adult resident activities scheduled for August 2019.

We will have activities at:

Cherokee Heights, Pryor, on the 1st Tuesday, August 6th, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1st Thursday, August 1st, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1st Thursday, August 1st, 2 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass Building, on the 2nd Monday, August 12th, 1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, August 13th, 10:00 am. – 11:30 am.;
Chewey, on the 2nd Tuesday, August 13th, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, August 8th, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, August 15th, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Oaks Family Support Center, on the 3rd Thursday, August 15th, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Lost City, on the 4th Tuesday, August 27th, 1:30 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, August 22nd, 2:00 pm. – 4:00 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.

August

Community Youth Development & Adult Resident Services Tentative Work Calendar August 2019 Denise Starr, Choogie Kingfisher, Lisa Cookson, Jason Kingfisher, Brooklyn Cookson, Annette Stinnett & Pam Bakke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 9 am. - Denise, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Office 8 am. - 5 pm. - Choogie & Jason - Office 9 am. - 12:30 pm. - Denise, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Stillwell Senior Housing - Adult Resident Activity - 10 am. - 11:30 am. 12:30 pm. - 1:30 pm. - Denise, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - lunch 1:30 pm. - 5 pm. - Denise, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Tsilagi Apts. - Sallaw - Adult Resident Activity - 2 pm. - 3:30 pm. Lisa - OFF - A/L	2 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Jason, Brooklyn & Annette Office 9 am. - 2:35 am - Saturday - Pam - on Travel with CCO - at-large Community meetings - Tacoma, WA & Eugene, OR Lisa - OFF - S/L	3 8 am. - 5:30 pm. - Pam - At-Large Community Meeting - Tacoma, WA - 10 am. - 2 pm. - then travel to Portland, OR
4 9 am. - 8 pm. - Pam - At-Large Community Meeting - travel from Portland to Eugene, Mfg. 1 pm. - 5 pm. - travel back to Portland	5 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn & Annette - Office 5 am. - 6 pm. - Pam - Travel back from Portland, OR with CCO	6 8 am. - 7 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Brooklyn & Annette 8 am. - 5 pm. - Lisa & Jason 8 am. - 6 pm. - Pam 8 am. - 2:45 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Office 8 am. - 5 pm. - Lisa & Jason - Office 2:45 pm. - end of day - Denise, Choogie, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Cherokee Heights - Youth & Adult Resident activities - 4 pm. - 6 pm.	7 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason & Annette 8 am. - 12 pm. - Brooklyn Office Brooklyn - 4 hrs. - A/L Pam - OFF - A/L	8 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie & Annette - Office 8 am. - 12:30 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn & Pam - Office 12:30 pm. - 3:30 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn & Pam - Wisdom Keepers - Adult Resident Activity - 1 pm. - 3 pm. 3:30 pm. - 5 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn & Pam - Office	9 8 am. - 2 pm. - Denise, Choogie & Brooklyn - No Lunch 8 am. - 3 pm. - Annette 8 am. - 5 pm. - Lisa, Jason & Pam	10
11	12 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Jason & Annette - Office 8 am. - 1 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Brooklyn & Pam - Office 1 pm. - 4 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Brooklyn & Pam - Gregg Glass Building - Adult Activity - 1:30 pm. - 3:30 pm. 4 pm. - 5 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Brooklyn & Pam - Office	13 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise & Choogie 8 am. - 8 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 8:45 am. - Denise, Choogie, Jason & Pam - Office 8 am. - 4 pm. - Lisa, Brooklyn & Annette - Office 8:45 am. - 1 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Jason & Pam - Jay Senior Housing - Adult Activity - 10 am. - 11:30 am. 1 pm. - 4 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Jason & Pam - Office 4 pm. - 8 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Chewey Community - Youth & Adult Activities - 5 pm. - 7 pm.	14 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise 8 am. - 5:30 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise - Office 8 am. - 3 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Office 3 pm. - 5 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Driggs B&G Club - Youth Activity - 3:30 pm. - 5:15 pm.	15 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise & Choogie 8 am. - 8 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 10:30 am. - Denise, Choogie & Annette - Office 8 am. - 1:30 pm. - Lisa - Office 8 am. - 4 pm. - Jason & Brooklyn - Office 8 am. - 11 am. - Pam - Office 10:30 am. - 4 pm. - Denise, Choogie & Annette - Tom Buffington Heights - Vinita - Adult Activity - 1 pm. - 3 pm. - Lunch on the way 11 am. - 1 pm. - Pam - Luncheon - The Branch 1 pm. - 1:30 pm. - Pam - Office 1:30 pm. - 4 pm. - Lisa & Pam - Holiday Coordinators Meeting 4 pm. - 5 pm. - Denise & Choogie - Office 4 pm. - 8 pm. - Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam - Oaks Community - Youth & Adult Activities - 5 pm. - 7 pm.	16 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise & Pam 8 am. - 4:30 pm. - Choogie 8 am. - 9:30 am. - Lisa, Jason & Brooklyn Office Annette - Off - 1 1/2 hr. - A/L	17
18	19 8 am. - 5:30 pm. - Denise 8 am. - 5 pm. - Choogie, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 6 pm. - Lisa & Jason 8 am. - 3 pm. - Denise, Lisa & Jason - Office 8 am. - 5 pm. - Choogie, Brooklyn & Annette - Office 8 am. - 5 pm. - Pam - Office & Budget Hearings 3 pm. - end of day - Denise, Lisa & Jason - Rocky Mountain B&G Club - Youth Activity - 4 pm. - 5:30 pm.	20 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Lisa, Brooklyn & Pam 8 am. - 7 pm. - Choogie, Jason & Annette 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Lisa & Brooklyn - Office 8 am. - 2:45 pm. - Choogie, Jason & Annette - Office 8 am. - 12 pm. - Pam - Office 12 pm. - 5 pm. - Pam - Tribal Council Orientation 2:45 pm. - 7 pm. - Choogie, Jason & Annette - Cherokee Heights - Youth activity - 4 pm. - 6 pm.	21 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam Office 9 am. - 12 pm. - Staff Meeting	22 8 am. - 5:30 pm. - Denise 8 am. - 5 pm. - Choogie, Jason, Annette & Pam 8 am. - 6 pm. - Lisa & Brooklyn 8 am. - 3 pm. - Denise, Lisa & Brooklyn - Office 8 am. - 11:30 am. - Choogie, Jason, Annette & Pam - Will Rogers Senior Housing - Clarendon - Adult activity - 2 pm. - 4 pm. - Lunch on the way 3 pm. - end of day - Denise, Lisa & Brooklyn - Zion B&G Club - Youth activity - 4 pm. - 5:30 pm.	23 8 am. - 3 pm. - Denise & Brooklyn - No Lunch 8 am. - 2 pm. - Choogie & Lisa - No Lunch 8 am. - 3 pm. - Annette 8 am. - 1 pm. - Jason 8 am. - 5 pm. - Pam - Office	24
25	26 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam Office	27 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Jason & Annette 8 am. - 6 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Brooklyn & Pam 8 am. - 1 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Jason & Pam - Office 8 am. - 3:30 pm. - Lisa & Brooklyn - Office 8 am. - 5 pm. - Annette - Office 1 pm. - 3:30 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Jason & Pam - Lost City Community - Adult activity - 1:30 pm. - 3 pm. 3:30 pm. - 5 pm. - Denise & Jason - Office 3:30 pm. - 6 pm. - Choogie, Lisa, Brooklyn & Pam - Job Corp - Youth Activity - 4 pm. - 5:30 pm.	28 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam Office	29 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Choogie, Lisa, Jason, Brooklyn, Annette & Pam Office	30 8 am. - 5 pm. - Denise, Jason & Annette 8 am. - 3 pm. - Choogie, Lisa & Brooklyn - No Lunch Pam - OFF - A/L	31

