

# Cherokee Nation Tribal Council

## Community Services Committee Report

Department: **Human Services**

Report For: **June 2012 for July 2012 Meeting**

Executive Director of Human Services: **Marsha Lamb**

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Employees: 367      Vacancies: 28

### Program Highlights for June 2012

1. **ICW Child Protective Services (CPS):** There were 123 referrals of Cherokee child maltreatment from 18 Oklahoma Counties and one in Kansas and one in California. 3 were co-investigated by OKDHS and ICW-CPS (Delaware County). There were not any investigated by ICW-CPS on Indian Country. In June there were a total of: 28 referrals alleged physical abuse, 0 alleging neglect, 34 alleged sexual abuse, 3 family protection, 16 domestic abuse, and 9 alleged parenting issues.
2. **ICW Court Advocacy and Permanency (CAPS) Units:** There are 1490 Cherokee children with assigned ICW workers. ICW workers were involved in 336 hearings regarding these children in June. In June, ICW staff worked on cases in 33 different states of which these children and cases are from the Tribal, State, and Out-Of-District Units.
3. **ICW for Guardianships and Private Adoptions:** ICW currently has a case load of 1082 New-Notices from 33 states, 1136 total children in June. The longest Response-to-Notice was 14 days. There were 23 placements requested in June. There were 19 placements made, and there were 4 placements for children that were not available. We are working diligently to place our Cherokee children in these homes.
4. **ICW Mayes County Prevention Program:** The MCPP provided services to 64 children and 45 adults in June. There were 243 school children who attended presentations and there were 199 people who attended community presentations during the month of June.
5. **John Ketcher Youth Shelter:** Eighteen youth spent time at the John Ketcher Youth Shelter in June,
  - a. **Juvenile first time offender program:** There were a total of nine participants and nine successful completions. There were not any referrals this month.
6. **Child Support Services:** The distribution for June was \$172,421. Child Supports Year-to-Date economic impact on our community is \$1,777,053. There are a total of 2,900 child support cases and there are about 1,400 client contacts this month. We are excited for the outreach events planned in July for eligible Cherokee Children. There will be 12 different dates in July in which applications will be taken and vouchers given out.
7. **Family Assistance (Food Distribution):** There were 8,985 individuals served in June. Year-to-Date Individuals Served: 82,306. In June, the Food Distribution Program was able to staff 33 day workers.
8. **Family Assistance (Elderly Nutrition):** There were 3,219 hot meals served at Elderly Nutrition Sites and 1,111 Elder Nutrition Home Deliveries in June. Year-to-Date: Hot Meals Served 26,872; Year-to-Date: Home Deliveries 12,240.

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- 9. Family Assistance (LIHEAP):** There were 147 households served for Winter/Summer Crisis in the month of June. LIHEAP YTD Served of all types; 2,903. Due to the delays in production, we will not be issuing the new LIHEAP blankets until the LIHEAP application process comes around this fall.
- 10. Family Assistance (NAHASDA):** There were 231 households served for the month of June within the NAHASDA Program and we have served 2,311 YTD households.
- 11. Family Assistance (General & Burial Assistance):** 247 individuals were helped within General Assistance and there were 59 Families helped within Burial Assistance in June
- 12. Elders in Need Program (NEW PROGRAM):** We want to let everyone know we have begun this new program for our elders on fixed incomes who are in need of assistance. Clients by county: Adair 1, Cherokee 151, Craig 23, Delaware 106, Haskell 1, Mayes 95, McIntosh 2, Muskogee 40, Nowata 11, Osage 1, Ottawa 14, Rogers 46, Sequoyah 149, Tulsa 12, Wagoner 2, Washington 6.
- 13. Child Care & Development:** The Child Care Development Center is rated three stars, the highest possible in Oklahoma. There are a total of 138 children attending our Child Care Development Centers; 67% of Tahlequah's attendance is made up of Cherokee Nation Employees. Number of Children Receiving Subsidy in June 1530 for the entire Cherokee Nation jurisdiction and over \$490,000 has been distributed last month alone. There were 191 information calls received, 20 parent calls for referrals, 2 community events, and 28 home visits for technical assistance. There were nine trainings held in five counties in June. Licensing and Monitoring: 28 with a relative provider, 29 with child care centers, and 21 in child care homes.
- 14. Office of Veterans Affairs:** The Tribal Veteran's Representative received 91 calls for services in June. He also met with 21 veterans in person. T.V.R. met with Veterans in Stilwell, Jay, Grove, Muskogee, Colcord, Kansas, Quapaw and Siloam Springs AR. The Color Guard was involved two funerals in June.
- 15. Healing to Wellness Court Program:** There were 12 youth participating in the voluntary Reclaiming futures. Eight outpatients and four inpatient group treatment participants.
- 16. Bright Futures (Truancy Prevention):** The Bright Futures program has had 7 new referrals and 10 are participating in the month of June.
- 17. Administrative Initiatives:** Stilwell CDC Ground Breaking Ceremony will be on August 1, 2012 at 10:00am at 398 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St in Stilwell. Please come out and join us!

