

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

August 2019

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Number of Employees	282
Number of Vacancies	42
Number of Volunteers	26

Human Services Announcements:



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

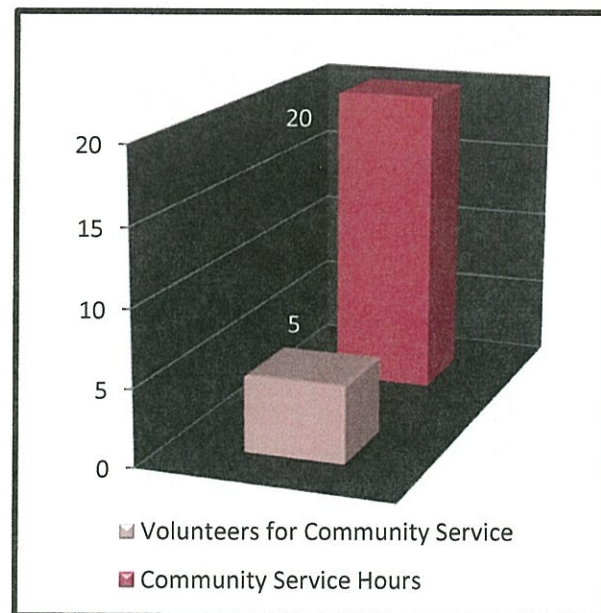
Director - Jennifer Kirby

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	13
Admissions	10

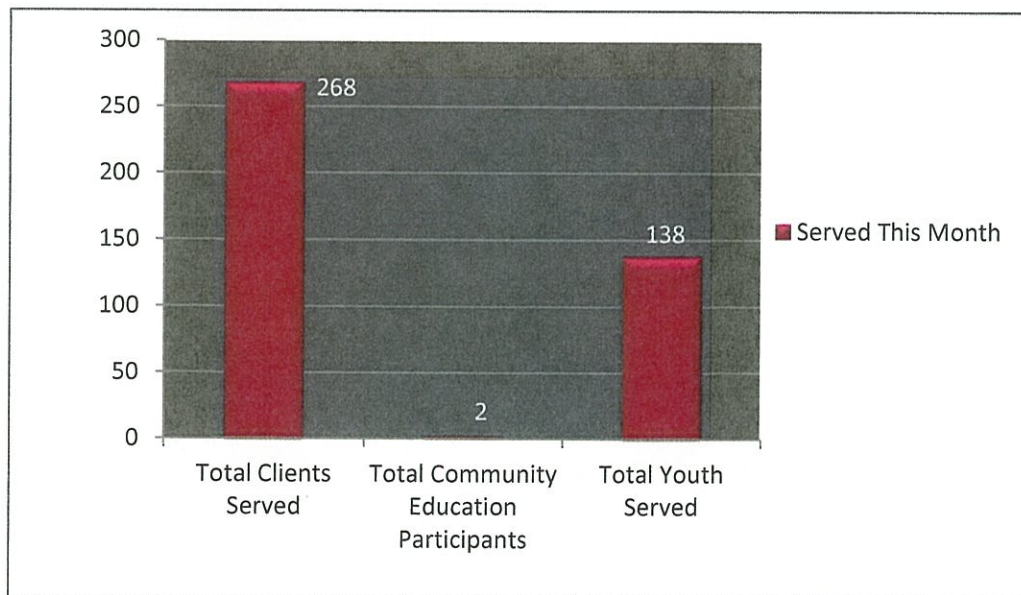
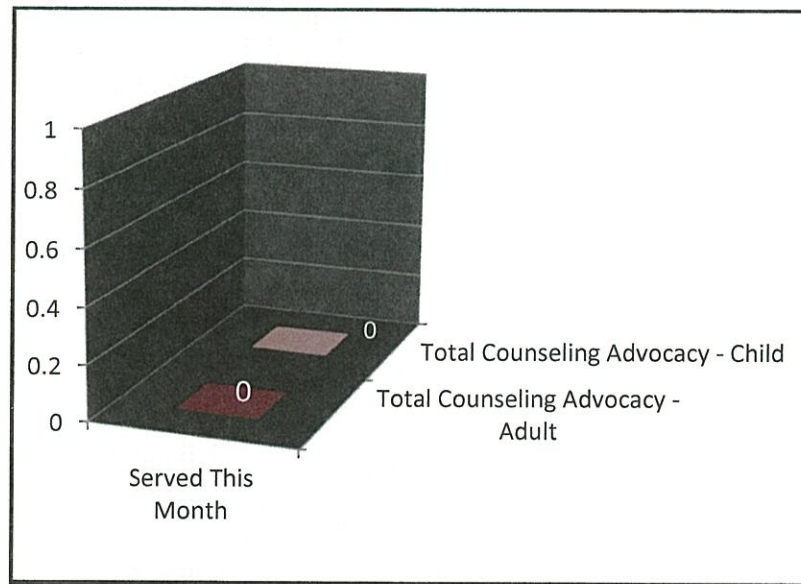


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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations	20
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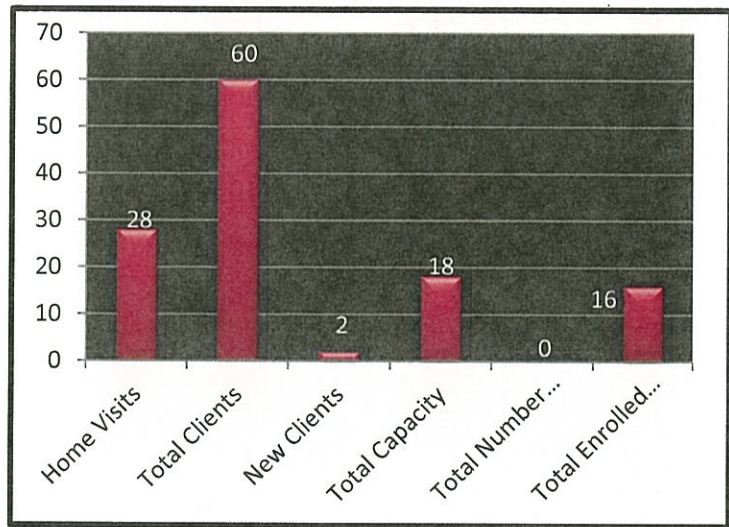


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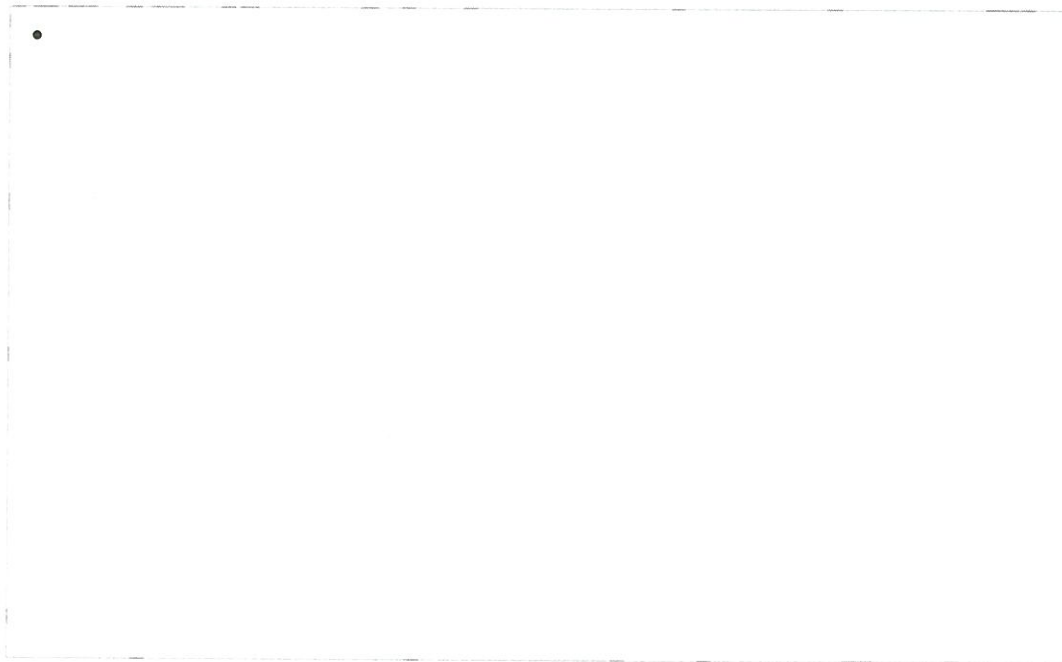
YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	16
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Child Care Development Centers :



CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	116
Number of Vacancies	31
Number of Volunteers	0

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

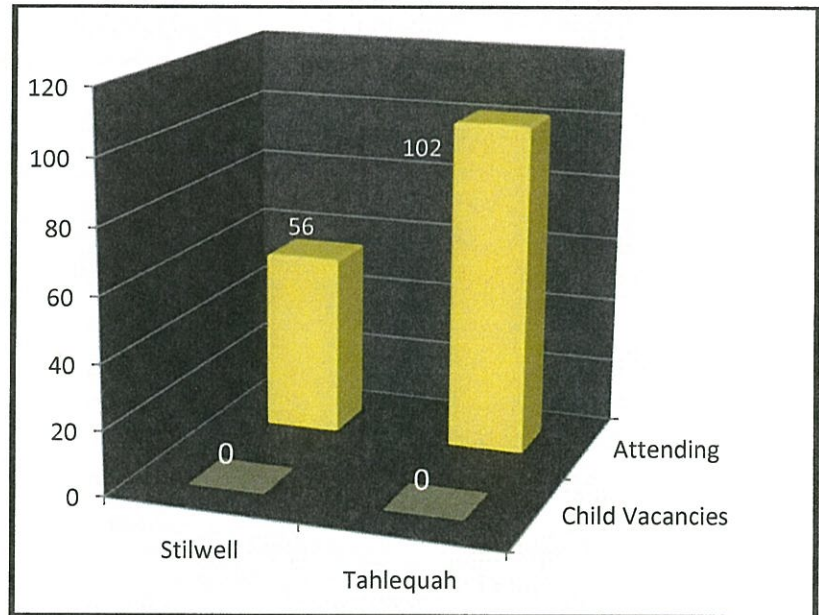
Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - We had 9 staff attend the Provider Conference and Reaching and Teaching Children of Trauma training. Both were conducted on Saturday, the 28th. We hosted a brunch for the newly elected council members. We have begun back filling our empty slots. All drills were conducted.