2019

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Housing Authority Month/Year of Report: September, 2019
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.

None to report

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.

Travis Buckner, employee of HACN

Marissa Deerinwater, father is William Deerinwater of Human Servi

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.

Phyllis Woods, son is Landon Woods of HACN
JoAnn Fields, brother is Dewayne McCarter of HACN
Steven Hughes, sister is Tamara Wheeler of HACN
Anna Hendricks, brother-in-law is Tom Teehee of HACN
Don Henson, niece is Denise Rooster of HACN



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Sept 6 September Regular BOC Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Office Closures:

Sept 2 Labor Day

Other Info:

Sept 4th National Native Asset Building Summit
16-19 provided by HUD-ONAP

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

918-456-5482

800-837-2869

Employee Email is:

firstname.lastname@hacn.org

www.hacn.org

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: July, 2019

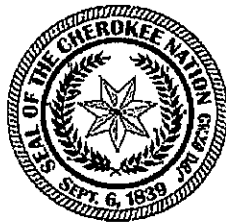
Current Program Participants:

County	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance			Homeownership		Loans	Totals	
			Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs Under Mgmt	New Construction Homes Under Mgmt	Title VI / Other Mortgage Programs	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants
Adair	297	146	123	1	0	101	76	20	764	15%
Cherokee	277	180	330	7	0	204	182	63	1,243	24%
Craig	26	50	27	0	0	9	28	2	142	3%
Delaware	192	112	69	0	0	63	111	20	567	11%
McIntosh	11	N/A	1	0	0	3	3	0	18	0%
Mayes	153	120	38	0	0	49	58	12	430	8%
Muskogee	80	47	32	0	0	45	56	15	275	5%
Nowata	20	39	11	0	0	11	27	1	109	2%
Ottawa	11	N/A	3	0	0	6	7	4	31	1%
Rogers	81	61	149	1	0	68	37	44	441	8%
Sequoyah	327	N/A	173	2	0	140	140	58	840	16%
Tulsa	33	N/A	87	2	0	25	9	3	159	3%
Wagoner	8	N/A	1	0	0	49	4	1	63	1%
Washington	21	37	36	1	0	28	11	3	137	3%
Total:	1,537	792	1,080	14	0	801	749	246	5,219	100%
			1,094			1,550		246		

