

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

December 2019

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Number of Vacancies	84
Number of Volunteers	51

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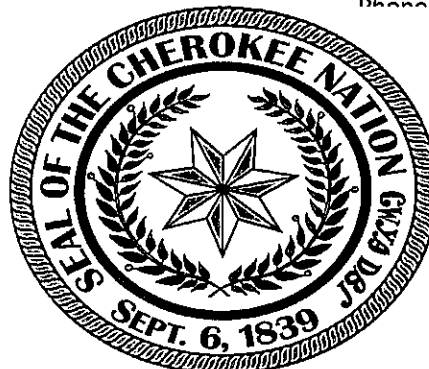
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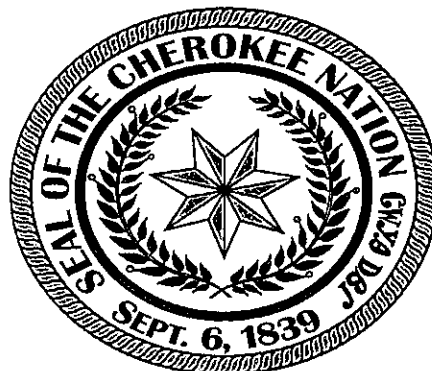
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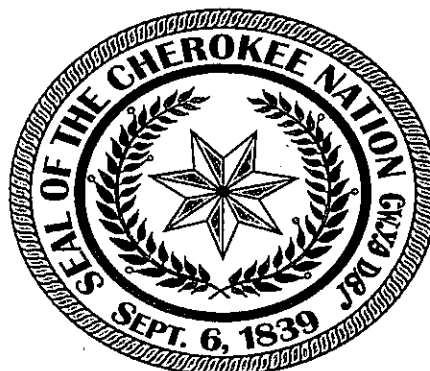
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Human Services Announcements

Our Elder Angel Tree was a huge success this season and Human Services would like to say a big WADO to all who gave gifts, donated, wrapped presents, and helped deliver to our elder angels. Without you all this would not have been possible. We would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

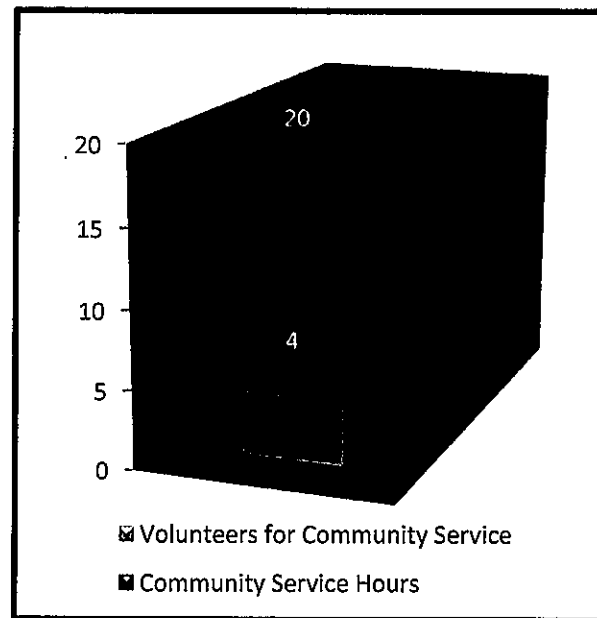
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	20
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	8
Admissions	3



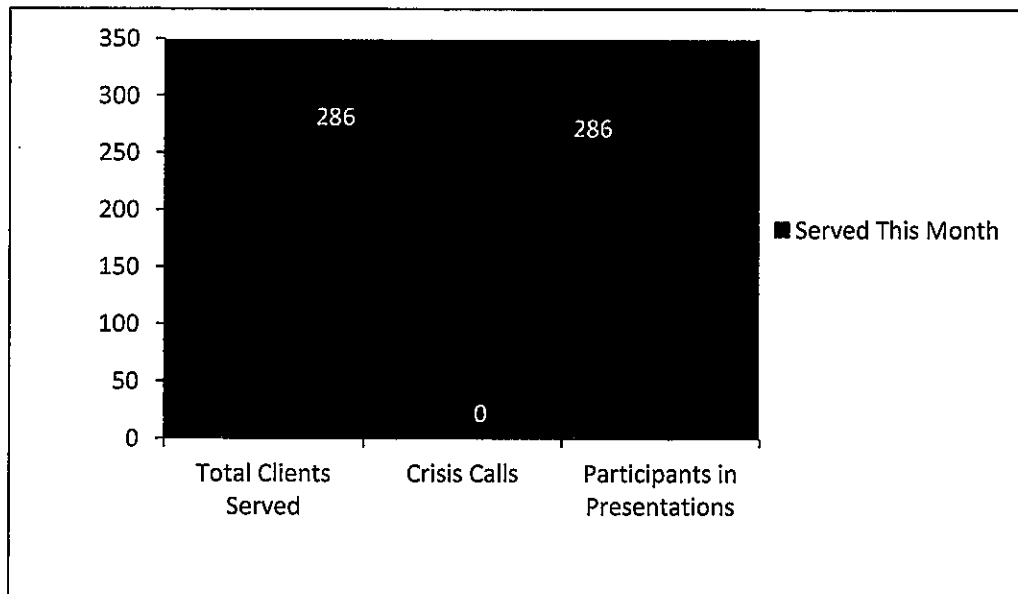
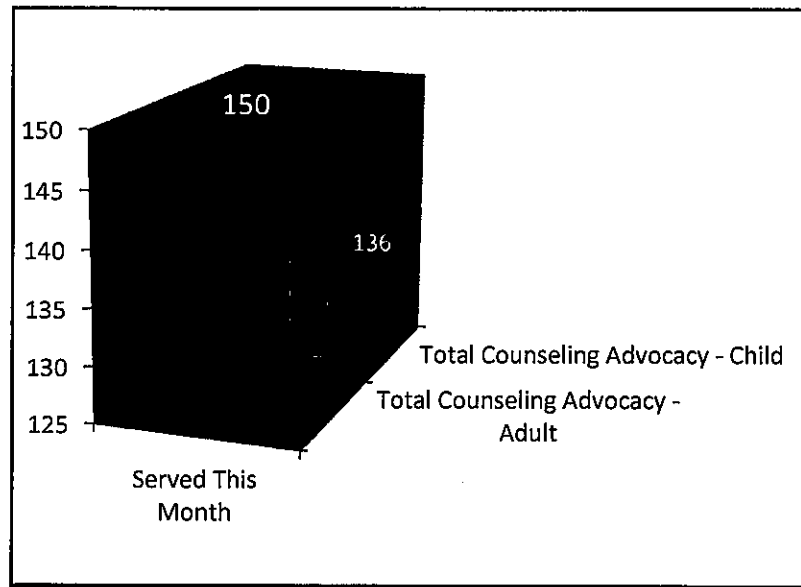
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations 1



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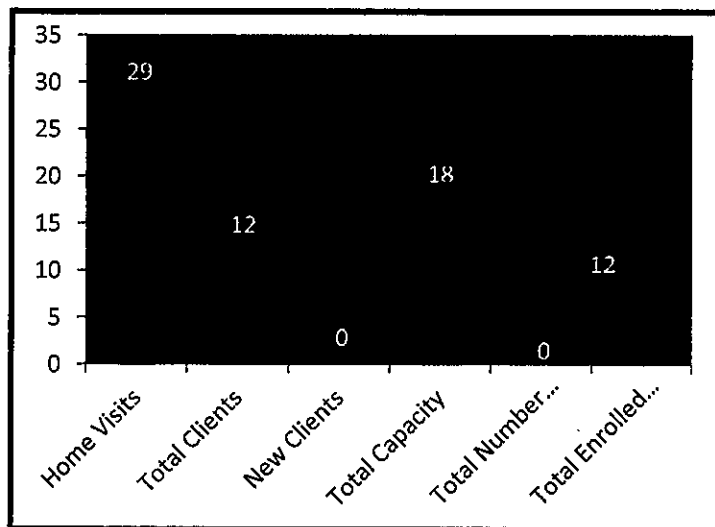
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	12
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Our home visit numbers are down because of lower staff, training, and vacation time of clients.



Child Care Development Centers :

- Stilwell - We had 67 family members attend the Christmas Party on December 18th. The children received presents and stockings. Our last day with the children was Dec. 20th. We began disinfecting and sanitizing on the 23rd. On Dec. 26th we began training. All staff has completed a minimum of 20 hours of training with some completing 30 hours. The annual sprinkler inspection was conducted on 12/6 with no issues found. All drills were conducted this month including Shelter In Place and Lockdown. The infant list has no one waiting. The one year old list has 4 children awaiting placement. Currently, there are 17 two and three year olds on our pre-application list. All 17 have been given information on relative providers and licensed providers in our county.
- Tahlequah - Christmas Parties and staff development. 10 teaching positions vacant, 2 classrooms closed due to staff shortage.
- Subsidy - 116 applications(107 approved,9 denied), 981 contacts (email, phone, office), 7 providers attended orientation, 1 staff worked comm event, 1 staff attended OK Tribal Child Care Assoc Meeting
- Resource & Referral - Angel Tree project, NE Community Partnership mtg, Children's Farmers Market Tahlequah mtg, OTCCA, Infant Toddler mtg, OCCRA Board, Cookies with Santa (Cherokee Parents)
- Training topics: Using Cultural Art and Cherokee Language in School Age Classrooms, Pathways to CDA 3 & 4
- Licensing - Darci McCoy attended the New Worker Training on Complaints, The Licensing workers handed out 9 Health & Safety items to Providers, 38 Language & Cultural information to Providers, and Lisa Turtle attended the Community Meeting in Hulbert. All Staff attended the Cherokee Nation Christmas



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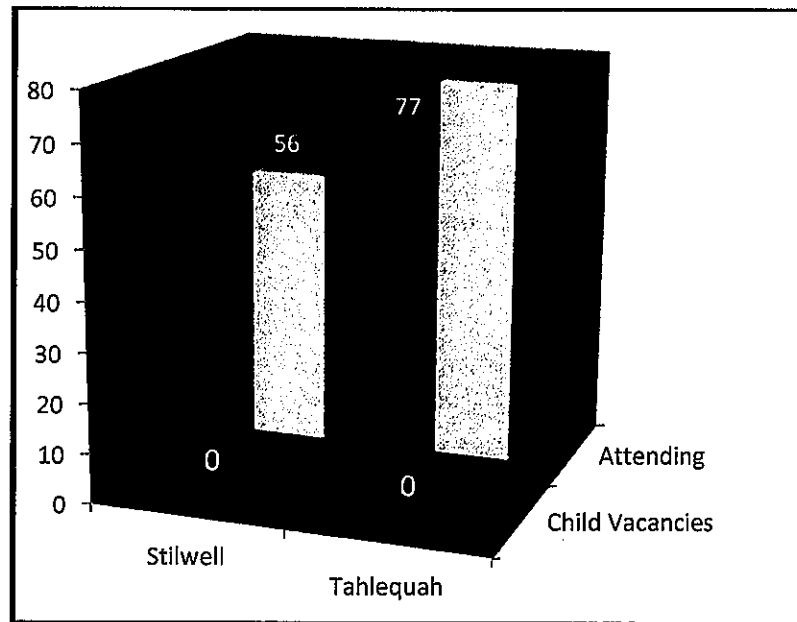
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	107
Number of Vacancies	29
Number of Volunteers	0