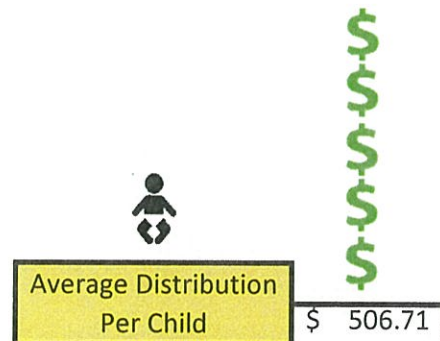
- Tahlequah - Summer program closed, transitions started and new enrollment began

- Subsidy - 6 Providers attended provider orientation. 19 referrals, 2 Subsidy caseworker vacancies for Tahlequah & Stilwell. Provider conference held on 8/3/19

- Resource & Referral - CN Provider Conference, Rogers Co. Early Childhood Coalition, Children's Farmers Market follow up meeting, Storytelling 101 Multimedia webinar, Becoming Brain Smart presentation for Foster Family Support group, Practice Based Coaching training.



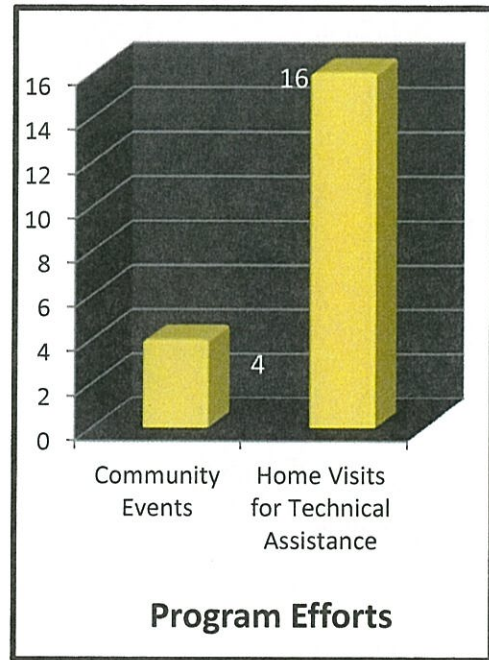
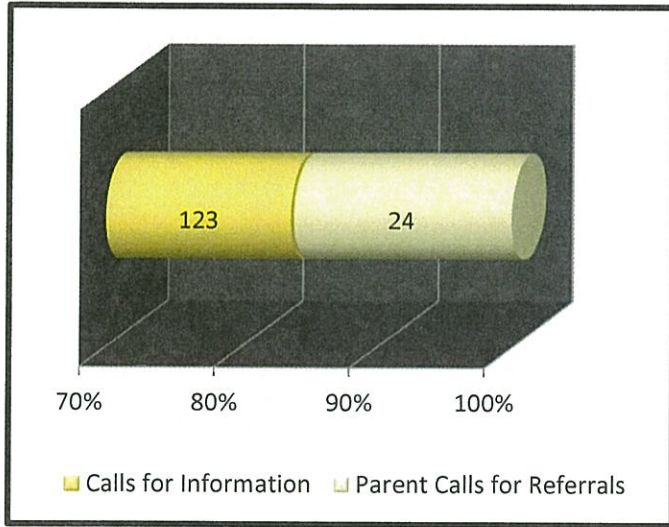
Children Receiving	1,755
Amount Distributed	\$ 889,283.00



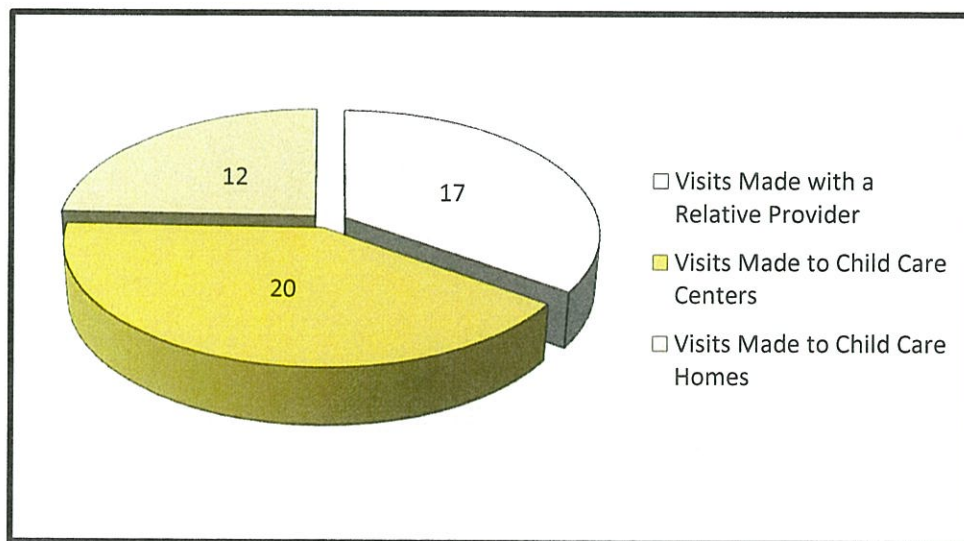
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month	12
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Licensing & Monitoring :



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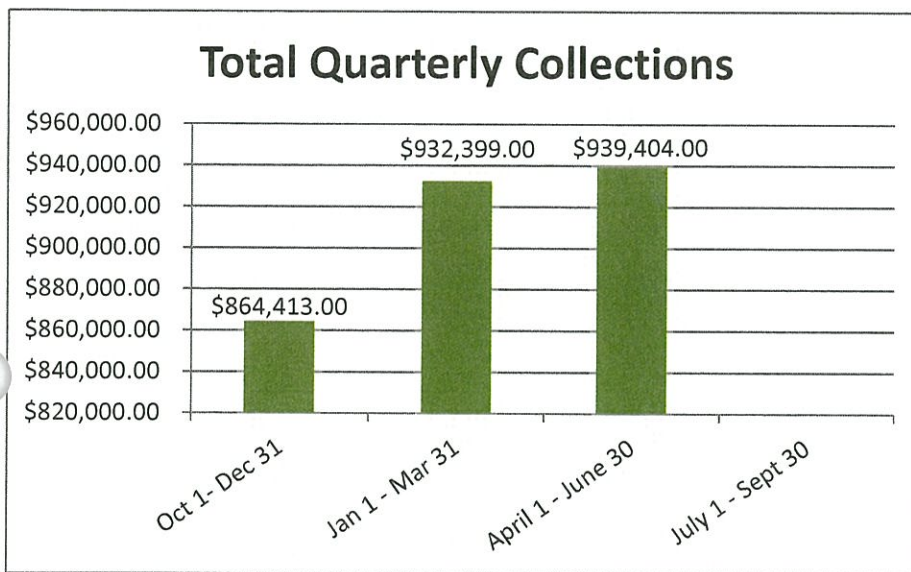
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Whitworth

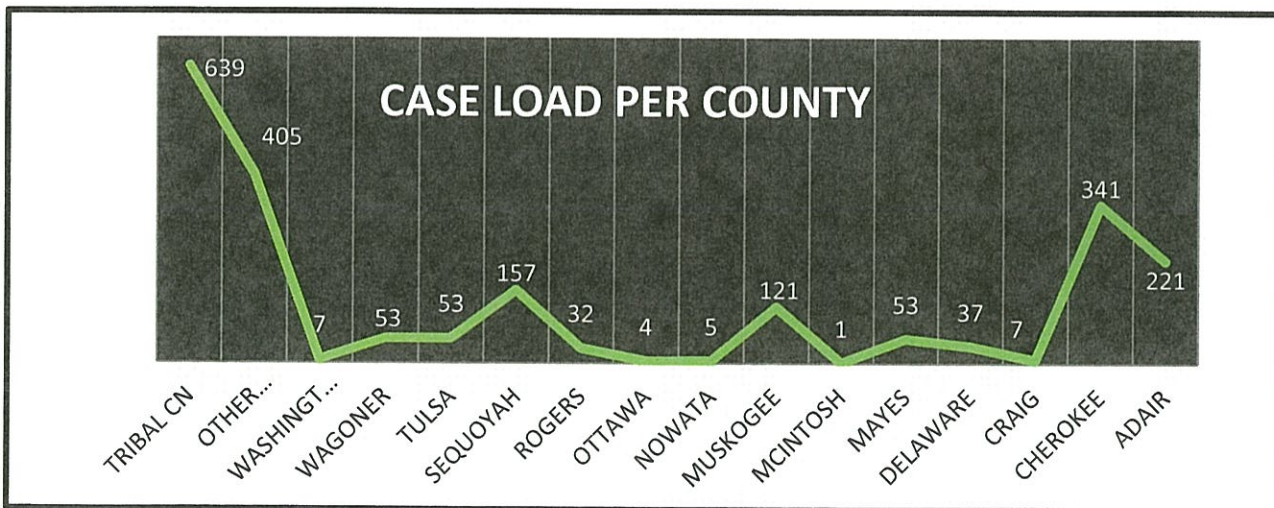
Number of Employees	35
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	

Aug. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 321,165.00
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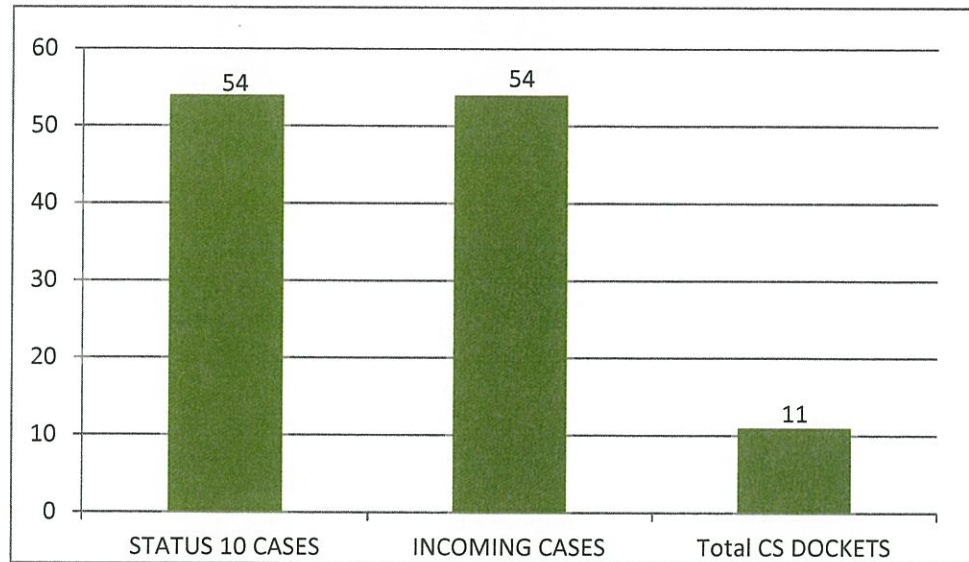
Total Client Contacts	3,017
Total Court Hearings	66
Total Active Efforts Case	1,587
Total Case Assessments for Service	11
Total Applications Distributed	81



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



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



Child Support:

The Office of Child Support services distributed 81 requested applications via walk in's mail outs, email, or through our downloaded through our new child support website and received 47 applications for new cases. The program's website address: <https://childdupport.cherokee.org> has continued to increased activity on our page. For the month of August, there were 2,264 views. Current active cases as of September 15, 2019 is approximately 2381. The program is in the final stages of finalizing 4 unique short education videos regarding child support topics. Looking forward to getting them approved and distributed to the public soon! The goal is to showcase these via CN facebook page and youtube channels as well as provide links to each video on our website. The program recently had 2 additions to the Child support Team! Marcia Groseclose and Hannah Tracy came on board to fill our clerical welcome center positons! Still interviewing for child support specialists. In closing, would like to share the following success stories that could not have occured without the dedication of program staff working with program participants: 1- 12 establishment orders were completed in CN District Court during one docket! This means paternity and/or child support has been established for 12 separate families that will lend to their children's long term well being. 2- One of the Case managers reported assisting a guardian of children in Adair County with clothing items as she transitioned off of TANF and other services that state had been providing for them. 3- Case manager reported working a custodial party on various referrals along with clothing items to prepare kids for school; 4- The program met with TANF JOBS program to assist our child support cients and develop a streamined approach of working together to benefit the families we serve.