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	187	1	0	12	4	177	99	184	9%	664	12%
Cherokee	179	0	0	10	8	163	211	571	28%	1,142	21%
Craig	37	1	0	1	0	18	8	63	3%	128	2%
Delaware	166	1	0	7	4	61	85	208	10%	532	10%
McIntosh	5	0	0	0	0	N/A	3	13	1%	21	0%
Mayes	120	0	0	4	2	74	91	124	6%	415	7%
Muskogee	64	0	0	4	1	41	103	104	5%	317	6%
Nowata	33	0	0	3	1	21	9	50	2%	117	2%
Ottawa	6	0	0	1	0	N/A	10	24	1%	41	1%
Rogers	70	0	0	4	4	236	114	212	10%	640	12%
Sequoyah	200	1	2	24	7	N/A	384	230	11%	848	15%
Tulsa	62	0	0	21	2	N/A	132	188	9%	405	7%
Wagoner	11	0	0	2	0	N/A	5	49	2%	67	1%
Washington	41	0	0	8	0	69	36	52	3%	206	4%
Total:	1,181	4	2	101	33	860	1,290	2,072	100%	5,543	100%

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: July, 2019



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	8	8	47%
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	0	0	0%
Muskogee	0	0	0	1	1	6%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	0	0	0	4	4	24%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Tulsa	0	0	0	2	2	12%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	1	1	6%
Total:	0	0	0	17	17	100%



Keys to a brighter future

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
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**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
Jul, 2019

		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	Land Dev	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete						
Adair	159	0	0	5	1	0	2	13	14	5	76	0	35	5	76		
Cherokee	545	0	1	3	0	0	0	12	17	7	184	1	32	7	184		
Craig	60	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	29	0	6	1	29		
Delaware	186	0	0	3	1	0	0	12	11	4	114	0	27	4	114		
McIntosh	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	3		
Mayes	111	0	0	3	0	0	0	9	8	0	57	0	20	0	57		
Muskogee	97	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	57	2	5	1	57		
Nowata	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	27		
Ottawa	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7		
Rogers	208	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	37	1	4	0	37		
Sequoyah	208	0	8	0	0	0	0	10	8	2	140	8	18	2	140		
Tulsa	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9		
Wagoner	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	4	0	6	1	4		
Washington	51	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	2	0	12		
Total:	1,941	0	13	16	3	0	4	64	71	21	756	13	158	21	756		
		13		158						777							

STAGE I:

Copies of Deed(s), etc.
Check Floodmaps/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

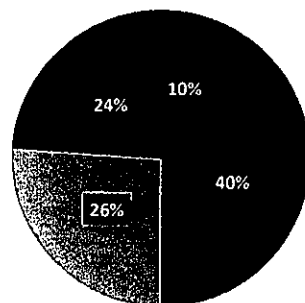
STAGE IV:

Survey Review / Identify Barriers / Process for Closing

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
July, 2019

Replacement Homes	20
Out for Bid/Pending	82
Contracts Awarded	53
Contracts Completed	49



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

Classification	Monthly Activity	Year to Date
Emergency	38	363
Rehab	2	13
Replacement	1	6
Storm Shelters	1	14
Weatherization	3	248
BIA - HIP Program	0	1
Lead Based Paint	0	13
All Rehab Jobs	45	658