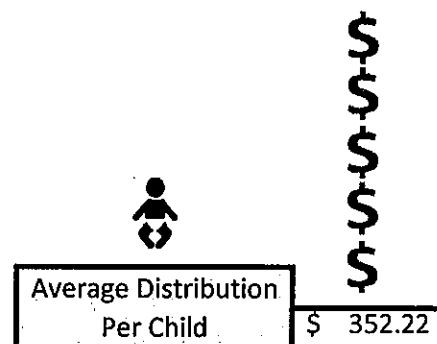
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

Child Care Development Centers :



Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,742
Amount Distributed	\$ 613,566.00



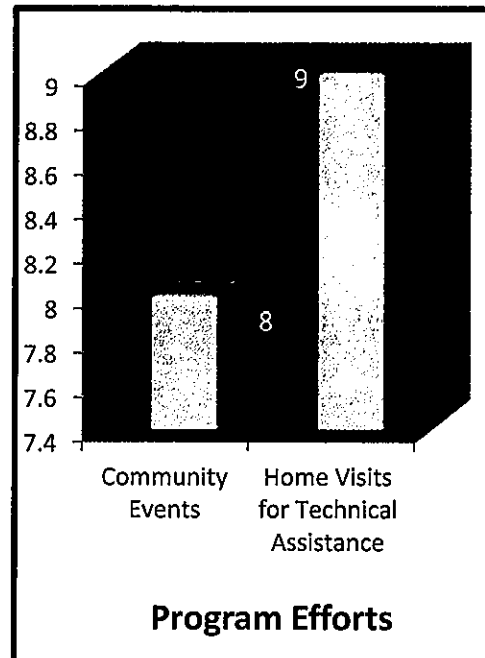
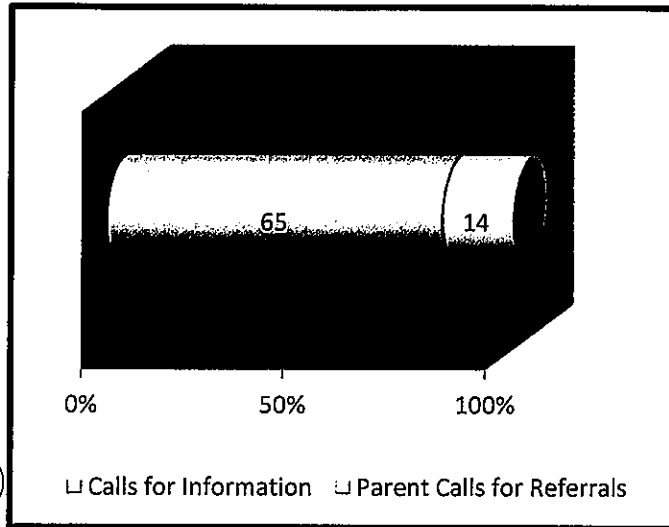
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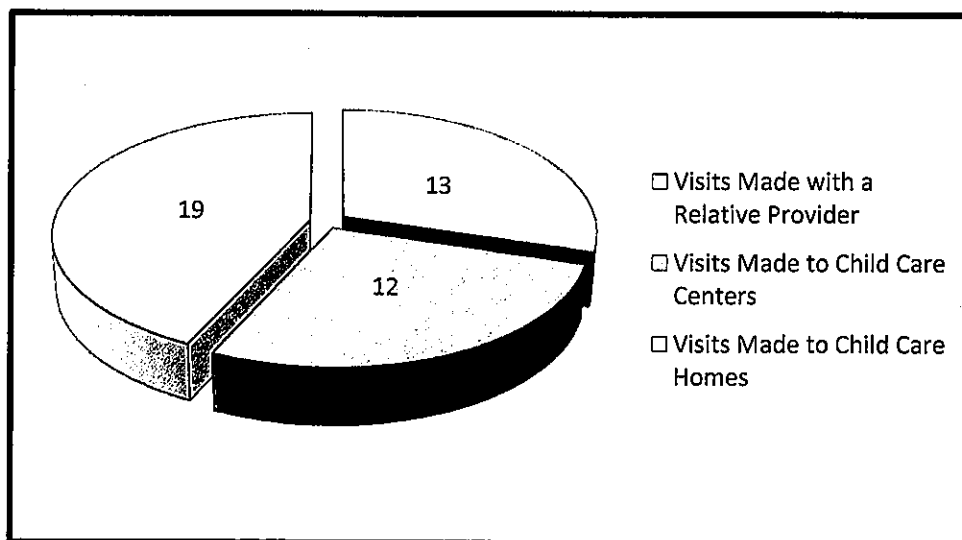
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

3



Licensing & Monitoring :



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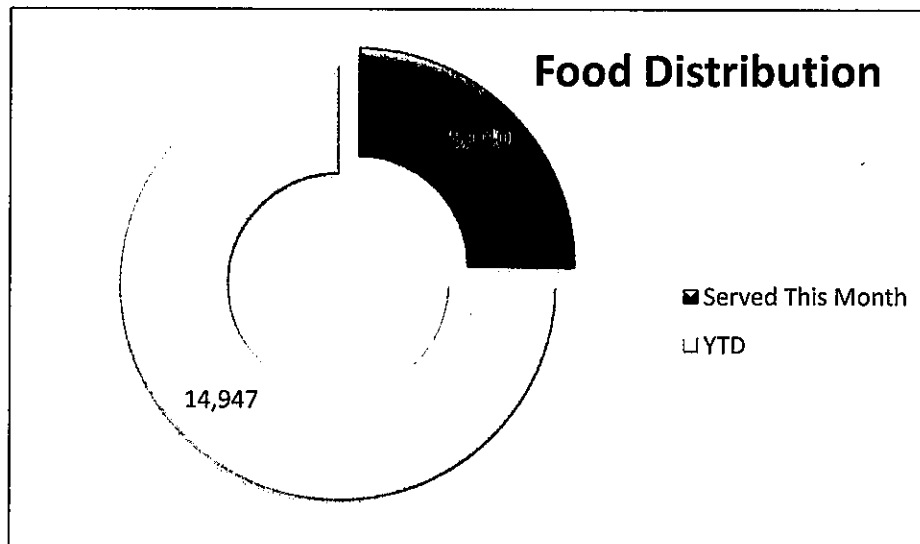
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

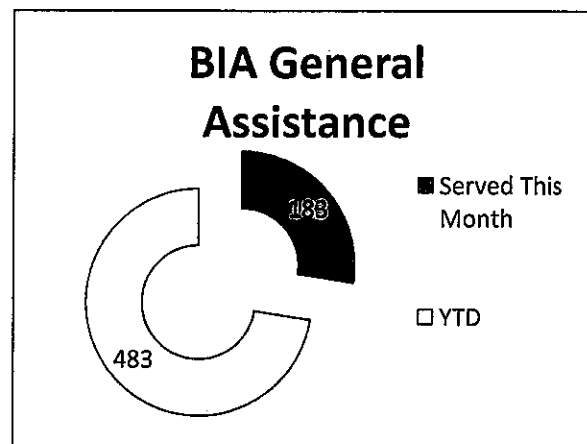
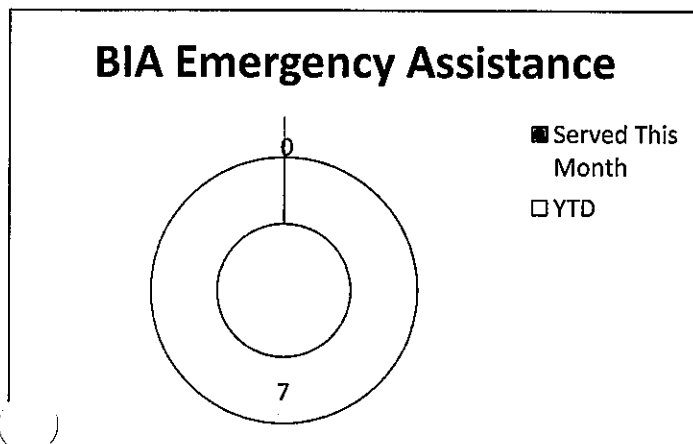
Number of Employees	115
Number of Vacancies	6
Number of Volunteers	51

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

Food Distribution :



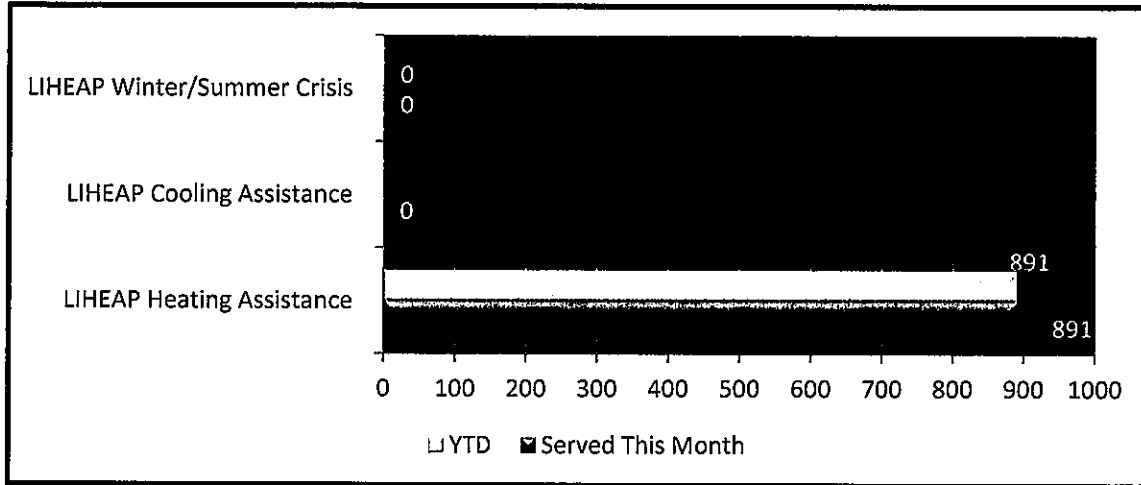
BIA Social Services :