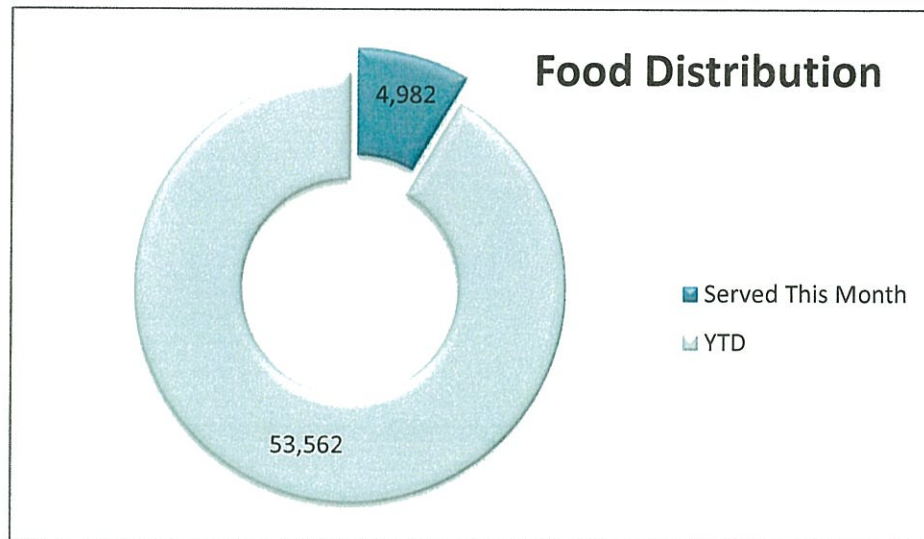
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

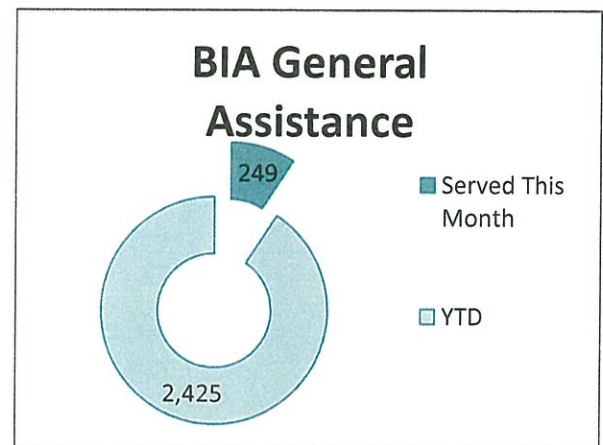
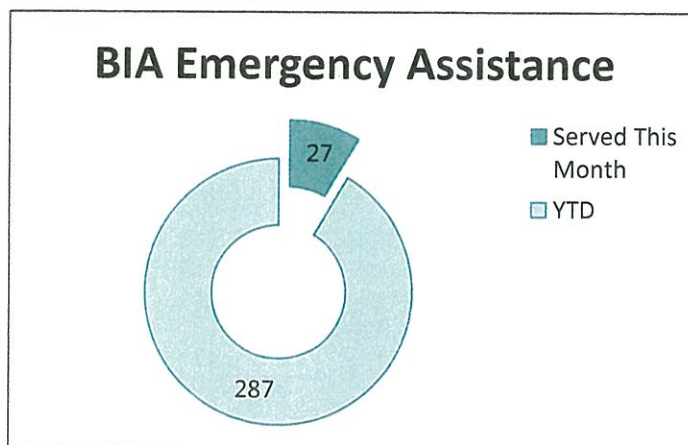
Number of Employees	112
Number of Vacancies	9
Number of Volunteers	26

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

Food Distribution :



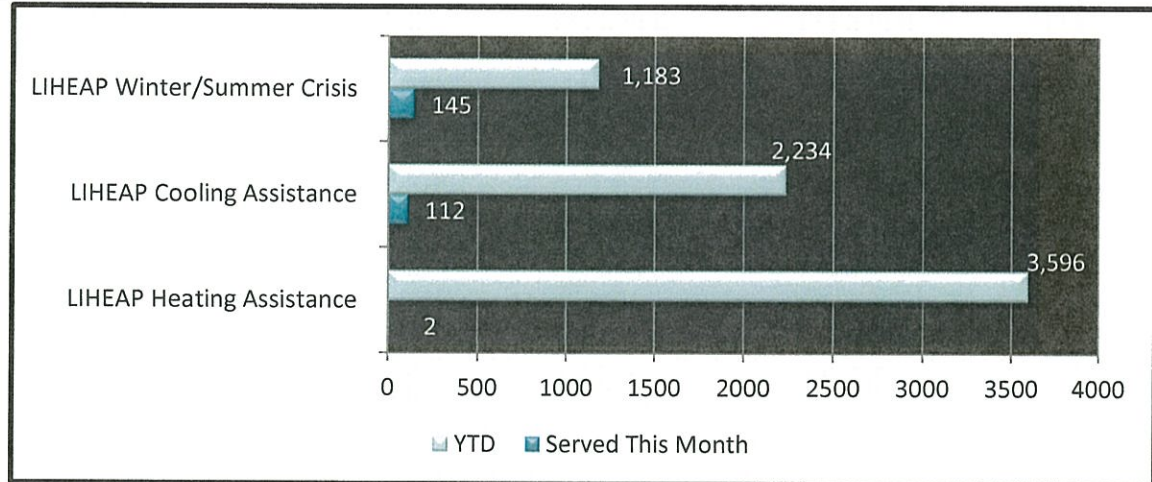
BIA Social Services :



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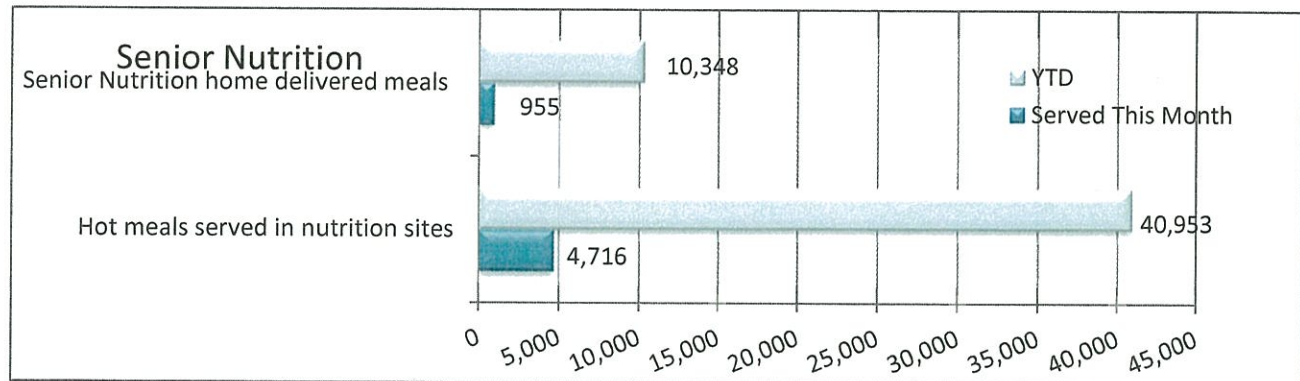
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

LIHEAP:

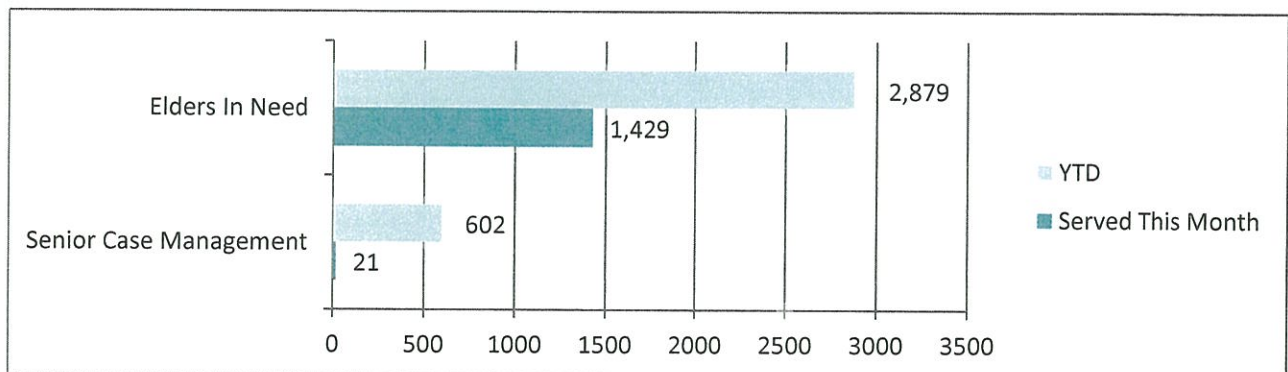


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April



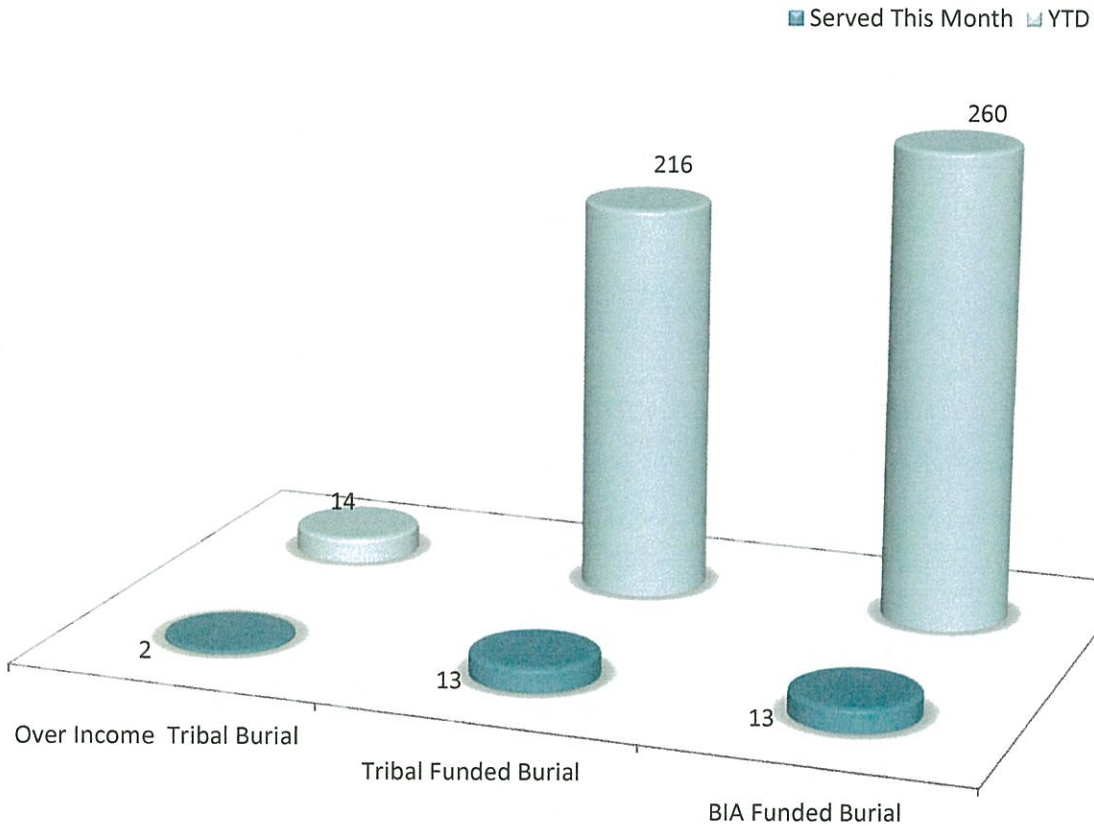
*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Burial Assistance :

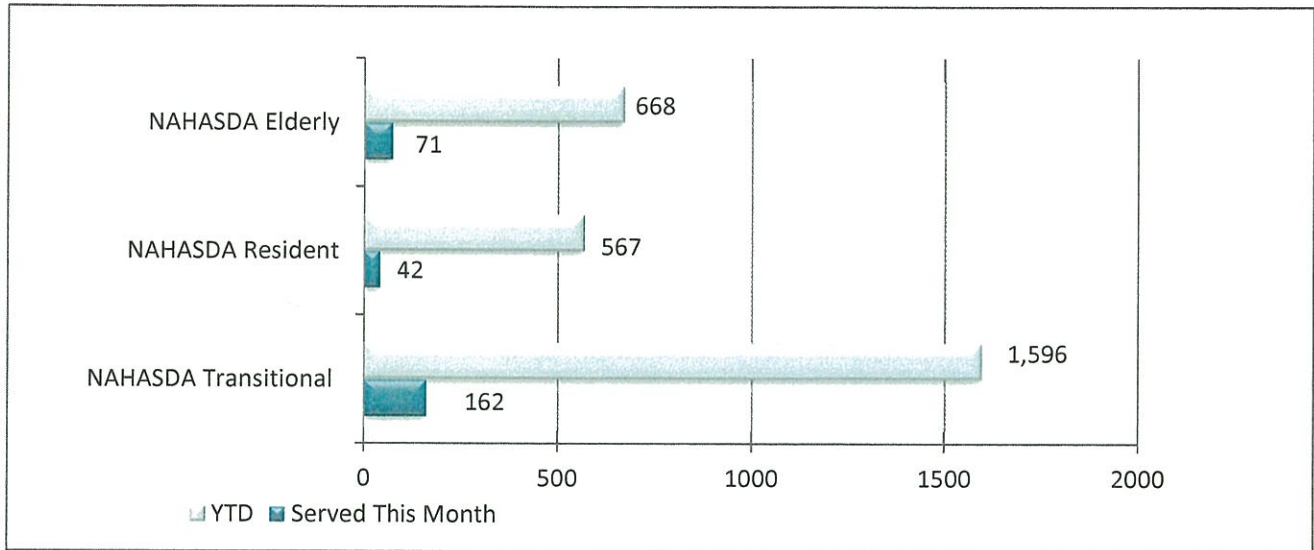
Burial - Clients Served



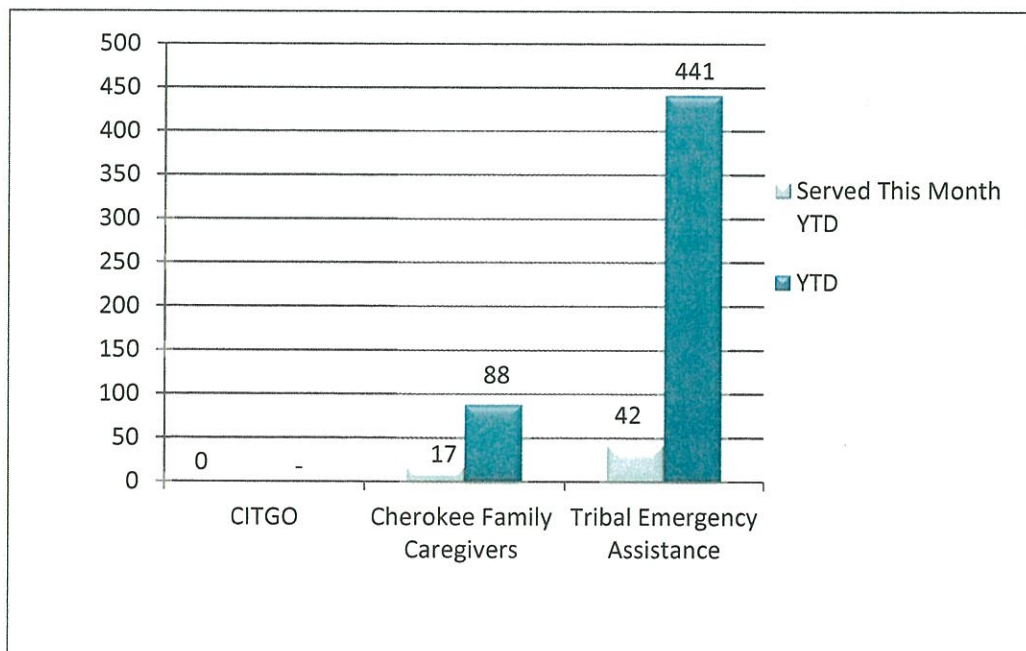
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FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

NAHASDA :



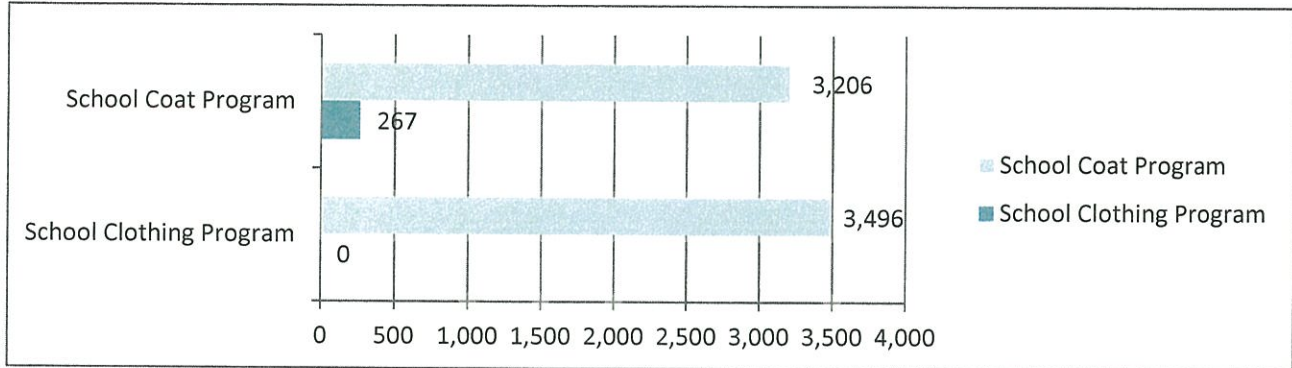
Family Assistance :



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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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Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

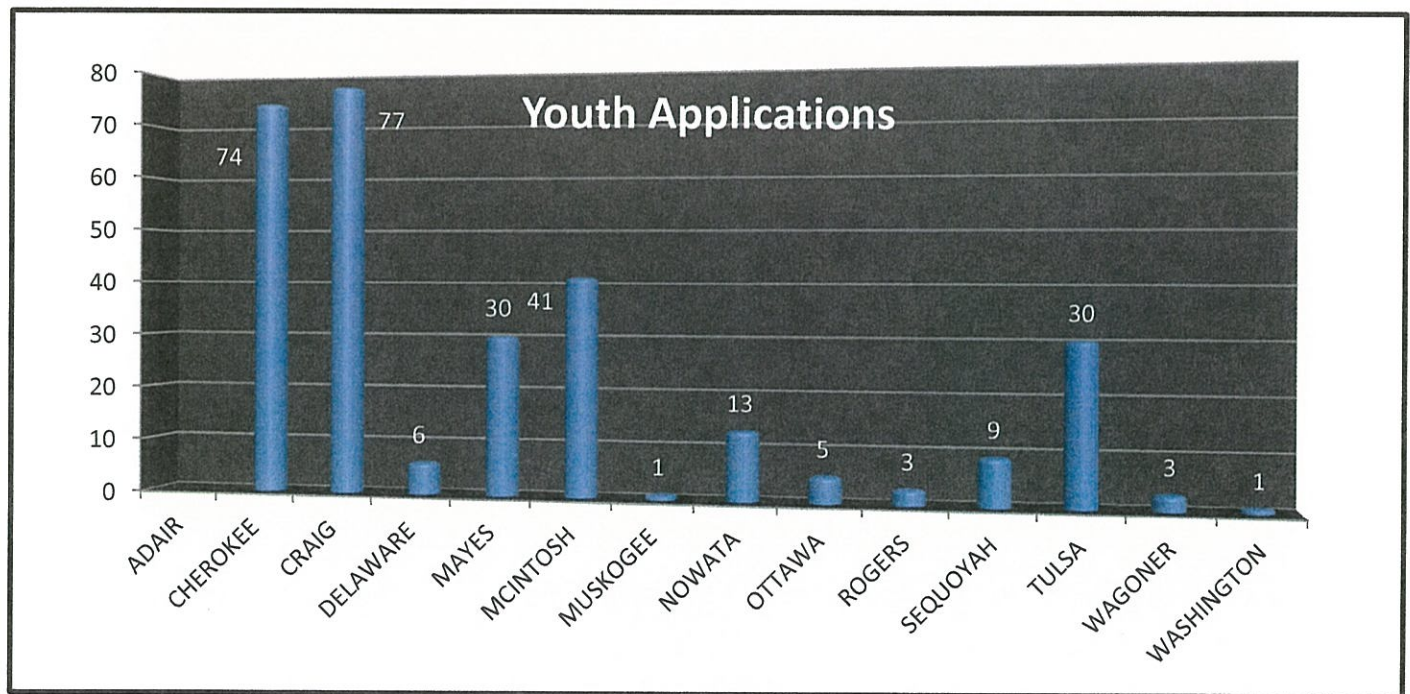
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