**Group:** Community Services

**Month/Year of Report:**

July 2012

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## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

### **Water & Sanitation**

- Trained 21 food handlers
- Repaired sewer and/or water facilities for 37 homes
- Installed sewer and/or water facilities for 31 homes
- Signed 3 Memorandum of Agreements
- Working on Cherokee Nation Water Plan development
- Signed MOA's with Kenwood RWD, McIntosh RWD # 5 and Delaware RWD # 11

### **Youth Development**

- Cherokee Heights had 4 youth activities combined with ICW Camp GaDuGi activities in June; the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>; where they made dance fans, clay turtles, baskets and miniature gourd masks, planted flowers for the elders and made father's day cards, there were from 11 - 23 youth at each meeting for a total of 69 youth, 2 parents, 3 ICW staff & 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Kenwood had one youth activity scheduled in June, but canceled due to having to feed the volunteers at the building when the youth activity was scheduled.
- Greasy had one youth activity on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, where they made dance fans with 3 youth, 1 community members & 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Tailholt had their first youth activity on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, where they made Miniature Gourd Masks and had 19 youth, 7 parents/community members and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Maryetta Boys & Girls club hosted a community youth activity on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> where they made Clay Turtles and had 27 youth, 2 boys and girls club staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Cave Springs Boys & Girls club will not be having summer activities but will start again when school starts.
- Cherokee Heights Basic Skills had 3 youth activities; June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> where they made spiral beaded bracelets, clay turtles and baskets with 10 – 12 youth in attendance at each meeting for a total of 32 youth, 2 Career Services staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Jay Basic Skills had 1 youth activity on June 7<sup>th</sup> where they made spiral beaded bracelets and had 7 youth, 3 career services staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Tahlequah Morning and Afternoon Basic Skills each had 2 youth activities; June 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> where they made clay turtles, leather pouches & spiral bracelets with 6 – 14 in attendance at each meeting for a total of 38 youth, 2 career services staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Tahlequah Summer Intern Program had 1 youth activity on June 6<sup>th</sup> where they made leather pouches and had 20 youth, 2 career services staff and 2 CYD staff in attendance.

- Sallisaw Basic Skills had 2 youth activities on June 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> where they made leather pouches, clay turtles and stretchy necklaces and bracelets and had 8 – 9 in attendance at each meeting for a total of 17 youth, 1 career services staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Stilwell Basic Skills had 2 youth activities in June on the 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> where they made spiral bracelets and miniature gourd masks and had 5 – 7 in attendance at each meeting for a total of 12 youth, 1 Career services staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.