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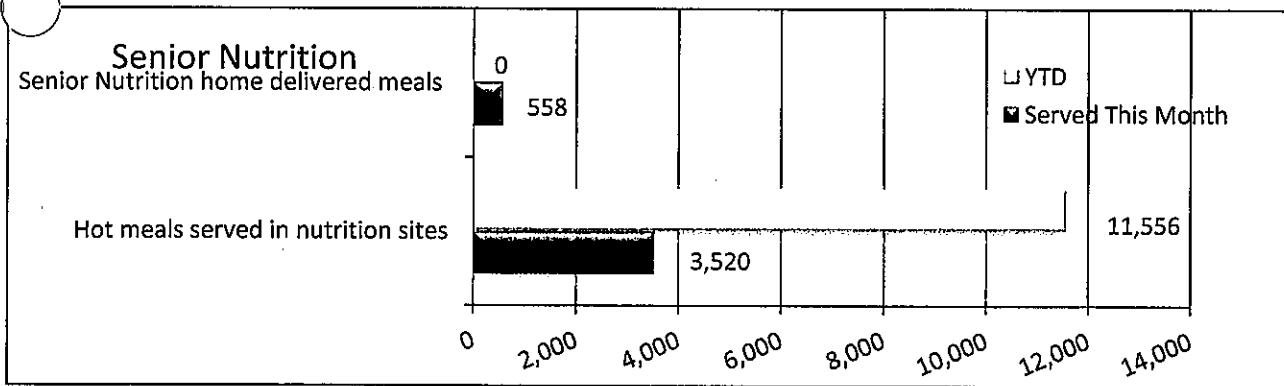
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LIHEAP:

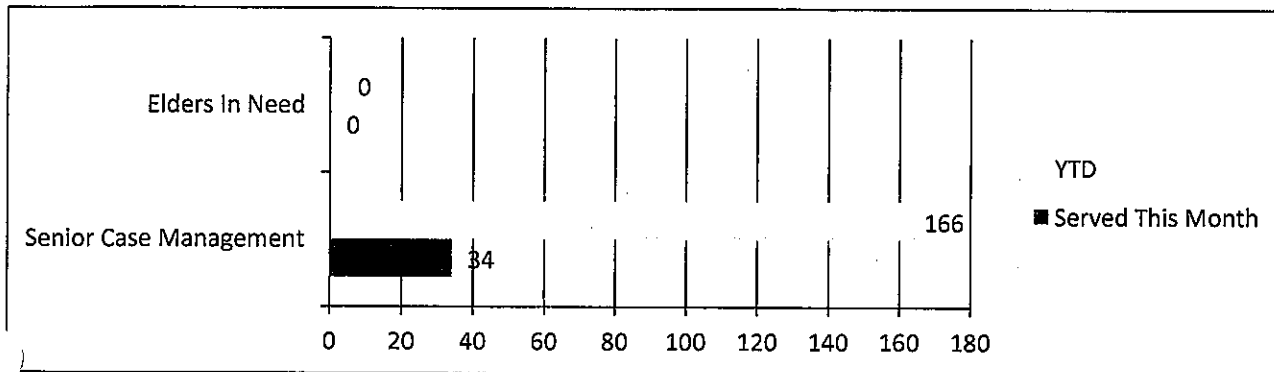


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April



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

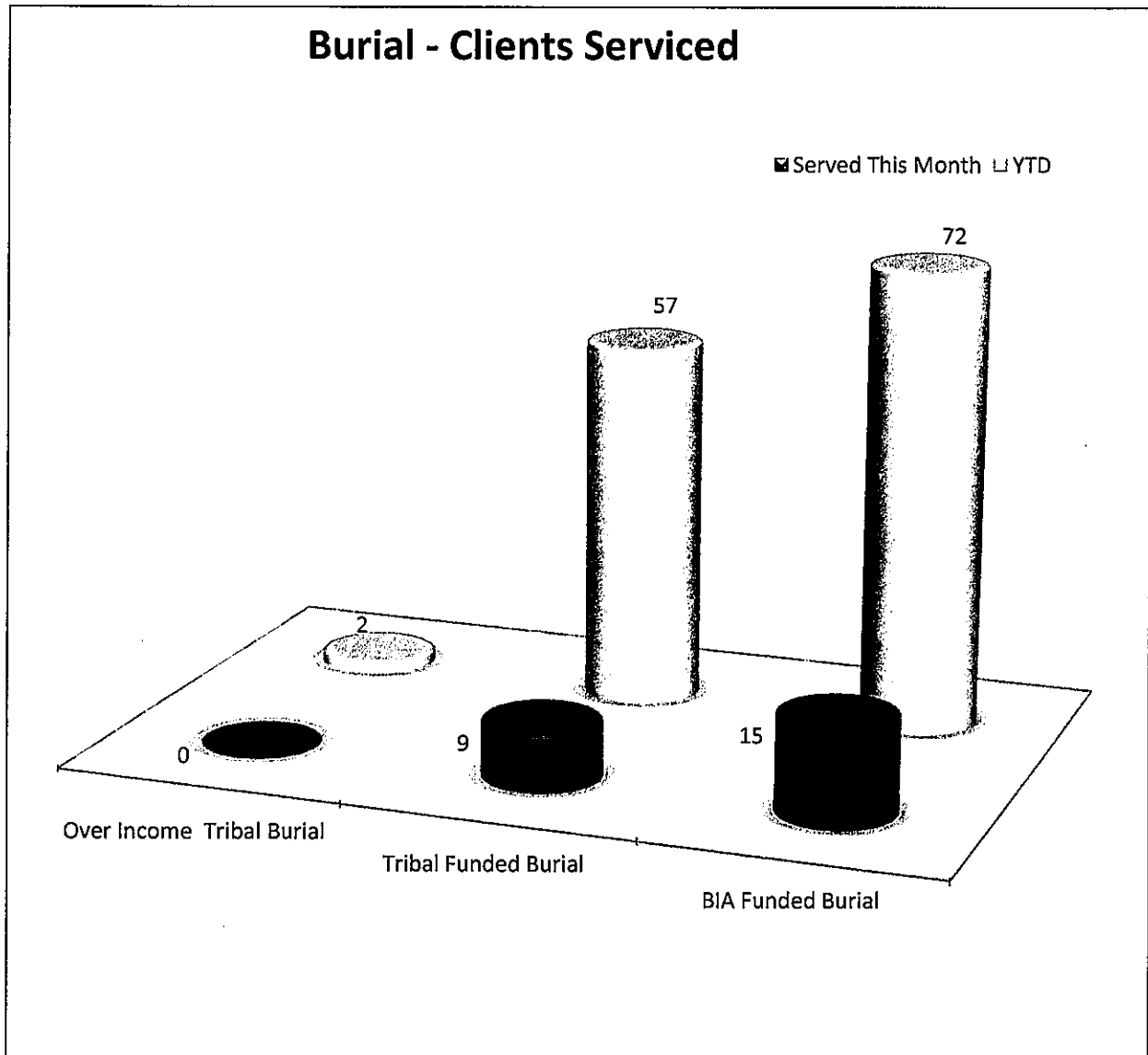


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Burial Assistance :

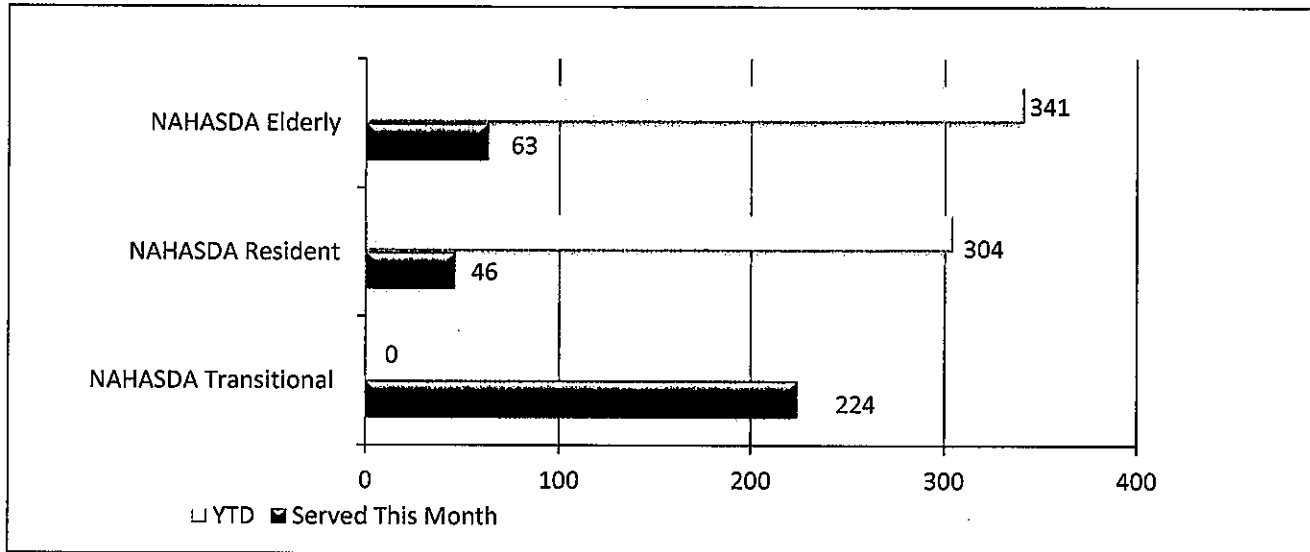


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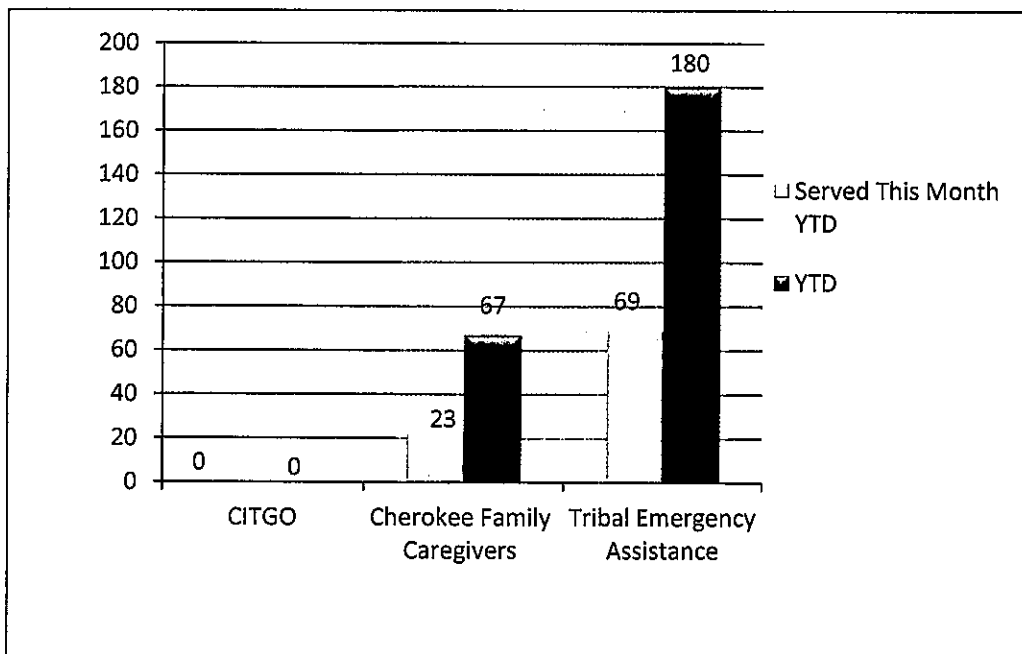
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NAHASDA :