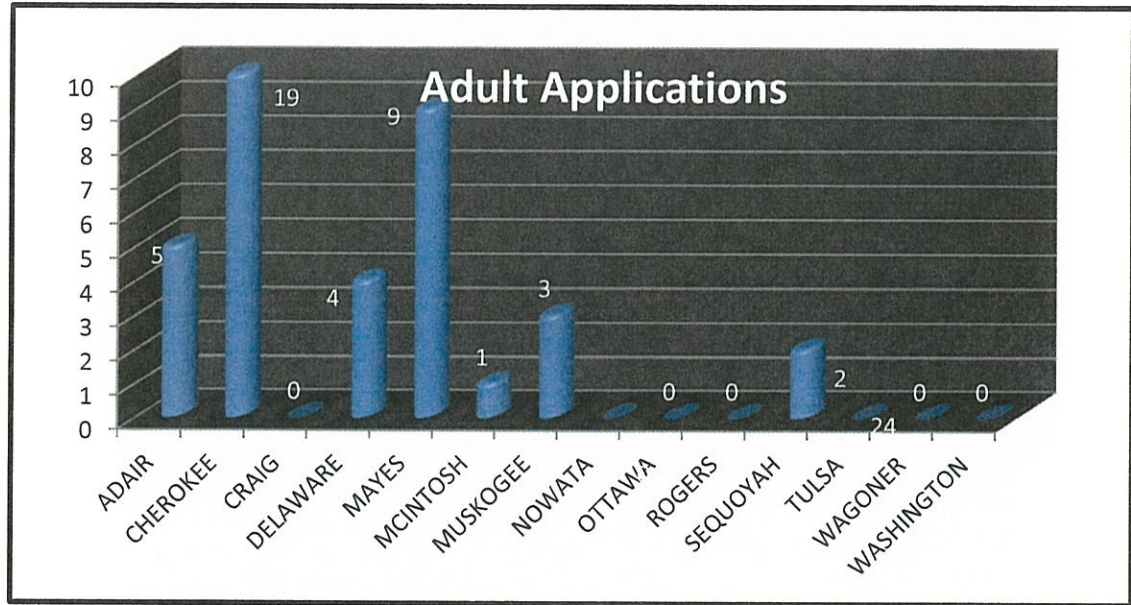
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	893
Total Applications Taken	338

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	295
Total Adult	43

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

August	\$ 67,600.00
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CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

I. Budget Highlights

1. Preparing for FY2020 new blanket PO's and bid documents for septic and waterline master agreements and contracts

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. 20 new water/sewer installations
2. 21 water/sewer repairs
3. 179 food handlers trained
4. 25 facility inspections/investigations/technical assistance
5. 32 water analyses
6. 28 site evaluations
7. 21 soil tests

b.) Accomplishments

1. Working with government relations and communications staff to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony for the South Delaware Co Regional Water Treatment Plant
2. Improvement project for Cherokee Co RWD # 7 is advancing with the main waterline replacement about 90% complete and the foundation for the new water storage tank nearing completion.
3. Attended the Oklahoma Rural Water Association conference Western Hills State Lodge August 21-23
4. Attended the Oklahoma Society of Environmental Health Professionals, OKC September 4-6
5. Attended the FACT Engineering and Environmental Conference, Stillwater September 12
6. Attended the Rural Rise Conference Pine Bluff, AR September 17-19
7. Attended the EPA Drinking Water Workshop in Cincinnati, OH September 23-26.
8. Stilwell Area Development Authority Wastewater Improvement project approx. 45% complete.

c.) Future Plans

1. Check presentation ceremony with Webbers Falls (ECOWA) September 30.
2. Reviewing IHS HQ comments on SDS projects for FY2020 funding
3. Closing out FY19 PO's and MOA's

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT



Foundation for new Water Storage Tank (Cherokee Co RWD # 7)



Earthwork on new basin at Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Plant

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT



New South Delaware Co Regional Water Treatment Plant

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ENGINEERING & SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019 – COMMUNITY WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee Co. RWD #3 – N. 510 Road WL Extension

DESCRIPTION: Construction of approximately 5,000 l.f. of 2-inch water line along 510 Road.

TRIBAL HOMES: 10 +/-

FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation

STATUS: In-Progress. Construction Started.

COMMENTS: 89% Complete

CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee RWD #7 System Improvements

DESCRIPTION: Installation of 2 Booster Pump Stations, 2 Water Storage Tanks and 23,500 l.f. of 6-inch and 2-inch water line.

TRIBAL HOMES: 351 +/-

FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / USDA / Rural Water District #7

STATUS: In Progress

COMMENTS: Main replacement at 90%. Tower installation has begun.

CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2 / DIST 3

PROJECT NAME: Cherry Tree Wastewater Force Main to Stilwell

DESCRIPTION: Construction of 21,500 l.f. of 6-inch force main to City of Stilwell Wastewater Collection System. Develop Closeout plan for existing lagoons at Cherry Tree Industrial Park.

TRIBAL HOMES: 68 +/-

FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / E.P.A.

STATUS: Engineering Phase

COMMENTS: Acquiring Right-of-Way

CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 7 / DIST 8

PROJECT NAME: Delaware County RWD #11 Phase II

DESCRIPTION: Installation of 8 miles of 8-inch, 6-inch, 4-inch and 2-inch waterline to serve tribal homes in the Leach/Rose/Teresita areas.

TRIBAL HOMES: 75 +/-

FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation / DEQ DWSRF

STATUS: Connecting Tribal Homes to Project.

COMMENTS: 96% Complete

CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 9 / DIST 2

PROJECT NAME: Delaware PWA – Wastewater System Rehabilitation

DESCRIPTION: Replacement of approximately 4,000 l.f. of sewer main along with 14 manholes and service connections.

TRIBAL HOMES: 39 +/-

FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation / Municipality

STATUS: Pre-Construction

COMMENTS:

CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 12

PROJECT NAME: Town of Inola AMR Installation
DESCRIPTION: Assist the Town of Inola with new water meters to help with water loss.
TRIBAL HOMES: 40+
FUNDING SOURCE(S): Town of Inola / CN Community Water & Sewer
STATUS: In-Progress
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 15

PROJECT NAME: Kenwood Water District – Water Loss Reduction Phase I
DESCRIPTION: Install route meters and additional valves to isolate leaks and prioritize worst areas for replacement projects.
TRIBAL HOMES: 174 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / EPA
STATUS: In-Progress
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICT IMPACTED: DIST 9

PROJECT NAME: Locust Grove PWA – Distribution System Rehabilitation
DESCRIPTION: Replacement of 4,000+ l.f. of 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch water line in the Town of Locust Grove along with 176 meters.
TRIBAL HOMES: 307 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Bureau of Reclamation / Locust Grove PWA / EPA SDWA
STATUS: In-Progress
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICT IMPACTED: DIST 9 / DIST 15

PROJECT NAME: Ottawa County RWD #6 – New Tower and Well
DESCRIPTION: Installation of a new 120 ft. Water Storage Tower and new Community Well to address water availability issues during peak demand periods.
TRIBAL HOMES: 127 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / RWD
STATUS: Pre-Construction
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 10

PROJECT NAME: Pine Ridge WL Extension
DESCRIPTION: Construction approximately 6,500 l.f. of 2-inch waterline along Pine Ridge Road and 525 Road in Cherokee County.
TRIBAL HOMES: 7 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation
STATUS: Pre-Construction
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2

PROJECT NAME: Sequoyah County Water Association / Water Main Replacement
DESCRIPTION: Replacement of SCWA 12-inch main distribution line with a new 24-inch main.
TRIBAL HOMES: 956 +/-
FUNDING SOURCES: I.H.S. / USDA
STATUS: In-Progress.
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 5 / DIST 6

PROJECT NAME: Southern Delaware County Regional Water Authority
DESCRIPTION: Formation of Water Authority to serve Southern Delaware County.
TRIBAL HOMES: 617 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Cherokee Nation
STATUS: In-Progress.
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2 / DIST 7 / DIST 8 / DIST 9

PROJECT NAME: Stilwell Area Development Authority – WWTP Improvements
DESCRIPTION: Upgrades and improvements to Stilwell's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
TRIBAL HOMES: 676 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): EPA CWA Set-Aside / USDA - RD
STATUS: In-Progress
COMMENTS:
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 7 / DIST 8

PROJECT NAME: Welch Water Treatment Phase I
DESCRIPTION: Engineering of Pilot Study to remediate contaminated wells that serve the Town of Welch.
TRIBAL HOMES: 95 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Other
STATUS: Complete
COMMENTS: Final Payment being processed.
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 11

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
PERFORMANCE: AUGUST 2019

Senior Director: Billy Hix

Phone: 453-5126

DISTRICT # & COUNTY	FACILITY DATA SYSTEM			Food Handlers Trng	INDOOR AIR QUALITY Sampling/Investigations	Water Test Completed BACT/Chemical	Primary Drinking Water Standards Violations	Well Assessments	Site Evals	Perc Tests	Soil Profiles	
	Inspections - Referrals	Investigations - Complaints	Technical Assistance									
1, 2 & 3 Cherokee/Wagoner	1		9	100		12	6		10	6	2	
4 Muskogee/McIntosh	2			20					2			
5 & 6 Sequoyah	3								4		3	
7 & 8 Adair	4		1			4	2		5	5	2	
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	1					16	6		5	2	1	
11 Craig												
12 Nowata/Washington									1			
13 Tulsa	1		2	59								
14 Rogers									1			
15 Mayes			1									
MONTHLY TOTAL	12	0	13	179	0	32	14	0	28	13	8	3
YEAR TO DATE		870		1341	10	371	219	57	259	189		65
ANNUAL GOAL		800		1525				50	230	175		100
% COMPLETE		109%		88%				114%	113%	108%		

HIGHLIGHTS:

Training - Tribal Lands & Environment Forum, CA

Meetings - Infection Control Float
Proctor Community Board Meeting - Elderly Nutrition Site

Misc. - Worked on Holiday Float (8/19-30/19)
Worked on aerobic system - Delaware Co./Sewer Line - Ottawa Co.

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.