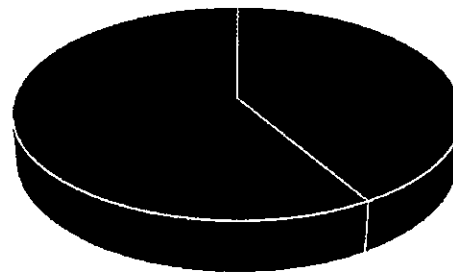


- Emergency
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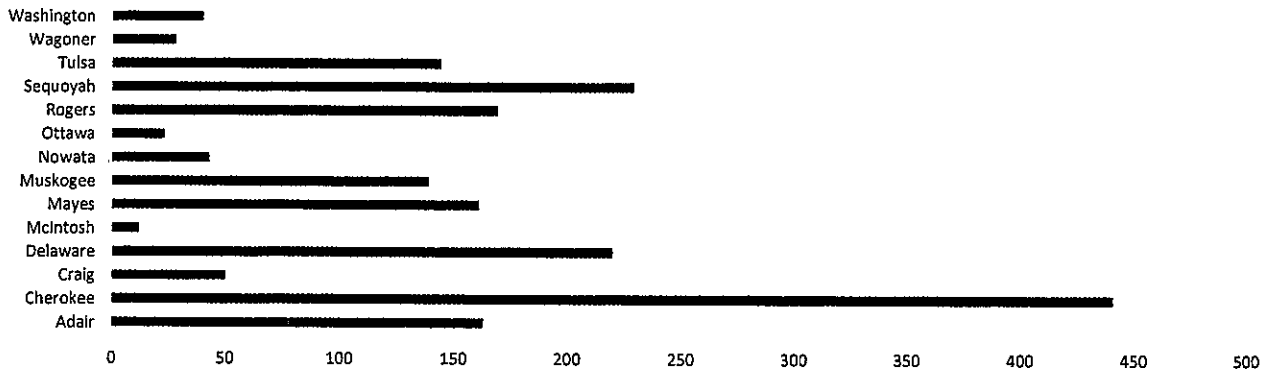
**New Construction Homeownership Program
Application Data**

By Has Land/Does not have land:

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



■ Has Land
■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

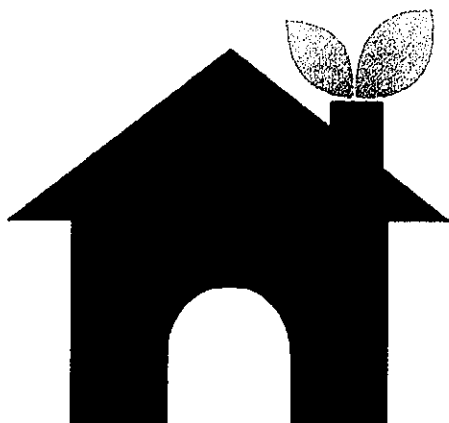


Commerce Services

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

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Asset Building



Mortgage Assistance Program

77 Families became homeowners through financial counseling and down payment assistance.

31 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$40,222.41
Home Price	\$101,809.23
Equity Created	19.26%

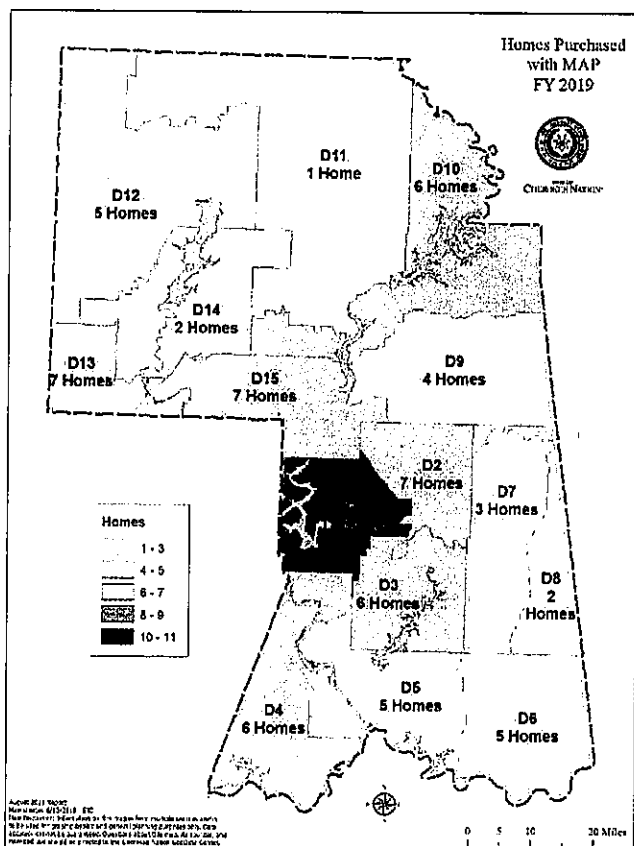
Since FY2009, **1,791 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.

iSave

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.

143 families are actively saving in iSave for home rehabilitation. 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.

Matching funds can be used for anything that increases the value of the primary residence, for example, a storm shelter, flooring, fencing, sidewalks, major appliance replacement, roofing, plumbing, etc.



Financial Empowerment Program

Cherokee Nation's ROSS grant will be marketed under the name of the **Financial Empowerment Program**. This is a three year grant targeted at increasing the self-sufficiency of Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation residents through financial coaching, financial education, and linkage to supportive services such as GED attainment, post-secondary education, access to state and tribal benefits, improving job prospects, and much more. Three counselors are on board to provide services to the 14 county area.