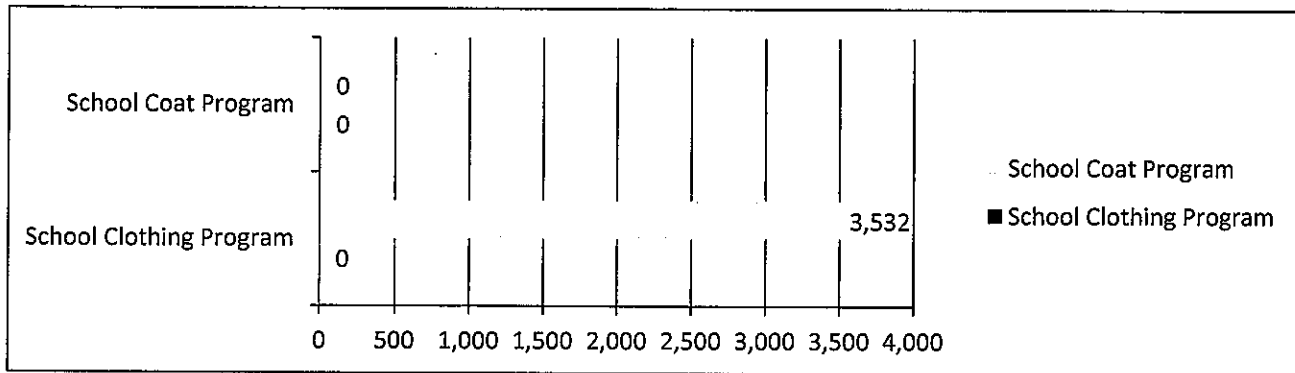
Family Assistance :



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School Clothing Assistance Programs :



*School Clothing Program starts in July, before the school year begins.

Family Assistance:

Client totals now reflect fiscal year beginning with April 2019 report. Totals previously reported were Year-to-Date.



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Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

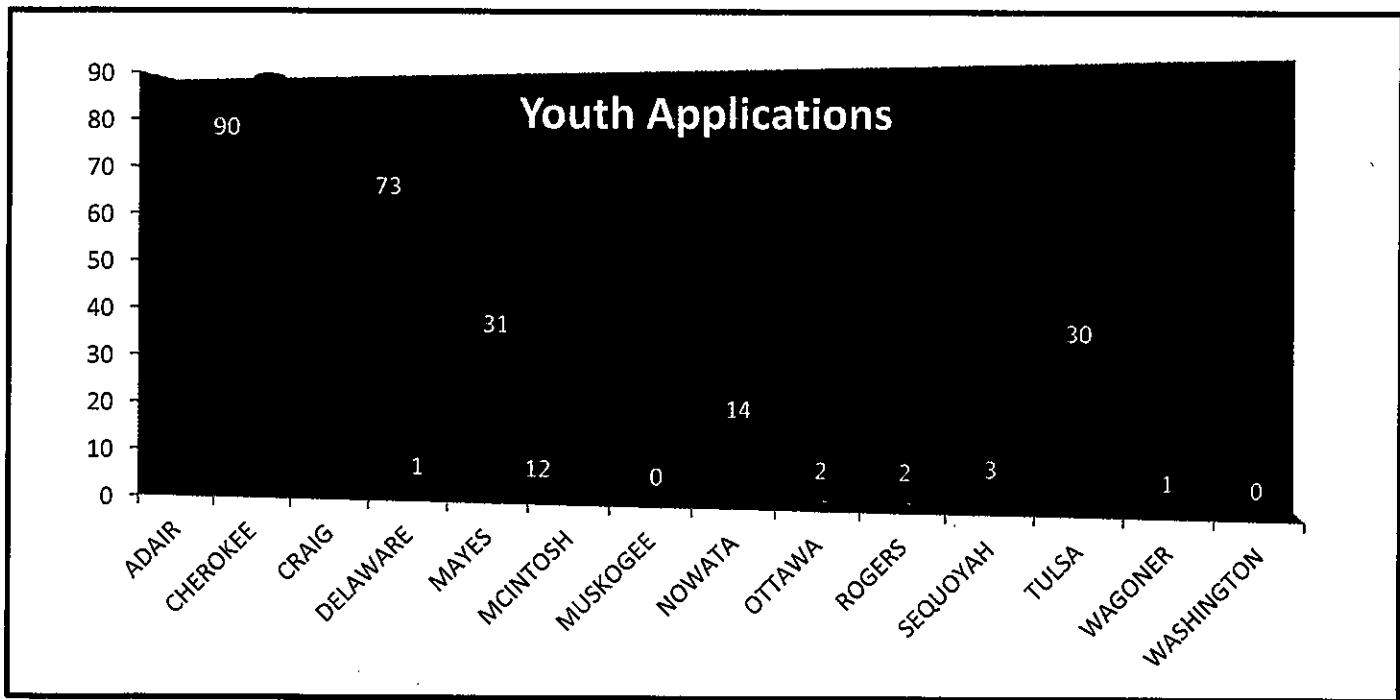
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

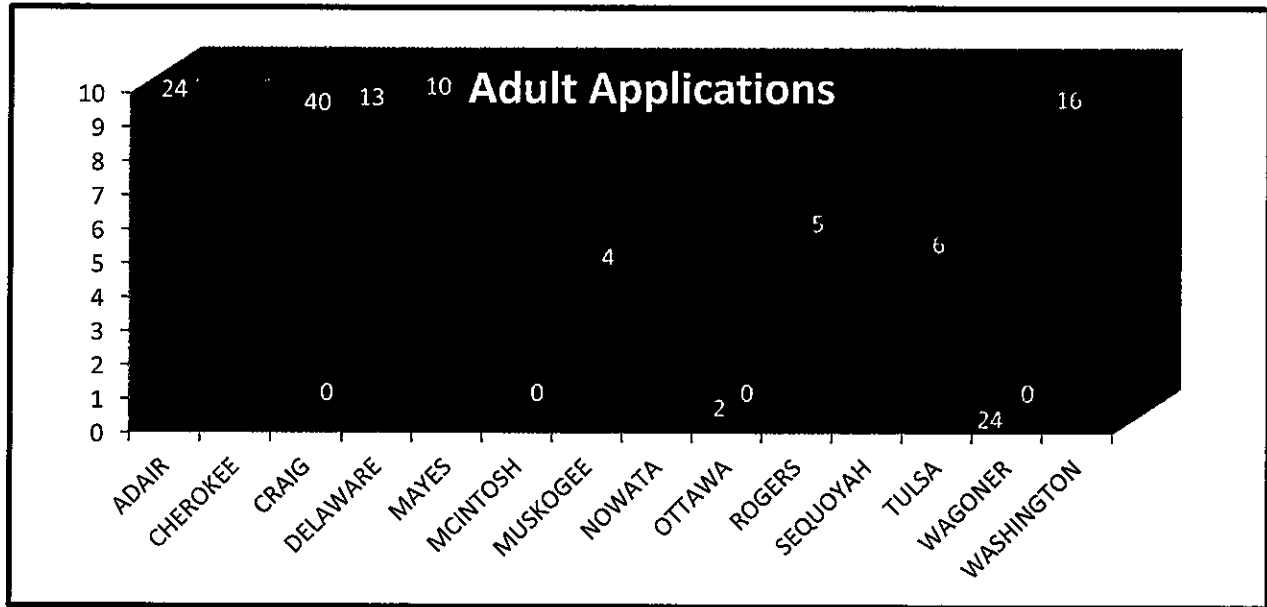
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	725
Total Applications Taken	380

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	260
Total Adult	120

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

December	\$ 76,000.00
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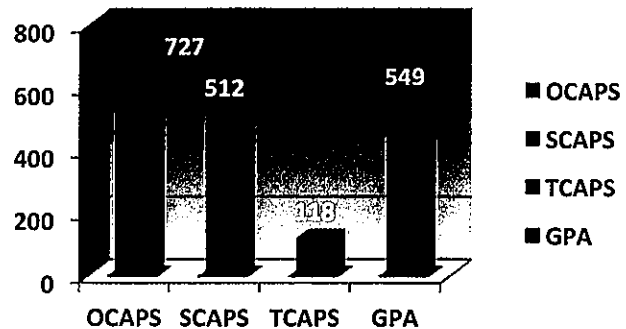
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Interim Director - Lou Stretch

**Month of September:
 1,906 Children
 with Assigned ICW Workers**

Programs With Court Interaction:

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.

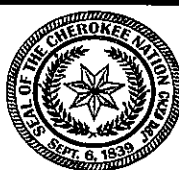
Monitors Guardianships and Private Adoptions for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and the best interests of children.

Serves Cherokee children and their families in Tribal Courts and State Courts throughout the United States.

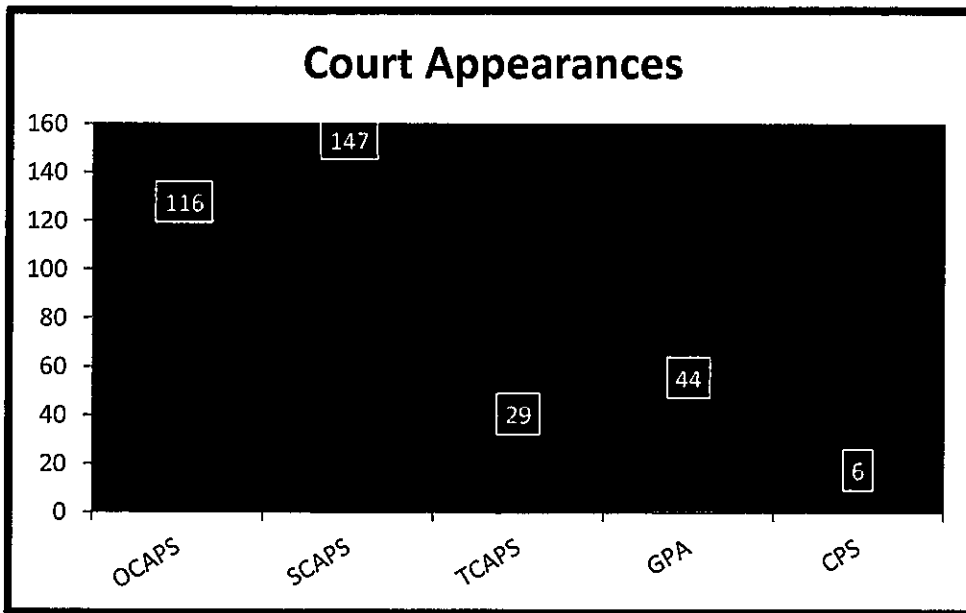
CPS: Child Protective Services

Receives referrals involving allegations of maltreatment of Cherokee children.