Service Spotlight

This newsletter is intended to provide a spotlight on a service recently provided through the Cherokee Nation Engineering & Sanitation Facilities Construction program.

The Washington County Cherokee Association (WCCA) recently completed construction of a new community building adjacent to the Cherokee Nation Health Clinic in Ochelata, OK.

On April 2, 2019 WCCA applied to CN Engineering & Sanitation Facilities Construction to assist with the installation of an on-site wastewater treatment system to serve the community building.

A memorandum of agreement was signed on May 15, 2019 and a purchase order issued on May 16, 2019 to install the evapotranspiration/absorption wastewater treatment system.

Due to some issues with the wet weather the installation did not occur until July 29, 2019.



Applicant:

Washington Co Cherokee Association (WCCA)

Ochelata, OK

Funding Source:

Tribal Water & Sewer Funding
1010431

Total Cost of Service:

\$7,500

Mitigating factors/challenges overcome:

Extremely wet weather

Contractor delays

Community Youth Development and Adult Resident Services

August 2019 Monthly Report

Youth Activities:

We held 8 youth activities in August due one site 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. Total attendance at August youth activities was 142 youth, 34 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, August 6th & 20th, where they made hanging gourd bowls and foam visors. There were 6-15 youth at each meeting for a total of 21 youth & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, August 13th where they made hanging gourd bowls. There were 14 youth, 8 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 on their regularly scheduled day.

Zion Boys & Girl Club had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, August 22nd where they made hanging gourd bowls. There were 24 youth, 2 Boys & Girls Club staff, & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Briggs Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, August 14th, where they made hanging gourd bowls. There were 59 youth, 6 Boys & Girls Club staff & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Monday, August 19th, where they made hanging gourd bowls. There were 18 youth, 2 Boys & Girls Club staff & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Talking Leaves Job Corp had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, August 27th, where they made hanging gourd bowls. There were 3 youth & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 youth activity on Thursday, August 15th where they made hanging gourd bowls. There were 2 youth, 16 parents/adult community members, & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Youth MOVE, Sequoyah High School – no youth activity due to school being out on their regularly scheduled day.

Mailed & handed out 110 copies of flyers about September 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 11 adult resident activities in August. Total attendance at August Adult Resident activities was 89 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, August 15th where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 5 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 22nd where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 3 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 8th where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 6 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, August 13th where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 7 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, August 13th where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 16 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 1st where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 6 adult residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Sallisaw/ Tsalagi Apartments had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 1st where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 17 adult residents & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, August 12th at the Gregg Glass Community building, where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 9 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, August 22nd where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 12 adult residents and 4 CYD&ARS staff in attendance.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 15th, where residents made hanging gourd bowls. There were 16 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cherokee Heights had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, July 2nd, where residents were supposed to make hanging gourd bowls. There were no adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 364 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 9 youth activities scheduled for September 2019 due to the Labor Day Holiday being on one of groups regularly scheduled day.

We will have activities at:

Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School --- cancelled due to Labor Day Holiday;
Cherokee Heights on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, September 3rd & 17th, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, September 10th, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the second Wednesday, September 11th, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
Maryetta Boys & Girls Club on the second Thursday, September 12th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club on the 3rd Monday, September 16th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
Oaks Community on the 3rd Thursday, September 19th, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club on the 4th Thursday, September 26th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
Talking Leaves Job Corp, on the 4th Tuesday, September 24rd, 4:00 pm. – 5:30 pm.

We have 12 adult resident activities scheduled for September 2019.

We will have activities at:

Cherokee Heights, Pryor, on the 1st Tuesday, September 3rd, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1st Thursday, September 5th, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1st Thursday, September 5th, 2 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass Building, on the 2nd Monday, September 9th, 1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, September 10th, 10:00 am. – 11:30 am.;
Chewey, on the 2nd Tuesday, September 10th, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, September 12th, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, September 19th, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Oaks Family Support Center, on the 3rd Thursday, September 19th, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Houston Johnson Heights, Warner, on the 4th Monday, September 23rd, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm.;
Lost City, on the 4th Tuesday, September 24th, 1:30 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, September 26th, 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.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dahlenegah South – Requested Right of Entry on all CN Trust and restricted land parcels. Utility easements will be staked so that relocation plans may be finalized.
2. Malloy Hollow – Right of Way is in the appraisal and right of way staking phase.
3. Bell School South Bridge – Bid Pre-Bid is on October 8, 2019 at 10:00 am. Bid Opening will be on October 29, 2019 at 10:00 am.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Construction of Phase I is -30%complete contractor clearing and grubbing – excavation, placing cross drains, hauling borrow pit material and fencing.
2. Ross Street- Construction is underway and is 95% completed. Final walk thru and final inspection pending.
3. Hulbert Lost City (Grace Huddlen) – Right of Way acquisition is 100% complete. Final Plans are complete, utility relocation underway, and working on bid documents. Bid out in late winter early spring.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS4340 White Oak Road – The utility relocation complete. Bid documents are ready for fall bid letting.
2. NS4410 Vinita Clinic – Right of Way acquisition is 100% complete.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Leach/Kenwood Road – There are ongoing discussions between Glover & Associates' and Cherokee Nation's attorneys regarding final payment.

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

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

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

2. Dwight Mission Road – The utility relocations are underway.

CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 162 rides
 2. Pryor to Catoosa – 743
 3. Salina to Tahlequah – 15
 4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 137 rides
 5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 115
 6. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 172 rides
 7. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 123 rides
 8. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 284 rides
 9. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 67 rides
 10. Individual Demand Response Trips: 6,812 Pelivan did not submit a report
- Total Rides: 8,630

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Commerce Services

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

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Asset Building



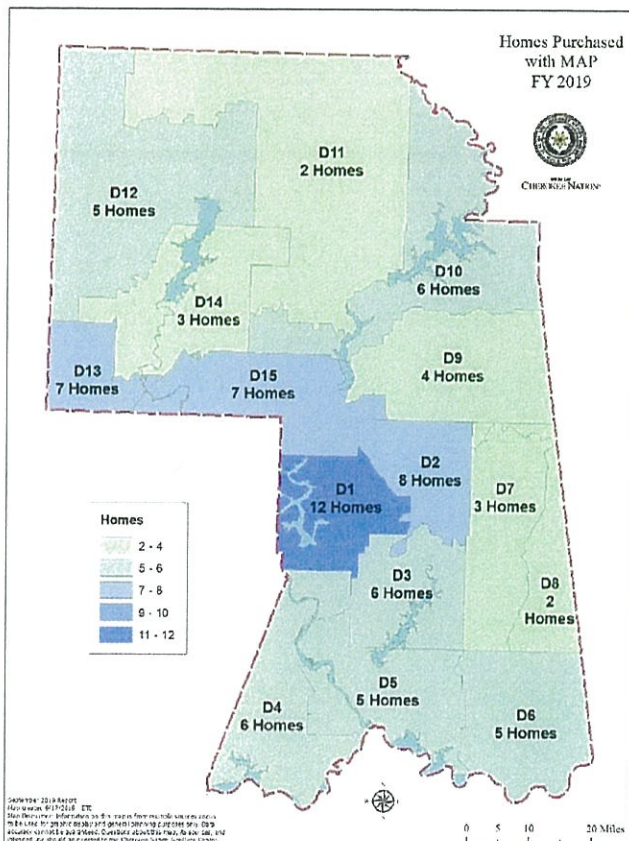
Mortgage Assistance Program

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

33 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

Household income	\$39,823.19
Home Price	\$101,576.67
Equity Created	20.35%



Since FY2009, **1,795 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. **140 families are actively saving in iSave** for home rehabilitation.

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.

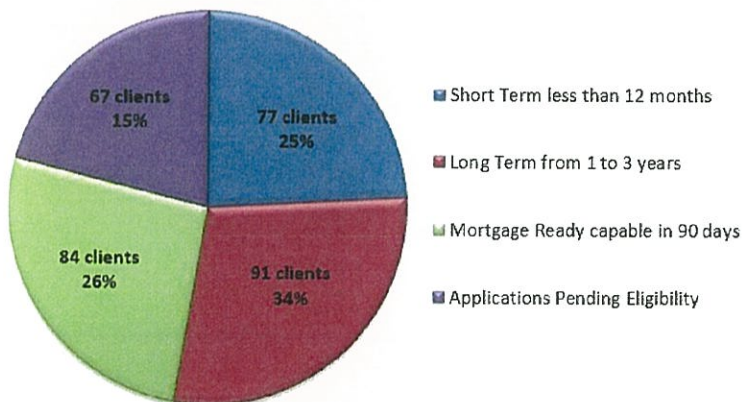
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Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



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

Since FY07, **941 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

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

58% of families who purchased a home in FY19 moved up at least one level in the **Financial Prosperity Spectrum**.

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

321 families still actively pursuing goals

- 0% financial prosperity
- 33% financial success
- 31% financially stable
- 36% financially instable
- 6% credit counseling only

Financial Counseling Impact

Debt to Income with Mortgage	29.6%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	3.2%

If the property owner does believe they may owe past due taxes:

- Review their tax account information at www.IRS.gov; if the individual owes taxes the amount owed will be reflected and payment options will be stated
- Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to confirm the legitimacy of the notice

Assistance can also be provided by Cherokee Nation Commerce Services staff. Contact us at 918-453-5536.

Training Schedule

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

Workshops and Classes			
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
December 2	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 3	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
December 4	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
December 16	Claremore	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Homebuyers Training

Beyond getting assistance with buying a home, I've learned better spending habits or at least to be more aware of my bad habits and how to save toward a particular goal.

*T. Crow, MAP Recipient,
Cherokee County*



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Indian Child Welfare

MONTHLY REPORT

August 2019

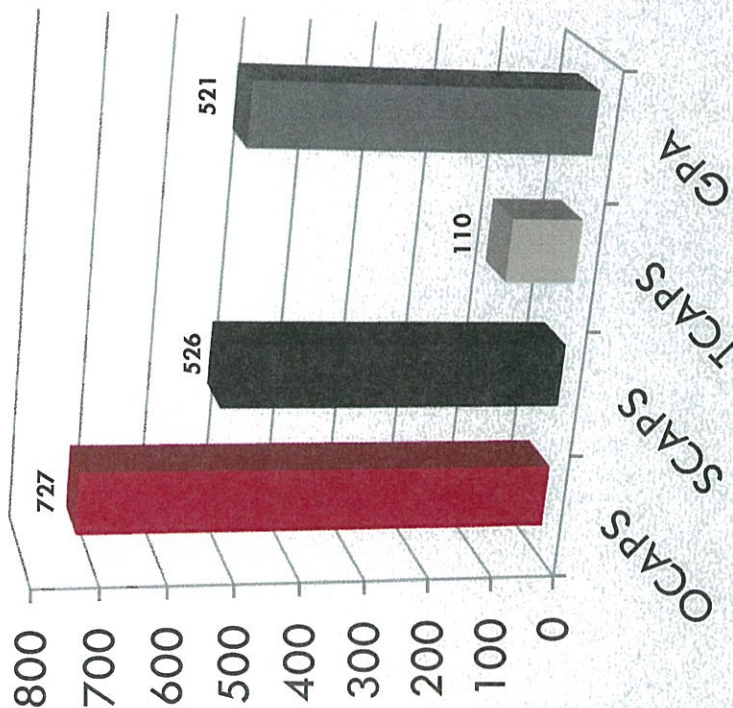
Lou Stretch, Executive Director

Protecting Children, Families and the Nation

Month of August:

1,884 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.