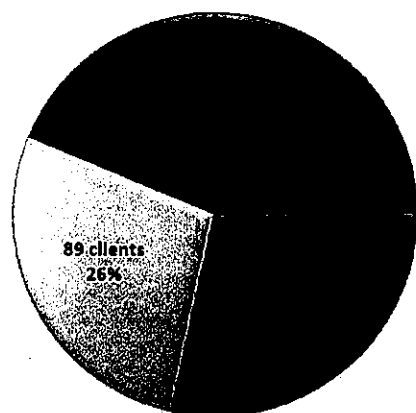
Ashlee Fritts, located in Tahlequah, 918-456-5482 ext. 1140, ashlee-fritts@cherokee.org

Amy Henry, located in Jay 918-456-5482 ext. 1145, amy-henry@cherokee.org

Cynthia Young, located in Claremore, 918-456-5482 ext. 1279, cynthia-young@cherokee.org

Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



- Short Term less than 12 months
- Long Term from 1 to 3 years
- Mortgage Ready capable in 90 days
- Applications Pending Eligibility

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

Since FY07, **938 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

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

59% of families who purchased a home in FY19 moved up at least one level in the Financial Prosperity Spectrum.

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

322 families still actively pursuing goals

- 0% financial prosperity
- 34% financial success
- 31% financially stable
- 35% financially instable
- 5% credit counseling only

Financial Counseling Impact

Debt to Income with Mortgage	28.8%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	3.9%

1,855 consumer loans totaling \$2,111,750.20 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of July 15th. Year to date, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with **8 families facing foreclosure**. Two families received a foreclosure prevention loan, one family is working with the Small Business Assistance Center to try to save their home, and five families are no longer actively working with our coaches.

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **154 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 creating spending plans to balancing checkbooks. Year to date, **378 people have attended community and work based financial education classes**.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides free tax preparation and filing services for families in Cherokee Nation.

Year	Number of Returns Prepared/Filed	\$ Amount of Tax Refunds Received
2019	1,966	\$2.5 M
2018	1,589	\$2.3 M
2017	1,609	\$2.4 M
2016	1,799	\$2.2 M
2015	1,652	\$1.9 M
2014	1,270	\$2.1 M
2013	1,577	\$2.0 M
2012	1,553	\$2.2 M
2011	2,681	\$3.6 M
2010	2,118	\$2.7 M

The more you know:

Debt relief scams have become more common. In these scams, a con artist will contact people and offer to reduce or eliminate debt either for an upfront fee or for a monthly payment paid directly to the con artist. Unfortunately, the con artist simply pockets the individual's money, never reducing or eliminating any debt, creating an even more difficult financial situation for the individual. It's important to know any individual can contact their creditors to negotiate modified payment plans. There are some legitimate debt relief companies, however these are warning signs that you may be dealing with a con artist:

- The company or representative asks an individual to pay anything upfront. A legitimate debt relief company will not ask for any upfront payment because it's illegal.
- The company or representative guarantees that your creditors will forgive your debts. No one can guarantee this except the creditors themselves.

For help managing debt, contact Cherokee Nation Commerce Services at 918-453-5536. All services are confidential and free of charge.

Training Schedule

Interested in attending a class? Contact Susan Sharp at 918-453-5536 or susan-sharp@cherokee.org.

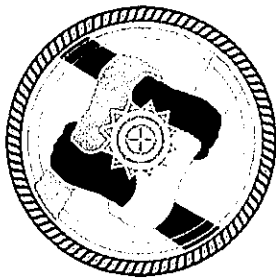
Workshops and Classes			
September 3	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 4	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 4	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
September 13	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 14	Sallisaw	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 2	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
October 5	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 10	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
October 11	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 1	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
November 6	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
November 8	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
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December 16	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training



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Indian Child Welfare



MONTHLY REPORT

July 2019

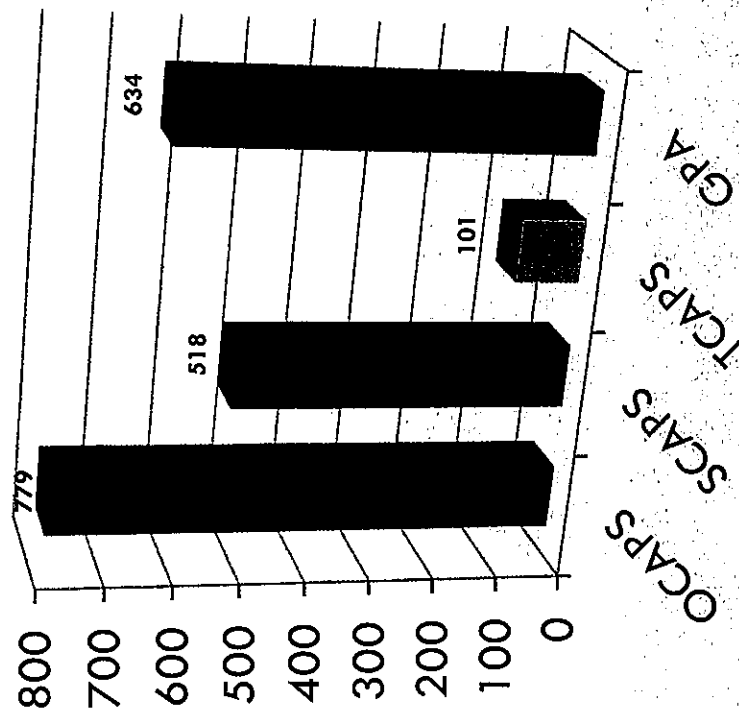
Lou Stretch, Interim Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of July:

2,032 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

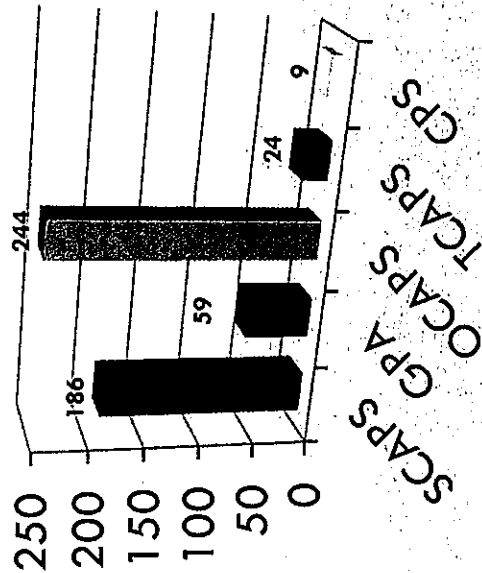
- Receives referrals involving allegations of maltreatment of Cherokee children.
- Investigates allegations of child maltreatment in Indian Country and co-investigates with DHS in some counties when Cherokee children are involved.

Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

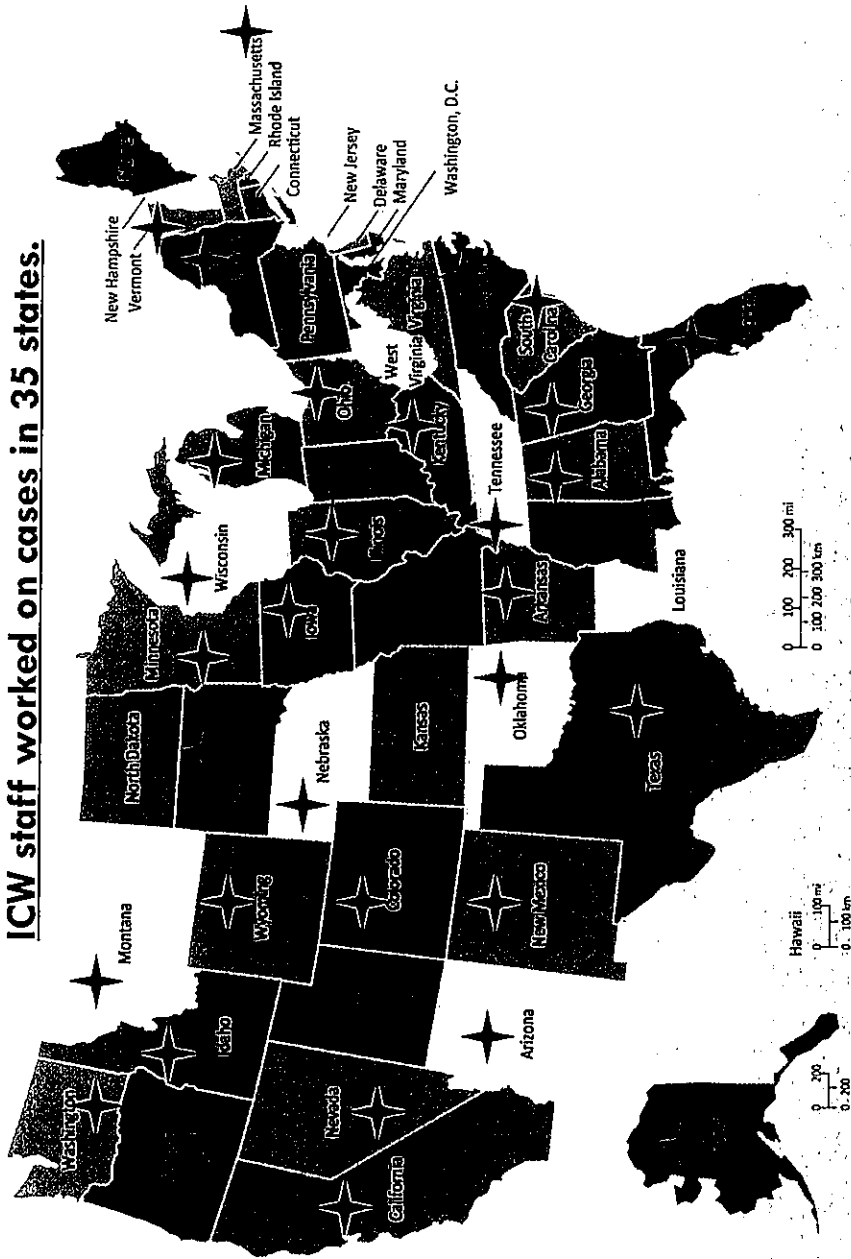
In July:

Indian Child Welfare workers went to court 522 times on behalf of Cherokee children and families.