Investigates allegations of child maltreatment in Indian Country and co-investigates with DHS in



In December: ICW worked on cases in 29 States and appeared in court 342 times on behalf of Cherokee Children and families.



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

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 December

Cherokee Nation received:

- State of Oklahoma – 514 notices involving 944 children.
- Outside of Oklahoma – 451 notices for 750 children.
- Totaling – 965 notices and 1,694 children.
- The average Response-to-Notice time

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.

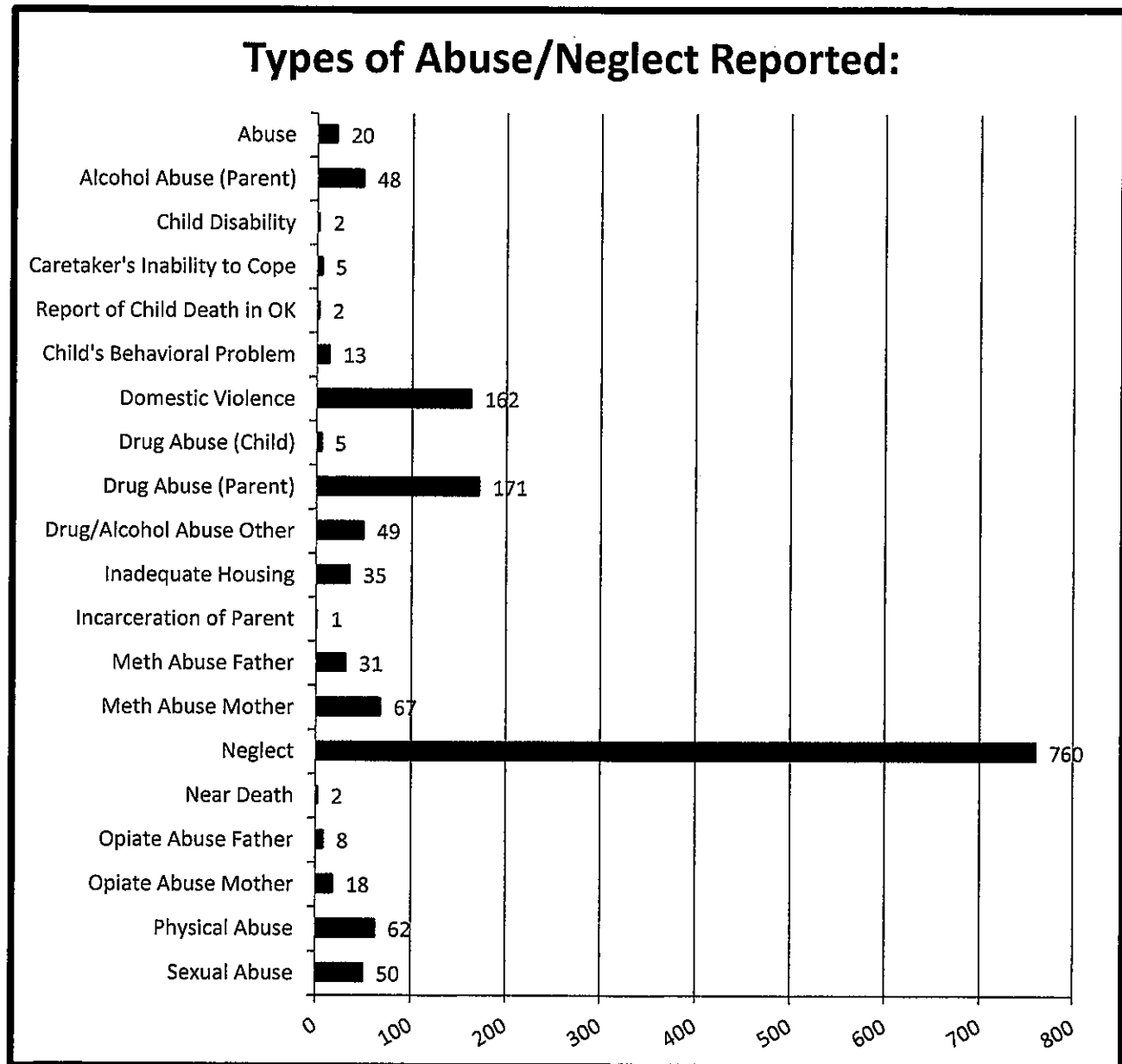
Month of December

FPS served 46 children and 37 families.



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Child Protective Services



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



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Child Protective Services

Month of December:

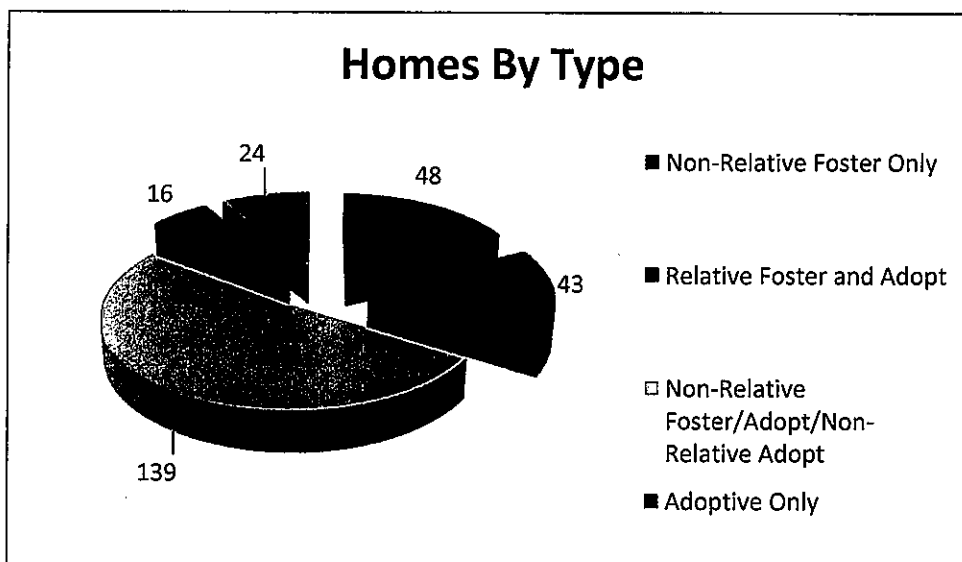
- **Child Protective Services (CPS) received 395 referrals of child abuse/neglect.**
- **395 referrals involved 655 children**
 - 0 of the 395 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 12 of the 395 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- **6 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.**



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Certification & Placement

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)



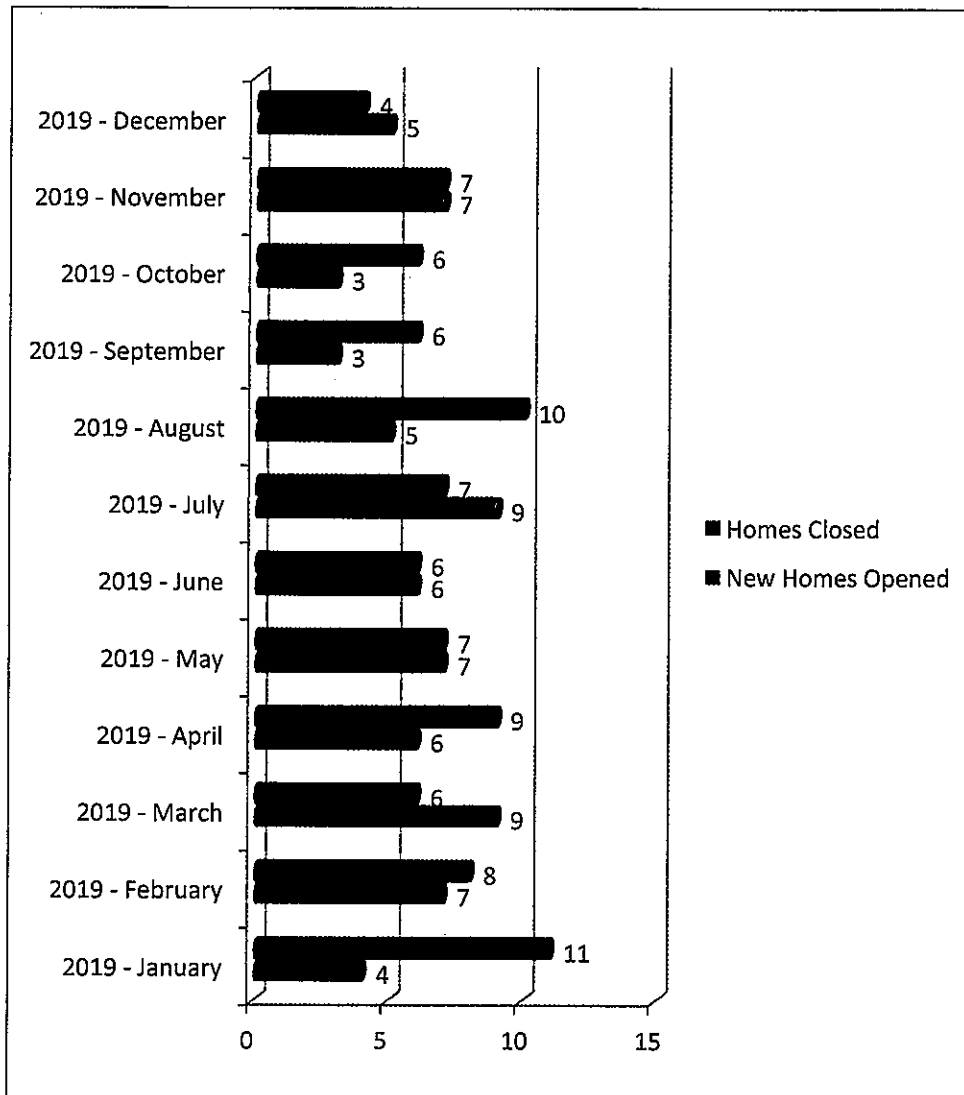
Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

- **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 Fost/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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Certification & Placement *(Foster & Adoptive Homes)*