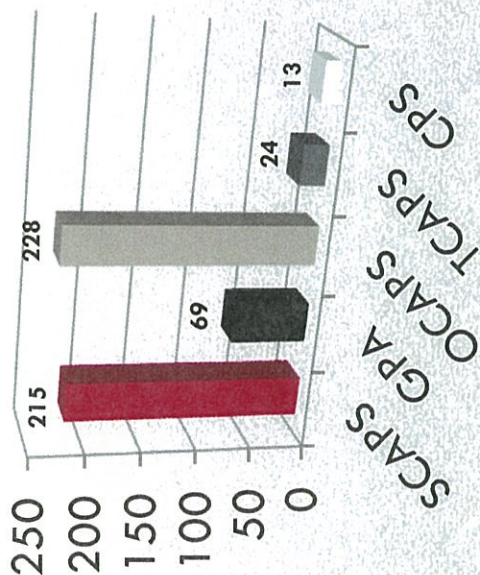
CPS: Child Protective Services

- 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.

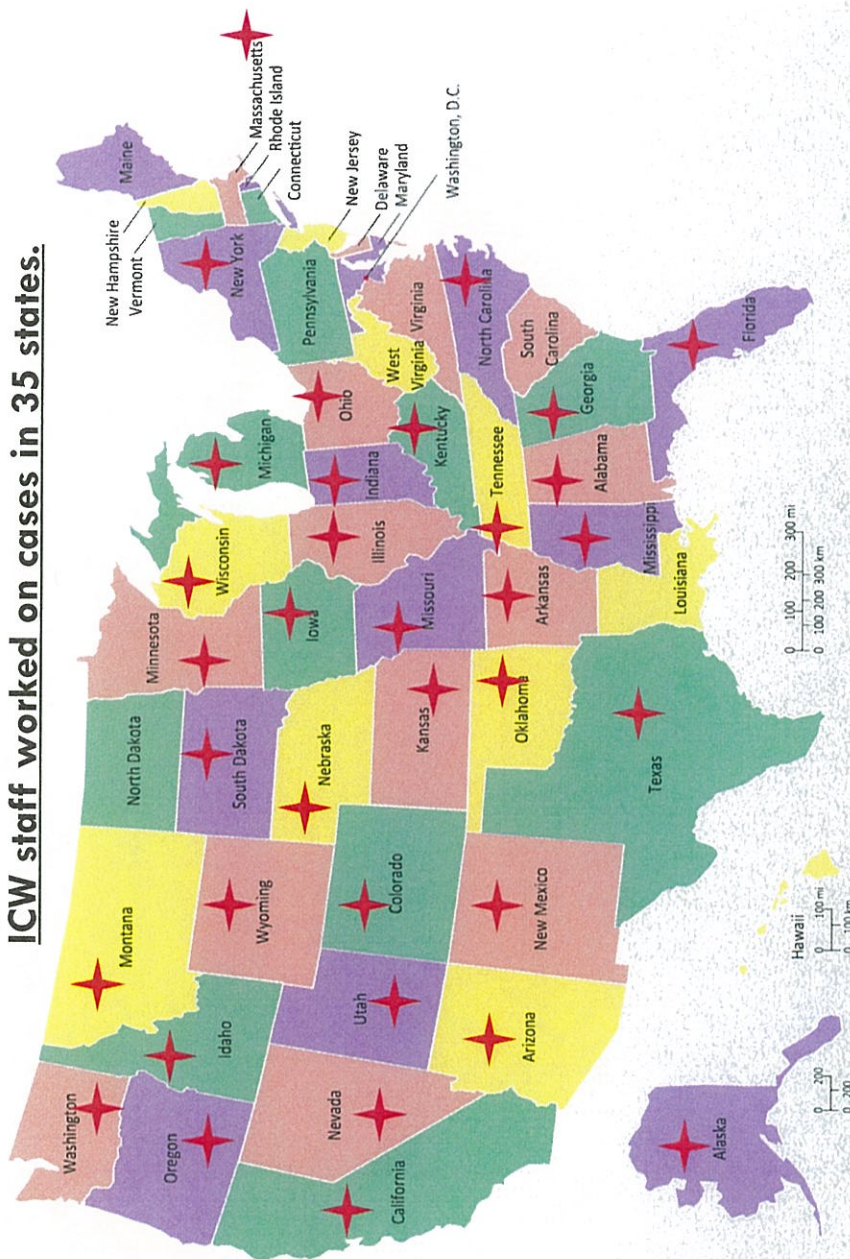
Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

In August:
Indian Child Welfare workers
went to court 549 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 August

Cherokee Nation received:

- State of Oklahoma – 525 notices involving 947 children.
- Outside of Oklahoma – 868 notices for 1,498 children.
- Totalling – 1,393 notices and 2,445 children.
- The average Response-to-Notice time this month was 56 days.

Prevention and Intervention

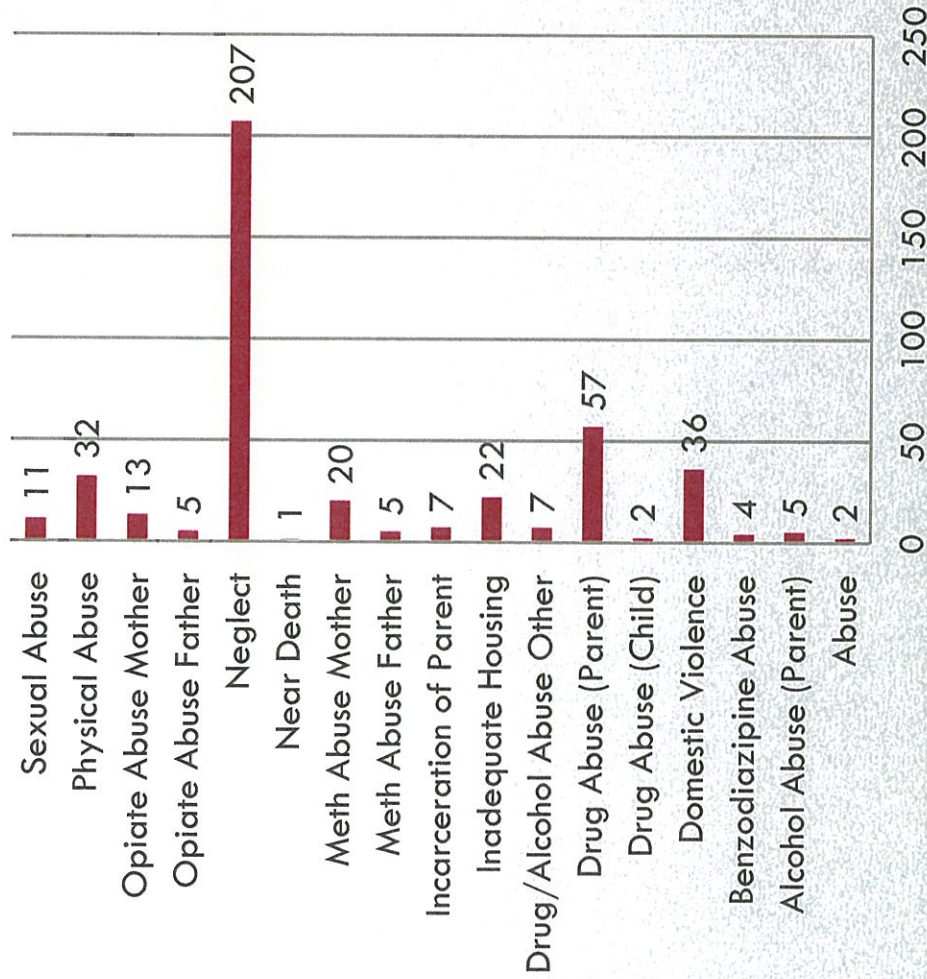
Indian Child Welfare Family Protection Services Unit (FPS) assists families in need of hands-on training to correct the conditions that lead to children being removed from their home. These services often include completing a 28 week parenting program that discusses topics like discipline, nutrition,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

FPS served 37 children and 34 families.

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported



Month of August

- Child Protective Services (CPS) received 365 referrals of child abuse/neglect.
- 365 referrals involved 646 children
 - 1 of the 365 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 11 of the 365 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- 4 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.

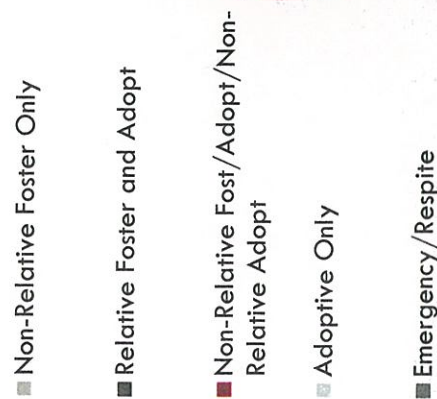
*Almost all referrals are for a primary reason as well as neglect.

Certification and Placement

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)

Certifications Services for the month of August

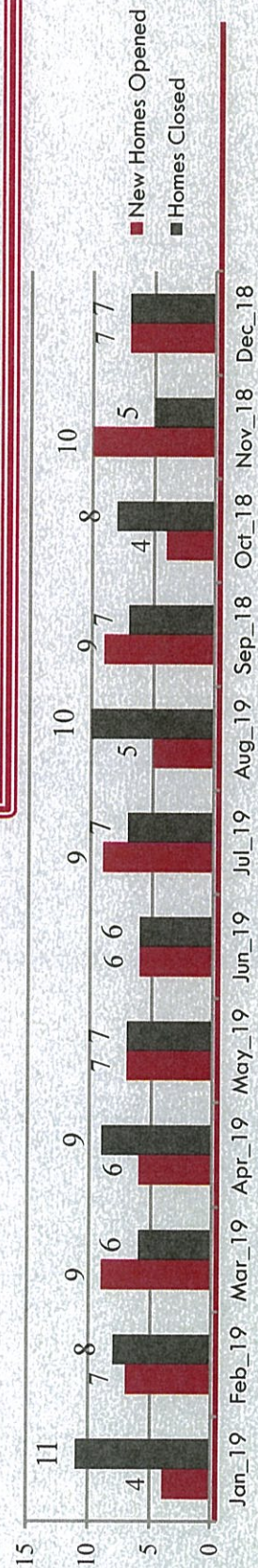
Homes by Type



*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.