### **Cherokee First/Community Youth**

- Assisted approximately 1358 clients through walk in or phone calls
- Processed 5 sports teams, 0 live stock
- Number of tours 1

#### **1638 Community Youth Fund Applications Funded FY2012**

Adair County—556	Nowata County—32	Adair County—246	Nowata County—15
Cherokee County—610	Rogers County—23	Cherokee County—229	Rogers County—7
Craig County—17	Sequoyah County—135	Craig County—0	Sequoyah County—50
Delaware County—123	Tulsa County—18	Delaware County—10	Tulsa County—1
Mayes County—72	Wagoner County—9	Mayes County—6	Wagoner County—0
Muskogee County—37	Washington County—5	Muskogee County—8	Washington County—3
McIntosh County—0	Ottawa County—1	McIntosh County—0	Ottawa County—0

#### **575 Adult Applications Funded 2012**

#### **1777 Youth Fund Applications Handed Out 2012**

Adair County-585	Nowata County-37	Adair County-3	Nowata County-3
Cherokee County-681	Rogers County-24	Cherokee County-1	Rogers-0
Craig County-17	Sequoyah County-147	Craig County-0	Sequoyah County-0
Delaware County-128	Tulsa County-18	Delaware County-0	Tulsa County-0
Mayes County-85	Wagoner County-9	Mayes County-1	Wagoner County-0
Muskogee County-39	Washington County-6	Muskogee County-0	Washington County-0
McIntosh County-0	Ottawa County-1	McIntosh County-0	Ottawa County-0

#### **8 Adult Fund Application Handed Out 2012**

#### **139 Youth applications returned for lack of documents**

Adair County—29	Nowata County—5	Adair County—	Nowata County—
Cherokee County—71	Rogers County—1	Cherokee County—	Rogers County—
Craig County—0	Sequoyah County—12	Craig County—	Sequoyah County—
Delaware County—5	Tulsa County—0	Delaware County—	Tulsa County—
Mayes County—13	Wagoner County—0	Mayes County—	Wagoner County—
Muskogee County—2	Washington County—1	Muskogee County—	Washington County—
McIntosh County—0	Ottawa County—0	McIntosh County—	Ottawa County—

#### **0 Adult applications pending lack of documents**

### **Cotta:**

#### **24 Community Organizations requested assistance in June**

Adair County Boys & Girls Club	Jeremiah 29
Brent	Kenwood Community Association
Briggs Community Org.	Kenwood Education Community Organization
Cherokee Basket Weavers Association	Lost City Community Organization
Cherokee Elders	Lyons Community Org.
Chewey Community Organization	Marble City Community Organization

Christie	Rocky Mountain Cherokee Community
Family Care Ministries	Sparrow Hawk
Family Support Center of Oaks	Three Rivers Area Comm Enrichment
Friends of Catoosa Library	Vian Peace Center
Friends of the Stilwell Library	Vian Police Reserve Organization
Greasy	Watts Community Building Org

- **494 Hours of Technical Assistance Provided in June**

### **At-Large**

#### **Hosted Community Meeting in Southern California**

TsaLaGi LA	
Cherokees of Orange County	20
San Diego Cherokee Community	45

### **Volunteer Program**

#### **United Methodist Church Volunteers in Mission**

- **282 volunteers from across Missouri**
- **Kenwood Education Association identified 24 projects for volunteers**
- **Provided the community with over 6,760 hours of service**
- **Kenwood, Locust Grove, Salina, Pryor, Jay communities served**

### **Community Work/Building Program**

#### **Communities Assisted**

Brushy	Fairfield Community Organization
Cherokee Elders Council	Native American Fellowship

#### **Chewey Community Organization Oaks Sr Citizens**

Christie	Project "A"
Eucha Indian Organization	Watts

- **Assisted communities finish projects from Fiscal Year 2011**
- **Fairfield Community Organization completed new Volleyball Courts, a Storage Building, and Cultural Fire Pit**
- **Brushy Community Action Association held a Community Picnic at future site of community building over 300 attended**