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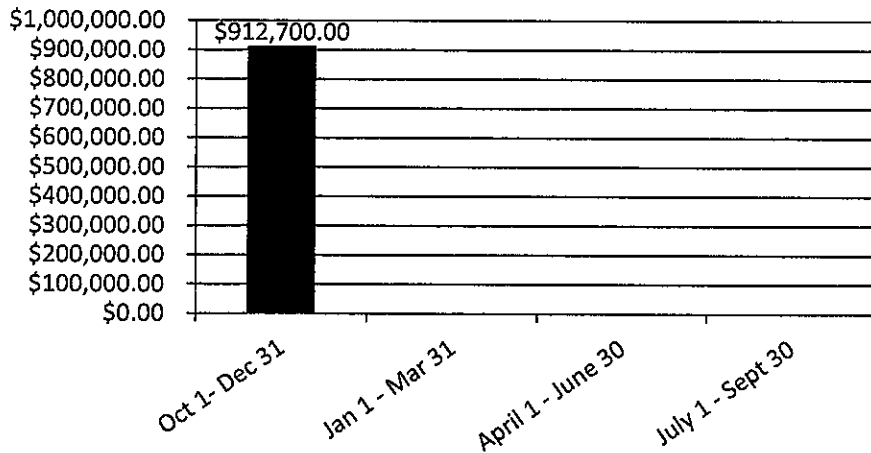
Director - Kara Whitworth

Number of Employees	35
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	0

Dec. Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 276,486.00
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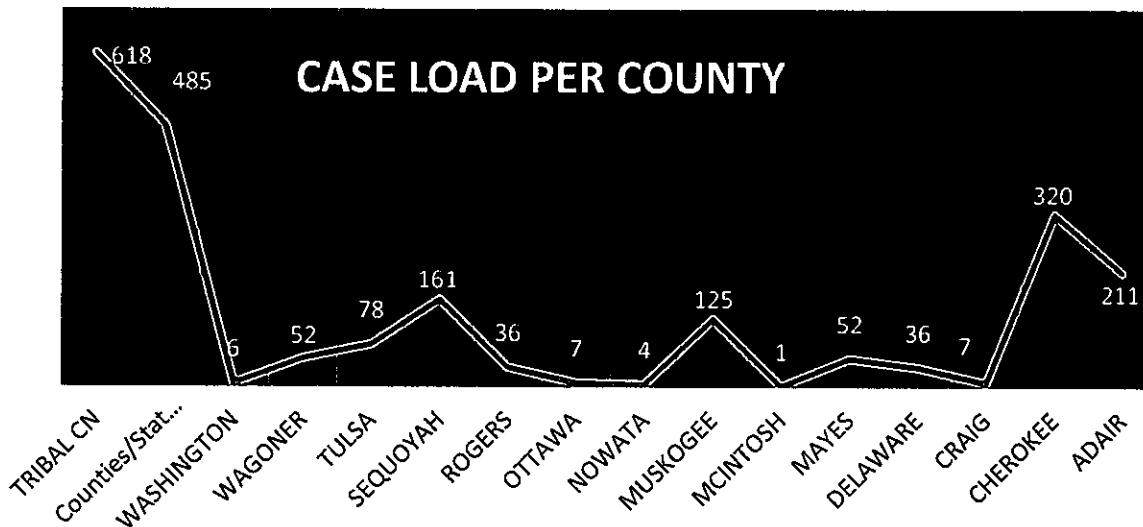
Total Client Contacts	2,926
Total Court Hearings	44
Total Active Efforts Case	1,775
Total Case Assessments for Service	11
Total Applications Distributed	46

Total Quarterly Collections



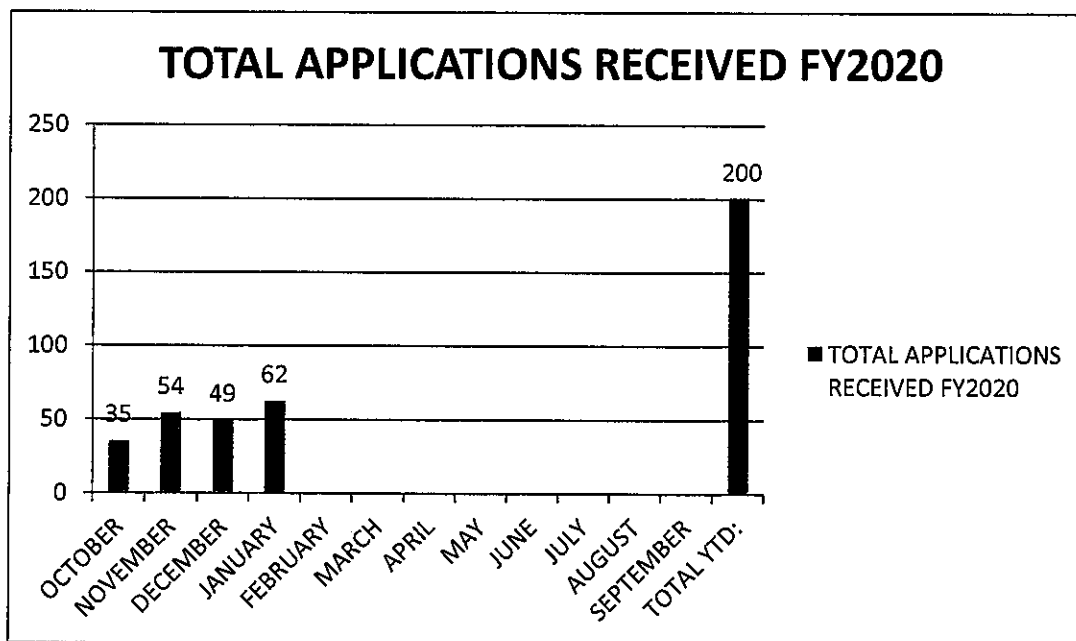
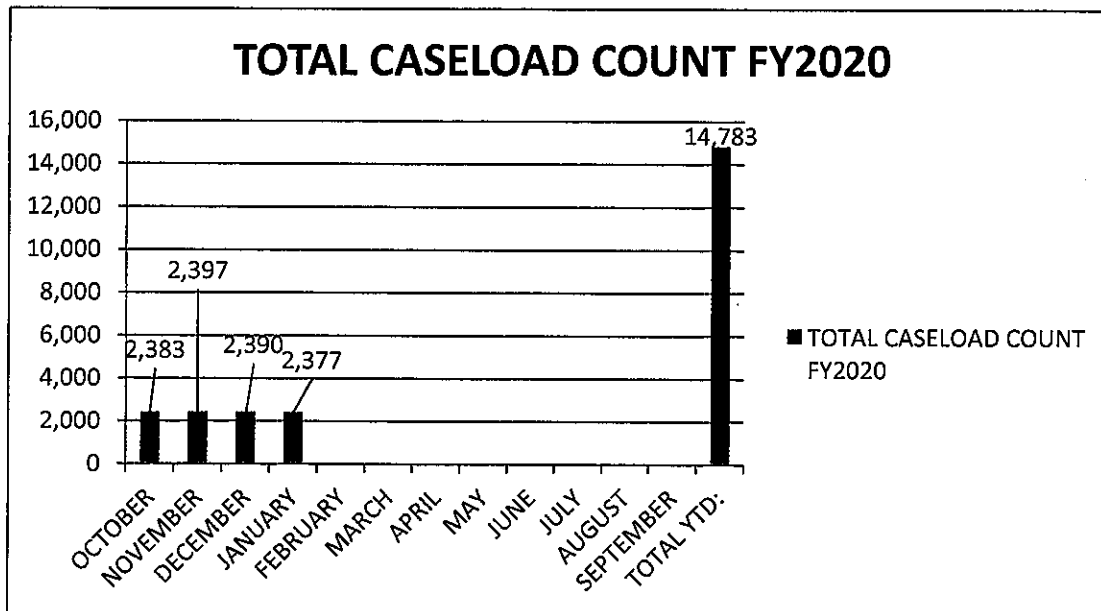
*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections

CASE LOAD PER COUNTY

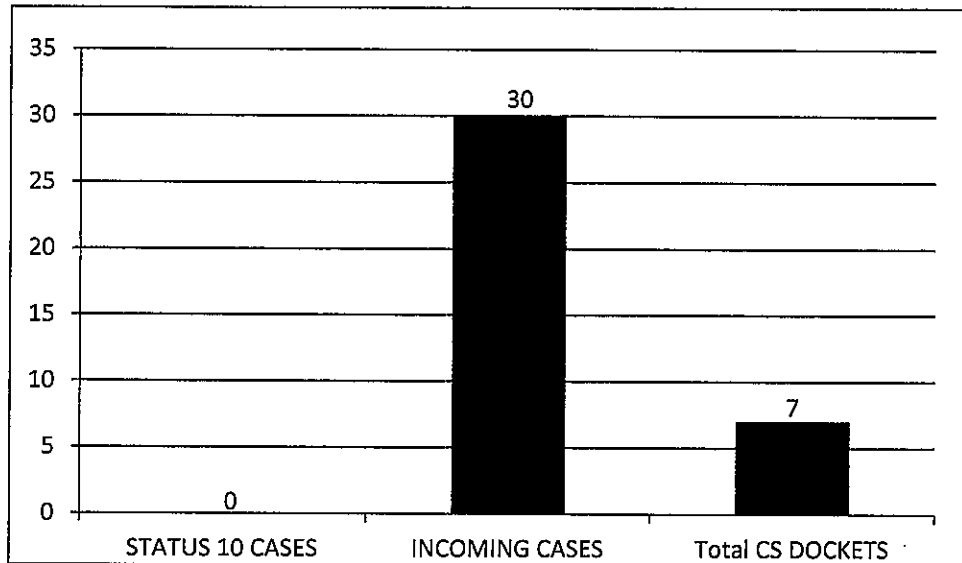


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Child Support:

The Office of Child Support services appreciates being able to report the following: The program distributed 46 requested applications via walk in's mail outs, email, or downloaded through our new child support website and received 62 applications for new cases. The program's website address: <https://childsupport.cherokee.org> has continued to see regular activity on website page. For the month of December, 2019, there were 1,525 views. Current active cases as of January 13, 2020- 2,377. The program began a media campaign which highlighted the first video that was completed about the office of child support that is currently on the main website. The video was played on the Cherokee Nation Facebook page and specifically targeted 3 counties- Nowata, Washington, McIntosh. Those counties were identified as having the fewest cases on our current active caseload. This campaign ran for 22 days and according to the Facebook performance data, the ad's estimate reach was 11, 920 individual users of Facebook. In the next few months- January-April, 4 additional videos will be highlighted on the CN facebook page and the program will target 7 counties - Ottawa, Craig, Rogers, Delaware, Washington, Nowata, McIntosh- to ensure these are bolstered in. These counties have the densest caseloads of the child support program. The overall goal of these ads are to bring a public awareness to the program as part of the Digital Media grant the program is working on through 2020. The program is continuing to advertise for 2 child support specialists to join our team!