Court Appearances



ICW staff worked on cases in 35 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 July

Cherokee Nation received:

- State of Oklahoma – 551 notices involving 1,037 children.
- Outside of Oklahoma – 815 notices for 1,310 children.
- Totalling – 1,366 notices and 2,347 children.
- The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 51 days.

Prevention and Intervention

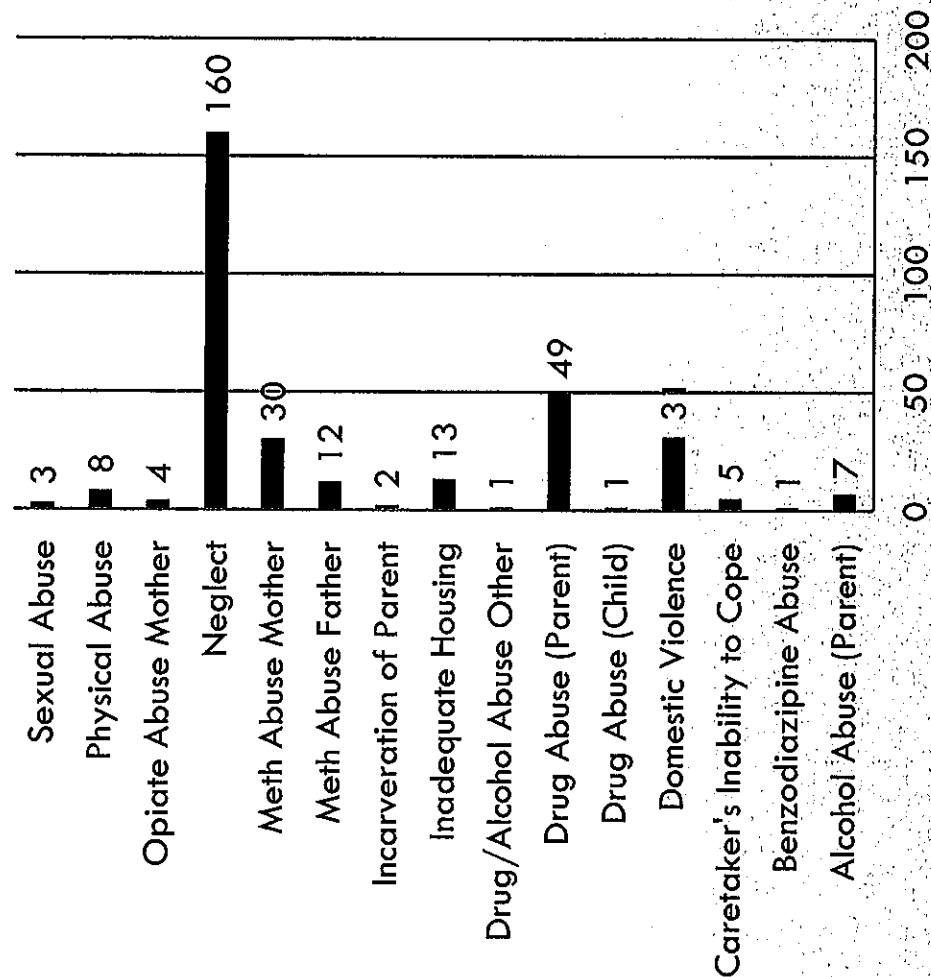
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 26 children and 21 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



Month of July

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 456 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 456 referrals involved 772 children
 - 2 of the 456 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 8 of the 456 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 11 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

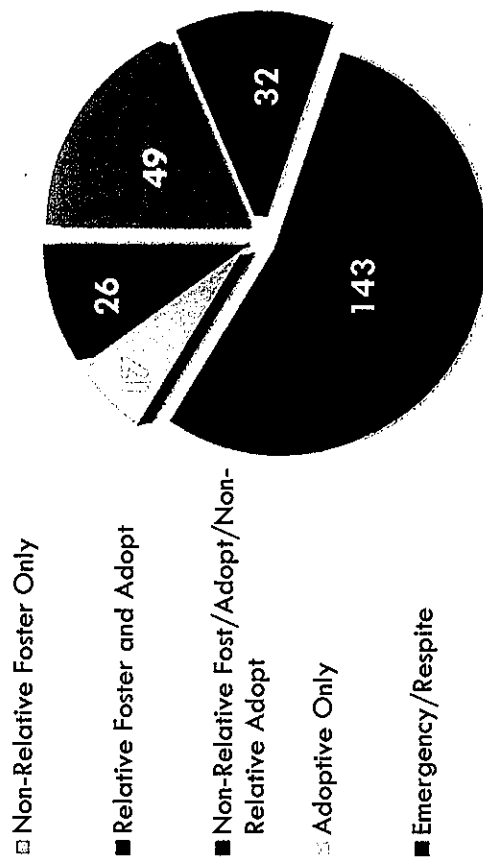
*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect.