## **Roads:**

### **ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Chewey Road – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. Red Plains is working on the 60% Review Plan revisions.
2. Dahlongegah South – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen 60% plans were checked and sent back to HUB Engineering on 7/12/12 for revisions. R/W is checking the Exhibits and Easements at this time The following projects are currently under design –
  - Bell North – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. 30% Review and Plan in Hand was complete on 9/19/11. Contract modifications were done to include low water crossings, and changes to the BOP and EOP. Preliminary Community Meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Bell Community Building.
  - CNI Industrial Access – Designer: J. Shehi. Preliminary design alignment has been submitted for check. Met with Bud Squirrel and Tim Kidd with Food Distribution at 10:00am and Doyle Czapansky with Faset at 1:30pm on March 2 to discuss their scheduling and operation procedures so we can determine how to phase construction. Soil borings were performed on July 11, 2012.
  - Dahlongegah West- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W is complete with research of ownership. Ownership was mailed out 12/12/11 to HUB. HUB has emailed some comments and questions on 2/9/12 that they would like addressed before they submit a 30% Review.
  - Lyon Switch – Designer: J. Shehi. Preliminary design has started.
  - Malloy Hollow– Designer: D. Moore. Preliminary Design has started.
  - North Salem (Bethel Road) – Designer: Red Plains. 30% Review and Plan in Hand was completed on 9/22/11. It was decided to stay with the original alignment. Preliminary Community Meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Bell Community Building.
  - Smith Hollow – Sent 60% Review back to Red Plains for revisions on 7/9/12.
3. The following projects are still pending design –
  - Bell School South – Survey is complete.
  - Oak Ridge – survey is complete. R/W finished research 7/29/11.
  - Rocky Mountain School Loop
  - Sally Bull Hollow – Pending design. Right of Way research is complete

### **CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Barber Road- Designer: Andy Harris. Project is awarded to Glover & Associates. Construction is 85% complete. contractor completing aggregate base, prime and seeding asphalt scheduled to begin 7/16/2012
2. The following projects are still under design –
  - Cedar Hollow I & II – Designer: Native American Consulting Engineers (NACE). 30% Preliminary plans have been submitted for review. R/W is waiting 30% set of plans be checked to schedule a Preliminary Design meeting with the community.



Petition to stop the road was submitted by landowners on November 14, 2011. Meeting with NACE on January 12, 2012 to discuss design options and landowner's petition against the project.

- Dreadfulwater Road – Designer: Andy Harris. No change
- Hulbert-Lost City – Designer: Andy Harris. Hydrology Report was completed and the project has been imported into new software to allow the design to progress.
- Lost City Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of way research is complete. Preliminary survey complete. 30% set of plans received 12/27/2011 for review.

Tenkiller School –Designer: Red Plains. Plans are complete. Appraiser has started appraisals, R/W can finish R/W packages for acquisition and schedule a acquisition meeting once the appraiser has completed all of the appraisals. Acquisition Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Tenkiller School Cafeteria.

- Shady Grove Loop Rehab – Designer: Travis Small Circuit Engineering District (CED). Project was awarded to Glover & Associates. Construction start date is May 24<sup>th</sup> and work is to be completed by June 29<sup>th</sup>. Construction is 98% complete contractor working on punch list items

#### **DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Jay-Kenwood Road – no change R/W has been working with Rose/McCrary on the Bridges and the bridges are in the 95% stage of completion. Once the exhibits are completed CN R/W will prepare the Tribal packages for each bridge and present to Real Estate Services. Service agreement between Northeast Oklahoma Electric Coop is in place and electric services will be connected to the new water system. Final design plans are complete.
2. Kansas-Bull Hollow – Designer: Scott & Associates. Preliminary design has started. Regina Compelube and John Compelube completed an in-field Plan Review 10/12/11. 60% plans were received 08/18/11 but waiting on correction to hydrology. Contract Engineer did not submit plans for 30% check so we believe the plans are less than 60% complete. Once the 30-60% plans are reviewed R/W will schedule a community meeting.
3. Kansas Dry Creek Project- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of Way exhibits and easements are being worked on by Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W received exhibits and easements 10/12/11. 60% Plans were submitted for review on 10/25/11. Hydrology and Soil reports were submitted 2/1/2012.
4. Leach/Kenwood Road – Designer: D. Moore. Proposed realignment for structure replacement was approved and project is in process of r 60% review.
5. Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow Road- Designer: D. Moore. Four bids were received. None were TERO and Paragon was the lowest bidder. As of June 12, 2012 the notice of award has not been signed by Administration. Pre-Construction meeting and dinner is scheduled for August 9, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Bull Hollow Community building.
6. The following projects are still pending design –
  - D0525 Road

#### **MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Cedar Crest Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Ross Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. Contract for this project is \$2,244,835.46. The contractor is scheduled to start construction on July 16, 2012. Contractor early start began clearing on 7/9/2012

2. Wickliffe Bridge (Salina/Kenwood)- Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Final Plans are complete. Waiting on NEPA, Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocations.