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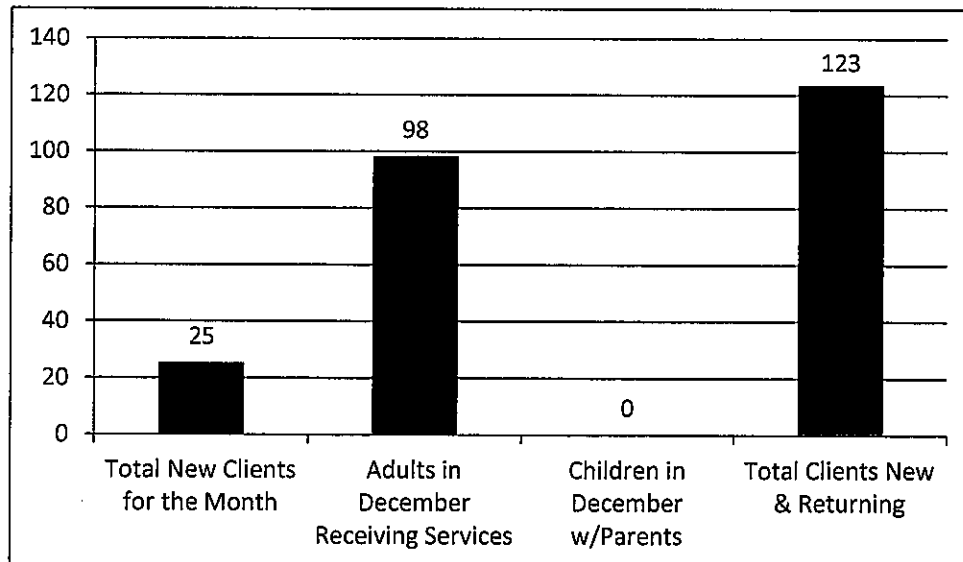
Interim Director - Shawna Duch

ONE FIRE - Our Nation Ending Fear, Intimidation, Rape, and Endangerment.

Cherokee Nation ONE FIRE is a victim services unit now under Human Services. It has been in place since 2013 and has served over 700 victims in just the last three years.

Funded through Federal Grants, ONE FIRE offers a variety of support services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking that including, rental assistance, utility assistance, emergency food, referrals for housing and emergency shelter, legal referrals and advocacy assistance. To adults who are victims of other crimes, ONE FIRE offers court advocacy and referrals for all previously listed services. The program does not discriminate and offers assistance to those who qualify (victims of crime) and reside within the tribe's 14 county jurisdiction.

Physical Locations – Tahlequah and Sallisaw



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group : Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** February 2020 (Data for Dec 2019 Activities)
Executive Director: Michael Lynn **Phone:** 453-5396 **E-mail:** michael-lynn@cherokee.org

I. Budget Highlights

- Received IHS allocation worksheet. Preparing budget mods to include the actual carryover amounts

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

- 28 new water & septic installs
- 15 water & septic repairs
- 8 water analyses performed
- 12 site evaluations
- 23 soil tests
- 113 food handlers trained
- 43 facility inspections, technical assistance and investigations
- 1 indoor air quality investigations

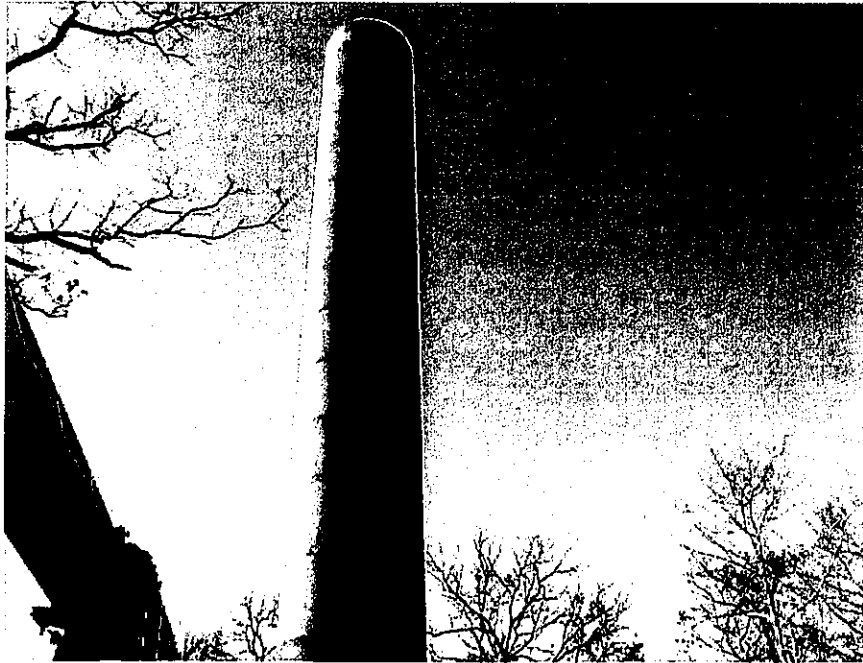
• Accomplishments

- Final inspection scheduled for Webbers Falls waterline the week of 1/20.
- Held ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for South Delaware Co Regional Water Authority WTP on 12/18.
- Held MOA signing ceremony with TPWA for Indian Meadow sanitary sewer project.
- Met with Cherokee Co RWD # 1 and Muskogee Co RWD # 7 concerning project to connect the 2 districts.
- Attended meeting with Locust Grove PWA and funding agencies concerning project schedule.
- Attended meeting with USDA RD concerning waterline to serve Oak Ridge community

• Future Plans

- Training on new SDS guidance at OCAO Feb 13-14th
- Meeting with Delaware RWD 1, Grand Gateway and Communities Unlimited to discuss possible regionalization and capital improvements project Feb 6th.
- Rural Community Assistance Partnership board meeting and conference on February 24-27, Washington DC
- Beginning project development for FY2020 IHS SDS project submittal.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion for Stilwell Utilities will be substantially complete by 2/24

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT



**New Cherokee Co RWD # 7 Water Storage Tank
Tower is up and getting ready for paint**



New Earthen Digester at Stilwell Wastewater Treatment Plant

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
PERFORMANCE: DECEMBER 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	22	1	8	37	1	5	3		2		7	
4 Muskogee/McIntosh	1								1		1	
5 & 6 Sequoyah	2		1						1		4	
7 & 8 Adair									1		4	
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	1		3			3	1		3		5	
11 Craig			2								2	
12 Nowata/Washington	1		1									
13 Tulsa				76								
14 Rogers												
15 Mayes					1				4			
MONTHLY TOTAL	27	1	15	113	2	8	4	0	12	0	23	3
YEAR TO DATE		176		408	6	61	32	0	62	69		23
ANNUAL GOAL		800		1300				50	230	175		110
% COMPLETE		22%		31%				0%	27%	39%		

HIGHLIGHTS:

Training - Reduced Oxygen Packaging - Nashville

Meetings - Staff

Misc. - Handwashing Campaign & Signage: To increase awareness of the importance of hand hygiene among food handlers.
Employees displaying exceptional handwashing will be offered an insulated travel mug or tote bag as a reward.
Handwashing signage will be given out by inspectors during visit with the intent to have others talk about handwashing.

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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ENGINEERING & SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 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 Phase.
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. Construction Phase.
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: Preliminary Phase
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: In Progress. Connecting Tribal Homes to Project.
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: Preliminary Phase
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
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
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
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: In Progress
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 10

PROJECT NAME: Pine Ridge WL Extension – Cherokee RWD #3
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: Preliminary Phase
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.
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./ Punch List
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.
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 7 / DIST 8

PROJECT NAME: Webbers Falls Emergency Project
DESCRIPTION: Bore under river to restore full water service to town.
TRIBAL HOMES: 94 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Other
STATUS: In Progress
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 5

Service Spotlight

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

Ms. Mason applied for services in July 2019. Ms. Mason originally believed she was within the Muscogee Creek Nation and applied to the IHS office in Okmulgee. Okmulgee referred Ms. Mason to Cherokee Nation in late July 2019 and her application was completed in August 2019. A site evaluation was completed in September 2019 and showed that there was surfacing sewage behind the home due to a failed sewer service line. There were multiple challenges on the site. The homes are extremely close and there isn't sufficient room to get excavation equipment in the back yard without removing fences. The dedicated utility easement is fenced off and offers no access. The back yard was heavily overgrown and the tree roots made installation of the new line difficult.

An environmental review was completed in October 2019. It took some time to get quotes from contractors willing to do the work. Finally a PO was issued to Mullin Plumbing on December 10th and work was completed on December 23rd.



Applicant:

Angela Mason

Tulsa, OK

Funding Source:

IHS Scattered Regular project
OK18V06

Total Cost of Service:

\$6,900

Mitigating factors/challenges overcome:

Very limited access

Overgrowth and vegetation

Distance between homes

CN Council District

District 13



Project Spotlight

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

In 2013 Cherokee Nation Office of Environmental Health & Engineering began working with several communities and entities in the South Delaware County area on the feasibility of a potential regional water system to serve the communities of West Siloam Springs, Kansas, Flint Ridge, Colcord, and Delaware Co RWD # 11. Over the course of the next several years a feasibility study was completed, the South Delaware County Regional Water Authority (SDCRWA) was formed, engineering and environmental documents were completed and approved.

Due to the size of the project several funding agencies were involved including the USDA Rural Development, OWRB/DEQ State Revolving Fund, Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction Funds, Cherokee Nation Tribal Funds and SDCRWA local funds. Bids were opened on March 14th 2017 and the project was awarded in three parts. The new water treatment plant, new water storage tanks and new waterlines and booster pump stations. Total cost of the project was approximately \$15.8 Million. The system serves approximately 2,500 homes and has a capacity of 2 million gallons per day. The investment means that these communities will have access to clean, safe water for generations to come.



Project:

**South Delaware Co Regional
Water Treatment Plant**

Funding Sources:

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Funds

Indian Health Service Funds

USDA Rural Development

OWRB/DEQ State Revolving
Funds

Total Cost of Service:

\$15.8 Million

Mitigating factors/challenges overcome:

Numerous funding agencies

Large scope of project

Development of regional
authority

CN Council District

District 2,7,8 & 9

Community Youth Development and Adult Resident Services

December 2019 Monthly Report

Youth Activities:

We held 9 youth activities in December due the Christmas Eve Holiday falling on one sites regularly scheduled date and 1 site being on school winter break. Total attendance at December youth activities was 172 youth, 36 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, December 3rd & 17th, where they made leather & wool Christmas stockings, popsicle stick snowmen and beaded snowflake ornaments. There were 6-13 youth at each meeting for a total of 19 youth & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, December 10th, where they made popsicle stick snowmen & beaded snowflake ornaments. There were 12 youth, 10 parents/adult community members, & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, December 12th, where they made leather & wool Christmas stockings. There were 18 youth, 2 B&G club staff, & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Zion Boys & Girl Club had 1 youth activity scheduled for Thursday, December 26th, which was canceled due to the school winter break.