Kevin Stretch – Interim Director



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in September

396

49

Number Cherokee communities requesting technical assistance in September

148

Community leaders attending the grant rollout

Organization requesting Technical Assistance

#4Hope	Mid-County Community Org (D7&8)
Adair County Historical & Genealogical Soc (D7&8)	Muldrow Cherokee Comm Org
Boys Girls Club Adair County (D7&8)	N Cherokee Cnty Comm Booster Club (D2)
Brushy Cherokee Community (D6)	Native American Assoc of Ketchum (D11)
Caney Community Center	Native American Fellowship(D11)
Cherokee Elders Council (9&15)	Native American Org of Chewey (D7&8)
Cherokee Heritage Center (D1)	NoWeTa Cherokee Comm Found (D12)
Cherokees Black Indian Hist Preserv (D1)	Oaks Sr Citizens Center
Cleora Alumni Foundation for Excellence	Okay Area Sr Citizens Center (D1)
Community Betterment League	One Fire Assoc
Encore Performing Society (D1&2)	Project A Assoc (D4)
Evening Shade Community	Rocky Mountain Cherokee Comm Org
Fairfield Community Organization (D7&8)	Rual Communities Initiative Found
Family Support Center of Oaks	Safe House*
Grand Nation (D11)	Southern Cherokee Helpers (D4)
Greasy Community Fellowship (D7)	Spavinaw Youth Neighborhood Center
Hulbert Cherokee Community Org (D1)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Soc
Illinois River Area Comm Org (D2)	Tailhoilt Comm Org
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club	Talbot Library & Museum (D9)
Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Oklahoma*	The Buffalo Way Foundation*
Jeremiah 29 Foundation (D7&8)	Victory Cherokee Org
Last Wednesday Writers*	Vinita Potter's Guild (D11)
Marble City Activity Org	Washington County Cherokee Assoc (D12)
Marble City Food Pantry	White Oak Community Center (D11)
McIntosh Home Foundation	

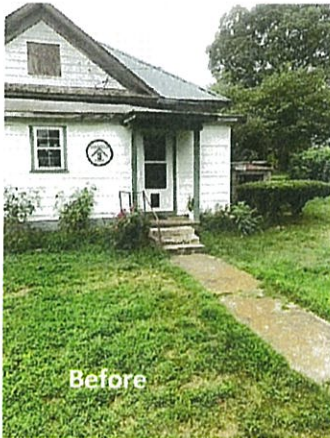
(D) Council District, * New organization to the COTTA Program

There were three organizations attend our Grant Rollout that we had not work with before. These are Indigenous Peoples Alliance, Last Wednesday Writers and The Buffalo Way Foundation. We look forward to working with these new groups and learning more about the needs they see for their communities.



Volunteer Program

In September it was the Volunteer Program's staff honor to assist one of our veterans improve access to his home. We were made aware of the need for this project through our Veterans Services and would like to thank them for bringing this opportunity to our attention. VP Staff worked with Building Trades to construct a handicap ramp to provide easy access for veteran who has given so much to us and our Nation.



Before



After

Coming Events:

September 30th – Leadership Training – Kenlea Henson, CCO Staff

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Community & Cultural Outreach

Report for September 2019
Kevin Stretch – Interim
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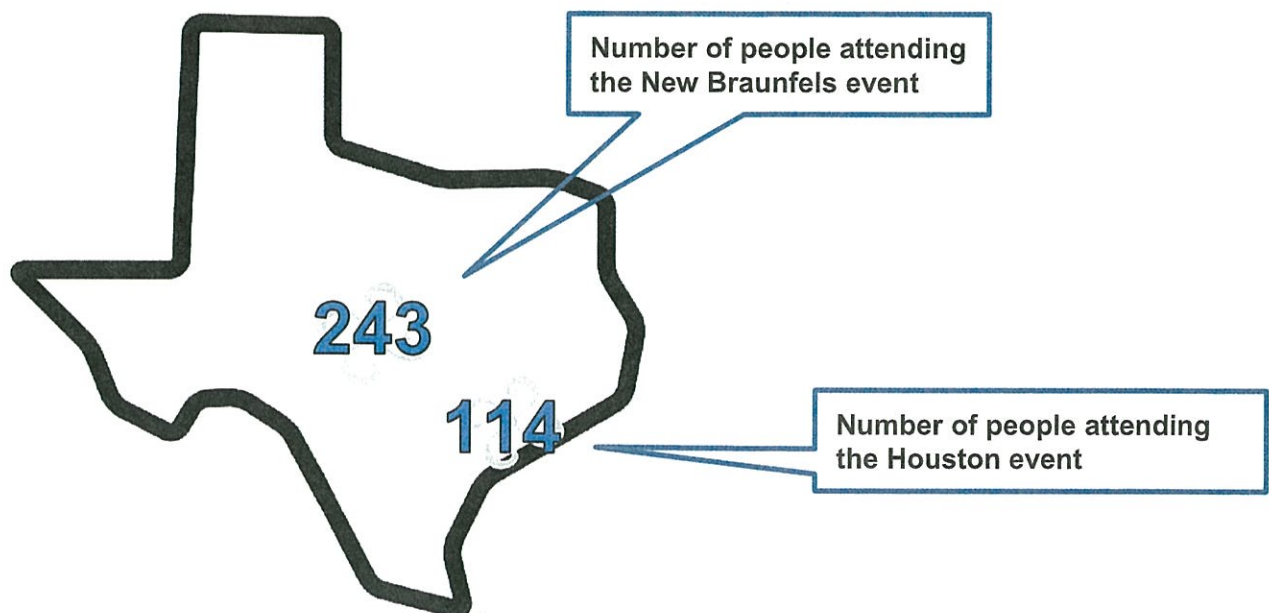
The following report covers the activities of the CCO; Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation, At-Large Community activities and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program, staff for the month of Sept 2019.



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

On Saturday, September 21st, CCO staff assisted the Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas with their Community Event and Potluck at the India House-Houston, Houston, TX. The mid-day event featured Principle Chief Hoskin and Deputy Chief Warner along with At-Large Councilors, Mary Baker Shaw and Julia Coates.

The following day, Sunday September 22nd, CCO staff assisted in the joint Community Event and Potluck of the Central Texas Cherokee Township and the Cherokee Township of San Antonio. This joint event was held at the Columbus Club Association in New Braunfels, TX.





History Preservation

In September, History sponsored two events for the Cherokee citizens in Arizona. On Saturday, September 14th, and Sunday September 15th, Brad Wagon of the CCPO staff traveled to Phoenix and Tucson respectively, to give a presentation of the role of the “Cherokee Nation During the Civil War”. The community groups hosting the events were the Valley of the Sun Cherokees in Phoenix and then in Tucson the Desert Cherokee.



Number of people attending
the Arizona events



Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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On September 27th, CLMAP partnered with the Cherokee Nation Translation Department in hosting the Celebration of Cherokee Speakers at the Cherokee Heritage Center. This was the culmination of CLMAP’s effort to identify and recognize all the Cherokee first language speakers. This effort coincides with the United Nation General Assembly declaring 2019 as the Year of Indigenous Languages. Our celebration brought together more Cherokee speakers than anyone could remember being in one place and one time several decades.

Number of Cherokee citizens attending the celebration.



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Office of Veteran Affairs

August 2019

August 1 Last day of the display of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Chota ballroom over 900 individuals viewed the Tomb.

August 6 Approximately 57 Veterans and widows attended the Presumptive event to file claims/benefits many were able to receive benefits for the first time and some were able to increase the percentage amount of their benefits- one widow will receive a back pay of 100k.

August 22 Veteran's bingo with a full house.

August 24 Opened the center for a Veterans Poker run to benefit a local Veterans biker group.

August 31 Attendance of 117 Veterans and 4 widows at our Veterans dinner all received a basket from the donations received.

September 8 5:00pm Warrior Flight Banquet West Siloam Casino-Qualla Ballroom

September 9-11 7:00am XNA Warrior Flight to Washington DC

September 13 8:30-3:00pm DAV will set up a mobile unit outside the Veterans center for benefits/claims.

September 20 10:00am Veterans Food Outreach

Council Notes:

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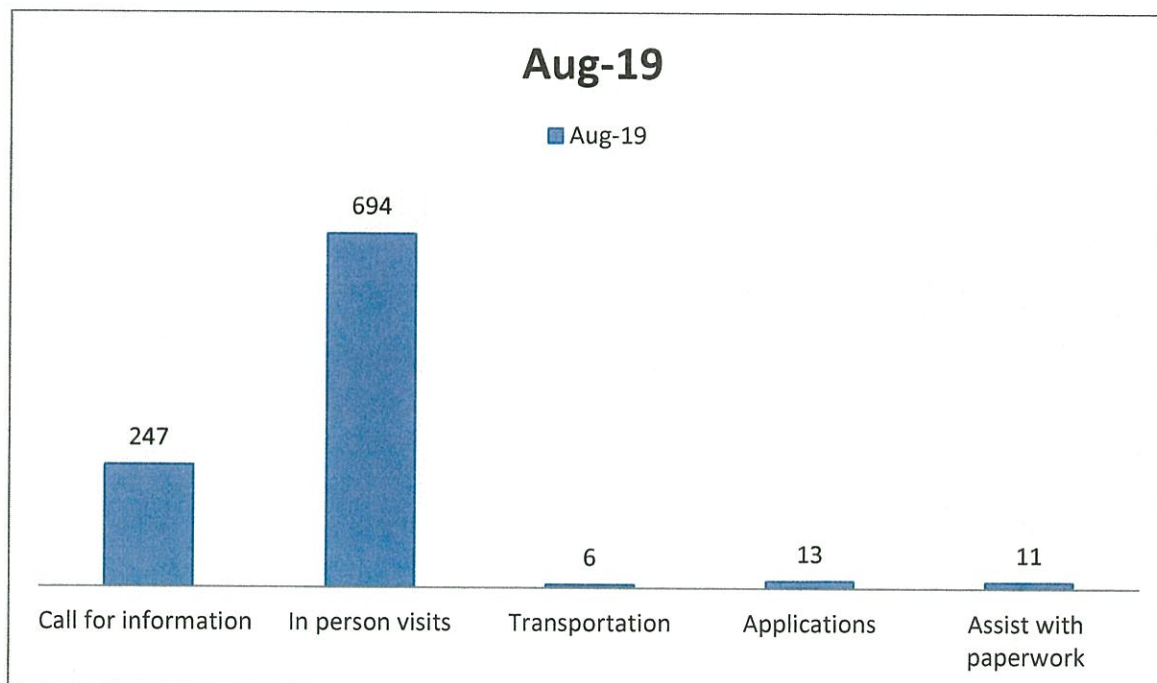
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