#### **MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Soil report was submitted 2/1/12. HUB sent a set of Construction and R/W plans to CN R/W 1/26/12. These were not 60% complete a lot of missing info. John C. talked with Regina C. and she stated that the plans were not 60% complete. Until HUB sends in a complete 60% set of plans for Design to Check a acquisition meeting will be on HOLD until R/W is notified that we can proceed. 60% Review was completed on June 6, 2012.
2. The following project(s) are still pending design –
  - Ross Road Rehab

#### **SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:**

1. Moonshine Road – Preliminary survey complete. design pending
2. Nicut South Rehab- Adair – Designer: Don Moore. Final plans submitted on 11/22/11. Final Review was completed on 6/13/12 for revisions.

#### **CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

Ridership on all five current routes for the month of June are:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 234 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – rides – no report received
3. Salina to Tahlequah - rides – no report recieved
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 249 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 330 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 436 rides
7. Jay to Tahlequah – ridership Information not available at this time
8. Individual Demand Response Trips – 38 rides KATS only

#### **FUTURE PLANS/NEW INITIATIVES**

##### **Roads:**

- Cedar Crest Bridge – Mayes – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Plans are complete. Paradigm Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. Contract for this project is \$1,965,518.30. Construction began on June 12, 2012. Construction is 5% completed contractor clearing and embankment
- Little Lee Creek Bridge (located on Nicut South Road)– Designer: Circuit Engineering District (CED) through Sequoyah County. Paradigm Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project by the Roads Department. Contract for this project is \$830,354.55. Construction began on May 21, 2012. Construction is 10% complete contractor has constructed false work.



## **Youth Development:**

Waiting on Rocky Ford to call me back so we can schedule youth activities them again.

We are also working on learning to put together new projects, language lessons and leadership exercises to use at future youth activities.

## **COTTA:**

- Continue working through the 28 Sub-Award organization's technical assistance plans
- Finalize Community Leaders Conference August 3 – 4; 400 community leaders expected to attend
- Finalize plans for the Community Leaders' Summit for July 30 – August 2; 22 At-Large groups attending
- Coordinate with community groups on their Community Building/Community Work grant projects
- Cherokee Elders new "Rainbow House" facility planning to move in the week of the July 4<sup>th</sup>

## **CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY SERVICES SELF HELP HOUSING AND BUILDING PACKAGES**

### District 1—CHEROKEE

- All homes in Cherokee County are complete.

### District 2—ADAIR

- Project 200-2 Applicant selected site at Fairfield. Out for bid.
- Project 200-4 Still waiting on documentation from applicant

### District 5—DELAWARE

- Project 500-5 Well has been drilled, well is usable; ready for bid

### District 7—ROGERS

- 700-1(ROGERS) – Construction has started 40% complete.
- 700-2(ROGERS) – Construction has started 80% complete.

### District 8—WASHINGTON

- Project 800-1 (start date 06/09) No change, still awaiting water meter set so rural water can be installed. House is ready to start punch list items. House is at 98% complete

### District 9—CRAIG

- All homes in Craig County are complete.

Reviewing additional applications for all documents needed for possible selection. Letters have been mailed to each applicant requesting the information that is needed.