Certification and Placement

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

Certifications Services for the month of July

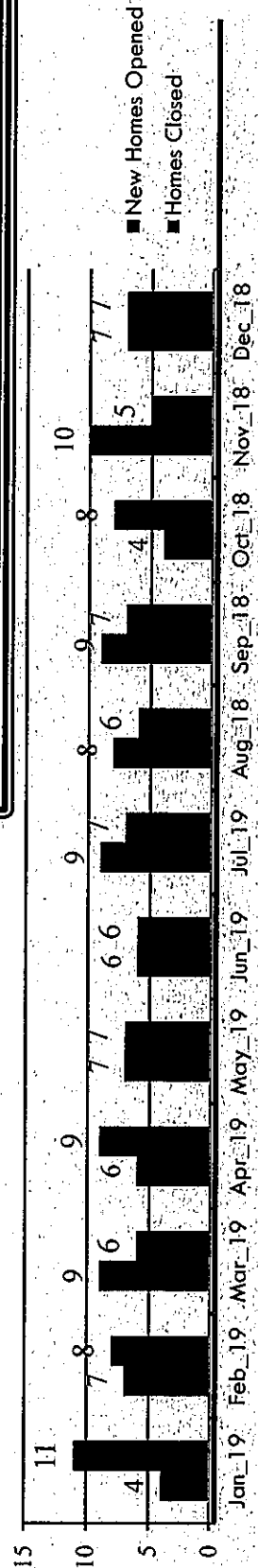
Homes by Type



**Out of the 49 Non-Relative Foster Only homes, 26 are willing to provide Emergency/Respite Care.*

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.





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Community & Cultural Outreach

Community Report for **August 2019** Kevin Stretch – Interim Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program staff for the month of August 2019.



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in August

Number training hours received by
Cherokee community leaders in August

418

19

Number Cherokee communities requesting
technical assistance in August

On Saturday August 17th, COTTA staff hosted our bi-monthly leadership training for Cherokee community organizations. The guest speaker was Don Chalmers from Sparrowhawk Consulting. He presented on local and Oklahoma grants that are available to our organizations and important information to put in grant applications. Two of the key grants that he talked about were the Inasmuch grant and the Sarkeys Foundation grant.

90%

Community leaders reported increasing their
knowledge of grant writing by this percentage.

Organization requesting Technical Assistance

Adair County Historical & Genealogical Soc (D7&8)	N Cherokee County Community Organization (D2)
Brushy Cherokee Community (D6)	Neighborhood Assoc of Chewey (D7&8)
CC Camp	NoWeTa Cherokee Comm Foundation (12)
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	Oaks Senoir Citizens Center (D2&9)
Evening Shade	Southern Cherokee Helpers (D4)
Fairfield Comm Org (D7&8)	Stilwell Public Library Friends (D7&8)
Friends of the Hulbert Library (D1)	Talbot Libr/Mus Assoc (D9)
Greasey Community Fellowship (D7)	Vian Peace Center (D5)
Illinois River Area Community Org (D2)	White Oak Community Center (D11)
Mid County Community Org (D7&8)	

(D) Council District, * New organization to the COTTA Program

On July 15th, Brushy Cherokee Community demonstrated what it means to be a Cherokee community. On very short notice, they opened their community building and provided rest and accommodations for our At-Large citizens participating on our Cultural Outreach program. The CCO staff wish to publically say WaDo to these great community leaders for providing for our citizens.

VP Volunteer Program

August was a slow month for volunteer groups coming to our program. However, it was not a slow month for serving our Cherokee people. Volunteer Program staff partnered with our Building Trades Program to meet the needs of a blind youth in the Vian area by building safety features into his home. In the South Coffeyville area we provided handicap access to one of our citizen's homes as well as improving the safety for youth baseball by remodeling parts of their field. In the Hulbert area, staff assisted in the framing of the new community center as well as improving access to the Cherokee Holiday Powwow grounds.

August also saw the beginning of our tool and equipment inventory and maintenance as we prepare for the fall and winter projects.

Number of projects completed in August

7

Coming Events:

August 31st – At-Large & Sister Community Reception, Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program offices