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

**Group:** Housing Services **Month/Year of Report:** August 13, 2012

**Group Leader:** David Southerland **Phone:** (918) 453-5248

**I. Budget Highlights**

Housing Services Employees:

	9	Administrative
	60	Housing Management
	46	Low Rent
	3	New Dev
	86	Rehab
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. ) Foreclosure Report**

	COUNTY	FORECLOSURE NOTICE RECEIVED	DATE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT DUE CHEROKEE NATION
<b>New</b>	Adair	10/14/11	07/08/09	MAP	\$11,638.00
	Adair	07/20/12	08/30/07	MAP	\$7,638.00
	Cherokee	10/18/2011	4/20/2009	MAP	\$11,263.00
	Cherokee	3/29/2012	10/1/2008	MAP	\$9,638.00
	Cherokee	4/10/2012	2/1/2007	MAP	\$7,138.00
	Cherokee	5/18/2012	12/26/2007	MAP	\$8,375.00
<b>New</b>	Craig	6/4/2012	6/24/2009	MAP	\$10,513.00
	Delaware	10/19/2011	9/8/2006	MAP	\$7,263.00
	Delaware	7/10/2012	7/1/2007	MAP	\$7,388.00
	Mayes	3/14/2012	10/13/2009	MAP	\$11,263.00
	Mayes	4/10/2012	12/1/2004	MAP	\$2,596.33
	Mayes	4/19/2012	12/5/2008	MAP	\$10,000.00
	Rogers	10/12/2011	6/6/2007	MAP	\$8,388.00
	Rogers	12/21/2011	4/1/2003	MAP	\$1,263.00
	Rogers	12/30/2011	2/1/2008	MAP	\$9,013.00
	Rogers	3/16/2012	9/1/2008	MAP	\$9,763.00
	Rogers	5/2/2012	8/30/2007	MAP	\$7,875.00
	Rogers	6/5/2012	8/25/2006	MAP	\$8,263.00
	Sequoyah	10/18/2011	6/19/2007	MAP	\$8,513.00
	Sequoyah	10/20/2011	7/27/2009	MAP	\$11,638.00
	Sequoyah	10/3/2011	1/25/2007	MAP	\$7,888.00
	Sequoyah	11/1/2011	7/14/2006	MAP	\$4,679.67
Sequoyah	2/9/2012	1/31/2008	MAP	\$8,888.00	

	Sequoyah	5/31/2012	7/27/2007	MAP	\$8,263.00
	Tulsa	6/26/2012	6/30/2009	MAP	\$10,513.00
<b>New</b>	Tulsa	9/1/2008	7/20/2012	MAP	\$9,138.00
	Washington	3/2/2012	9/4/2009	MAP	\$11,263.00
	Washington	3/10/2012	10/2/2007	MAP	\$8,263.00
	Washington	3/12/2012	5/30/2007	MAP	\$7,763.00
<b>New</b>	Washington	7/9/2012	11/1/2008	MAP	\$9,388.00
<b>New</b>	Washington	7/16/2012	5/8/2008	MAP	\$8,763.00

**b. ) Accomplishments/Current Events**

<i>Program</i>	<i>Families</i>			
	<i>Participating at October 1, 2011</i>	<i>New Participants in FY 2012</i>	<i>New Participants this Month</i>	<i>Total Families Served in FY 2012</i>
Community Shield	2,300	220	36	2,556
Mutual Help	1,317	28	1	1,346
Low Rent	805	140	21	966
Title VI	270	-00		270
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5,138</b>

**Rehab/Emergency/Handicap Assessability/LBP**

<i>County</i>	<i>Completed</i>			
	<i>Projected FY 2012</i>	<i>Since October 1, 2011</i>	<i>Completed this Month</i>	<i>Total Completed FY 2012</i>
Adair	32	86	2	88
Cherokee	54	57	7	64
Craig	11	8	0	8
Delaware	32	35	5	40
Mayes	25	19	0	19
McIntosh	2	1	0	1
Muskogee	16	17	1	18
Nowata	6	8	1	9
Ottawa	2	2	0	2
Rogers	34	13	5	18
Sequoyah	34	80	4	84
Tulsa	37	6	0	6
Wagoner	5	2	0	2
Washington	21	8	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>367</b>

**III. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

As required by 24 CFR part 1000.30, services provided to Cherokee Nation Housing Services Employees and Employee relatives from funds received pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, shall be

publicly disclosed.

#### HOME REHABILITATION:

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Home Rehabilitation pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

#### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY:

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Emergency Assistance pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Selven Fields	Cousin to Tribal Councilor Curtis Snell
LittleJohn and Clara	
Mae Gann	Son is Charles Gann, Housing Services Employee
Douglas McCarter	Brother to Housing Services Employee Dewayne McCarter
	Cousin to Housing Services Employee Perry Leach
Sherry Johnson	Daughter Lori Dorr is a Housing Services Employee

#### MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Mortgage Assistance pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

#### LOW RENT APARTMENT

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Low Rent Apartment pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and/or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

Tiffany Stanberry and 3 children	3 Children are grand kids of Housing Services Employee Leona Allen
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#### HOMEOWNERSHIP

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Homeownership pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and/or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

## RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Homeownership pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Rental Assistance Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.  
Cherokee Nation.

Mikko Leach	Father is Joe Leach a Housing Services Employee
Payle Grogan	Grandparents are Human Services Employee Dorothy Bark and Housing Services Employee Floyd Bark.
Keeley Godwin	Mother is Housing Services Employee Lista Godwin
Samantha Stovall	Brother to Housing Services Employee Nick Stovall.
Tennessee Loy	Mother is Housing Services Employee Annie Loy
Ja-Li-Si Pittman	Uncle is Tribal Councilor Joe Byrd
Haylee Rolston	Father is Housing Services Employee Steve Rolston
Staci Crow	Housing Services Employee.

Group: Commerce

Month/Year of Report: August 2012

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**Budget Highlights**

None

**Program Highlights**

a. Balanced Scorecard Measures

Objective	Metric	2011 Goal	Year to Date Achievement Notes/Comments
Families Housed	# of Families Obtaining Homeownership	300 Housed	90 families have been housed
Homeownership Training	a. # of Families Attending Homeownership Training b. % satisfaction	a. 800 b. 95%	a. 391 b. 100%
Families Increasing Financial Management Skills	a. # of Families Increasing Skills b. % satisfaction	a. 450 b. 95%	a. 1,421 b. 99.95%
Self Sufficiency Counseling – Household Budgeting, Debt Reduction, & Credit Coaching	# of Families Actively Pursuing Goals or Achieved Goals	750 Families  a. Actively Pursuing   b. Achieved Goals	472 Families  a. 430 families actively pursuing goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% mortgage ready</li> <li>• 12% short-term</li> <li>• 62% long-term</li> <li>• 3% AMP</li> <li>• 11% credit counseling</li> </ul> b. 42 families have completed self sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage
Attrition Rate	% of Families Abandoning Counseling	< 20% Attrition Rate	29.75% Attrition Rate
Market Rate Qualifiers	% of Families Qualifying for Market Rate Loans	75% Market Rate	95.24% Market Rate Qualifiers – does not include mobile home purchases
Families Housed	MAP Foreclosure Rate in Relation to CN Jurisdiction Foreclosure Rate	Within 3%	CN jurisdiction foreclosure rate 3.5% (Q2 2011) MAP foreclosure rate 2.7% Foreclosure rate is based on the % of active foreclosure filings/proceedings for MAP distributions made after 05/01/08.
Match Savings Program	# active participants	200	130

b. Notable accomplishments

1. Program to date, **379 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.
2. YTD, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with 49 families facing foreclosure. **Staff helped 10 families save their home from foreclosure.** 25 families are still in the process of trying to save their homes; 10 families have been referred to outside sources for assistance; 4 families have dropped out of the program.
3. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** kicked off January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cherokee Nation staff offered free tax preparation and filing services in twelve communities throughout tax season.



**1,553 taxpayers took advantage of this service and received over \$1.7 million in refunds with over \$779,220 in Earned Income Tax Credit.**

Tax Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 to date
Returns Filed	2,311	1,785	2,118	2,681	1,553
Total Refunds	\$1,541,835	\$1,946,918	\$2,650,028	\$3,574,658	\$2,215,918

**The average Adjusted Gross Income of families who utilized the VITA site was \$23,504.**

**Families received on average \$1,745 in tax refunds.**

**Families who utilized the VITA sites received a total of \$1,289,056 in tax credits alone!**

Tax preparation fees vary widely and are dependent on a number of factors including the preparer and the fee structure utilized (some preparers charge based on the number of credits claimed, the number of tax forms completed, etc.) however the low end average tax preparation fee is \$175.

**VITA preparers saved low to moderate income families in the Cherokee Nation's jurisdiction at a minimum \$271,775 in tax preparation and filing fees.**

c. Future plans/new initiatives

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
July 30-31	Tahlequah	9 am to 4 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 3-4	Doubletree, Tulsa, Oklahoma	9 am to 4 pm	COTTA Conference
August 6-8	Tahlequah	5 pm to 9 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 7	Tahlequah	2 pm to 3 pm	Budgeting Basics
August 8-9	Tahlequah	12 pm to 1 pm	Retirement by Design
August 14 and 16	Sallisaw	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 20	Tahlequah Casino	10 am to 3 pm	Credit Image
August 21 and 23	Jay	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 22	Hard Rock Casino	9:30 am to 2 pm	Credit Counseling
August 27-29	Claremore	5 pm to 9 pm	Homebuyers Training
August 28	Claremore	2 pm to 3 pm	Budgeting Basics
September 5-6	Tahlequah	9 am to 4 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 10	Tahlequah	2 pm to 3 pm	Budgeting Basics
September 11-13	Claremore	10 am to 5 pm	Homebuyers Training
September 17	Claremore	2 pm to 3 pm	Budgeting Basics

d. Foreclosure information

1. Cumulative MAP foreclosure rate is 3.3%; this figure is based on the active foreclosure filings for MAP all MAP distributions (FY05 – FY12).

2. The Federal Reserve periodically updates mortgage delinquency data by state and county. As information is updated, we will provide statistics in the monthly report. **Serious Delinquency (120 + days) rate by county Q4 2011**, all mortgage types (*source: Federal Reserve*):

County	Seriously Delinquent (%)	County	Foreclosure Rate (%)
Adair	>8%	Nowata	6% - 8%
Cherokee	6% - 8%	Ottawa	>8%
Craig	6% - 8%	Rogers	6% - 8%
Delaware	6% - 8%	Sequoyah	6% - 8%
Mayes	6% - 8%	Tulsa	4% - 6%
McIntosh	6% - 8%	Wagoner	4% - 6%
Muskogee	4% - 6%	Washington	6% - 8%

5. **Oklahoma was the only state that did not agree to the recently announced \$25 billion mortgage relief settlement** that was reached between 49 states and the five big banks (Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup, Ally Financial and Wells Fargo). OK Attorney General Scott Pruitt negotiated a separate agreement with the five big banks because he believed the national settlement had gone beyond the scope of the Attorneys General. As a result, **AG Pruitt turned down \$10.2 million** that would have gone to victims of unlawful or unfair foreclosure practices; **Oklahoma will still receive the \$18.6 million that can be used for any purpose the state desires** – AG Pruitt has stated the full \$18.6 million will go directly to victims of abusive foreclosure practices.

**Who is eligible?** People are eligible if they experienced wrongful conduct during the foreclosure process (documents being signed electronically that require verification by a person, or dual tracking where the mortgage company continued the foreclosure process despite ongoing loan modification discussions). **The mortgage loan must have also been held by one of the five banks.** A restitution claim form is currently posted on the Oklahoma Attorney General's website however exact eligibility guidelines have not been established yet. We will continue monitoring the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office for updates and will pass on the information as soon as it becomes available.

The \$25 billion settlement is not an all cash settlement; a portion will be cash settlements that go directly to states to be used in two ways: 1) a portion of funds will go directly to foreclosure abuse victims and to establish and 2) the remaining portion will go to states to use however they see fit for any purpose. The non-cash portion of the settlement comes in the form of credits. The banks will earn "credits" for each loan that is modified, restructured or re-written mortgages to 5.25% for owners who cannot qualify for refinancing. The banks have three years to earn all their credits and if in that time, there is still a balance due, that amount will be paid as a cash settlement to the states. Even though Oklahoma refused the national settlement, **Oklahomans will likely still benefit from loan modifications, blight remedies, short sales and principal reductions required as part of the agreement** because of the credits the five big banks will be earning.