Briggs Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, December 11th, where they made leather & wool Christmas stockings. There were 47 youth, 4 Boys & Girls Club staff & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Monday, December 16th, where they made leather & wool Christmas stockings. There were 18 youth, 2 Boys & Girls Club staff & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Talking Leaves Job Corp had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, December 24th, which was canceled due to the Christmas Eve Holiday.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 youth activity on Thursday, December 19th where they made leather & wool Christmas stockings. There were 2 youth, 11 parents/adult community members, & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Youth MOVE, Sequoyah High School had 1 youth activity on Monday, December 2nd, where they made leather & wool Christmas stockings. There were 5 youth and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Partnered with Cherokee Nation Youth Services & Cave Springs School to have youth activities at the Cave Springs School Christmas Bash, Wednesday, December 18th, where they made key chains and mini gourd masks. There were 51 youth, 5 Cave Springs teachers, 4 Youth Services & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed & handed out 114 copies of flyers about January youth activities to residents, community organizations, & participants in Cherokee Heights, Oaks & Chewey and e-mailed flyers to Briggs Boys & Girls Club, Maryetta Boys & Girls Club, Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club, 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 December, due the Christmas Eve Holiday & no participants showing up at 2 sites. Total attendance at December Adult Resident activities was 73 adult residents & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended activities at each site, 2-5 staff went to each site.

Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 19th where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 5 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore had an Adult Resident Activity scheduled for Thursday, December 28th, where they were supposed to make hand cream & sugar scrub, but no residents showed up to participate. There were 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 12th where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 7 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, December 10th where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 5 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, December 10th where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 10 adult residents & 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 5th where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 5 adult residents & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Sallisaw/ Tsalagi Apartments had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 5th, where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 18 adult residents & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, December 9th at the Gregg Glass Community building, where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 7 adult residents & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City Community had 1 Adult Resident Activity scheduled for Tuesday, December 24th, which was canceled due to the Christmas Eve Holiday.

Oaks Family Support Center had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, December 11th, where residents made hand cream & sugar scrub. There were 11 adult residents & 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cherokee Heights had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, December 5th, where residents were supposed to make hand cream & sugar scrub. But no adult residents showed up, there were 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 455 copies of flyers about January adult resident activities to housing residents and housing offices in Porum, 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 participants at both Elder Summits 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 January 2020 due to the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday & elections using 1 site on our scheduled date.

We will have activities at:

Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School, Room 4, 1st Monday, January 6th, 3:30 pm. – 5 pm.;
Cherokee Heights on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, January 7th & 21st, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, January 14th, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm., canceled due to elections using the building;
Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the second Wednesday, January 8th, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
Maryetta Boys & Girls Club on the second Thursday, January 9th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club on the 3rd Monday, January 20th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., canceled due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday;
Oaks Community on the 3rd Thursday, January 16th, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club on the 4th Thursday, January 23rd, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
Talking Leaves Job Corp, on the 4th Tuesday, January 28th, 4:00 pm. – 5:30 pm.

We have 12 adult resident activities scheduled for January 2020, due to the elections using the building at 1 site.

We will have activities at:

Porum Senior Nutrition Site, Wheeler Estates, Porum, on the 1st Monday, January 6th, 12:30 pm. – 2 pm.;
Cherokee Heights, Pryor, on the 1st Tuesday, January 7th, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1st Thursday, January 2nd, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1st Thursday, January 2nd, 2 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass Building, on the 2nd Monday, January 13th, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm.;
Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, January 14th, 10:00 am. – 11:30 am.;
Chewey, on the 2nd Tuesday, January 14th, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm., canceled due to elections using the building;
Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, January 9th, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, January 16th, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Oaks Family Support Center, on the 3rd Thursday, January 16th, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Houston Johnson Heights, Warner, on the 4th Monday, January 27th, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm.;
Lost City, on the 4th Tuesday, January 28th, 1:30 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, January 23rd, 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.

Beginning January 6, 2020 we will be having an Adult Resident activity at the Porum Nutrition Center, Wheeler Estates, in Porum on the 1st Monday each month, 12:30 pm. – 2 pm.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Community Services/ Dept. of Trans. **Month/Year of Report:** February 2020

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

Comments:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Malloy Hollow – Right of Way appraisal reviews are completed. Offer Letters and Waivers are being prepared. Working with R/W Consultant to update forms for acquisition.
2. Bell School South – Notice to Proceed Jan. 6th 2020. Construction signage was installed on January 21st.
3. Dahlongah South Road – Ozark Electric is clearing for new line placement.
4. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge – Received the Utility Relocation Affidavit from GUY Engineering. Awaiting the final acceptance and reimbursement to the rural water district.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Construction of Phase I is 35% complete. The contractor is clearing and grubbing, excavating, placing cross drains, hauling borrow pit material, and working on the bridge seats, Beams were placed on 1/21/2020.
2. Mud Valley – Received Revised Fee Proposal for right-of-way acquisition from Guy Engineering and currently reviewing. Update meeting scheduled for Friday, February 7th with City of Tahlequah and Cherokee County Commissioner.
3. Hulbert Lost City Road – LREC has set all poles and is completing the remainder of their installations. Phone has continued to relocate and is scheduled to be complete February 2020. Gas has begun relocating their impacted facilities. Waterline relocation has been bid and is awaiting additional documents prior to making an official award.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS4340 also known as White Oak road – Bid advertisement was posted on the January 16th. A prebid is scheduled for the January 30th.

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chimney Rock Hollow Phase 2 – Utility relocations and reimbursements are complete.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dwight Mission Road – Waterline continues to relocate and Cookson Hills Electric is staking for utility line placement.

CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

The Cherokee Nation will receive \$170,100 in FTA funding for replacement of approximately 3-4 transit vehicles that have exceeded their useful life.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

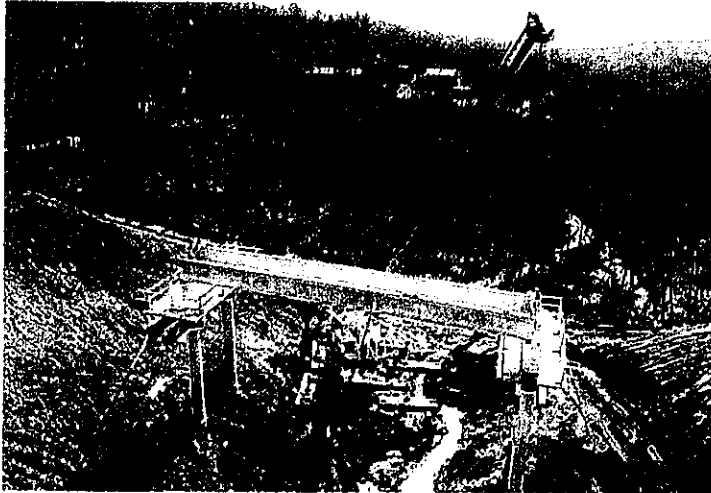
1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 124 rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – 631 rides
3. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 95 rides
4. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 125 rides
5. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 138 rides
6. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 113 rides
7. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 207 rides
8. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 56 rides
9. Individual Demand Response Trips: 7,441

Total Rides: 8,930

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

Department of Transportation

Project Spotlight



NE Ft. Gibson Project Phase I:

Cherokee/Muskogee County

4.94 miles of existing and new roadway construction, and a 70'-70'-70' bridge

Cherokee Nation Council Dist. 1 and 4

Commissioner Mike Brown, Dist 2 Cherokee

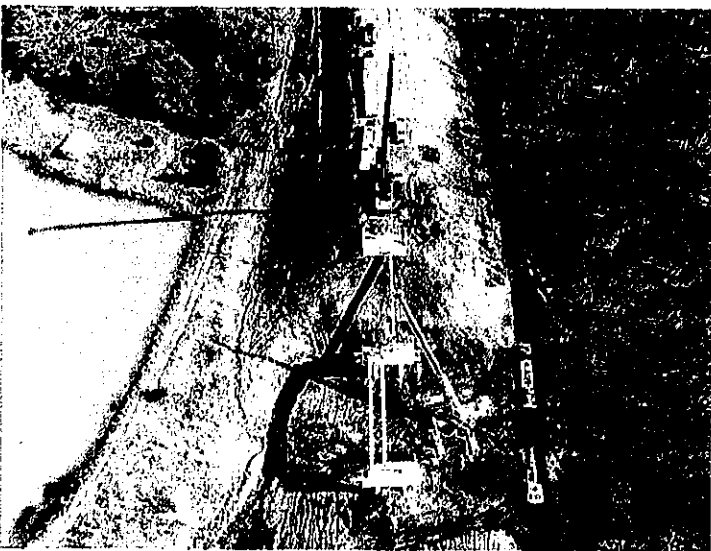
Commissioner Ken Doke, Dist 1 Muskogee

This project was awarded to Rosscon, LLC with a bid of \$6,333,333.33

This project is funded with Tribal Transportation Program funds

Construction started February 18, 2019 with a completion date of June 30, 2020

The piles have been driven, bridge seats have been placed, and beams are being set



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>February, 2020</u>
Executive Director:	<u>Gary J. Cooper</u>	Phone:	<u>918-456-5482</u>
Deputy Director:	<u>Erna Reeves</u>		

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.

Molly Paden, grandfather is Tom Elkins of CN Environmental Progra
Deanna Hayes, employee of CN Career Services
Clay Troutman, son is Leonard Blossom of HACN
Tara Doublehead, aunt is Dora Watie of HACN

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.

Dorothy McMahan, brother is Don McCoy of HACN
Jimmie Daugherty, cousin is Shawn Crittenden of CN Tribal Council



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

Feb 18 February Regular BOC Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Office Closures:

April 10 Good Friday

Other Info:

Feb HUD - Office of Native American Programs
4-6 Crime Prevention National Summit

Feb National American Indian Housing Council
24-26 Annual Legislative Conference

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: December, 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		Total Housing Participants	% of Participants
Adair	301	146	101	3	6	100	76	19	752	14%
Cherokee	282	188	356	15	31	209	182	59	1,322	25%
Craig	24	51	27	0	0	9	28	2	141	3%
Delaware	195	115	70	0	18	58	111	25	592	11%
McIntosh	14	N/A	1	0	0	3	3	0	21	0%
Mayes	149	118	47	0	17	47	58	12	448	8%
Muskogee	80	49	32	0	7	43	56	14	281	5%
Nowata	22	38	12	0	1	12	27	1	113	2%
Ottawa	11	N/A	2	0	2	6	7	4	32	1%
Rogers	77	64	161	5	8	67	41	42	465	9%
Sequoyah	320	N/A	162	9	16	139	140	57	843	16%
Tulsa	30	N/A	93	1	4	25	9	3	165	3%
Wagoner	7	N/A	2	0	0	49	4	2	64	1%
Washington	19	38	32	1	3	27	11	3	134	2%
Total:	1,531	807	1,098	34	113	794	753	243	5,373	100%
			1,245			1,547		243		

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	251	0	0	12	12	278	114	195	9%	862	15%
Cherokee	217	1	0	11	14	334	324	591	28%	1,492	25%
Craig	46	0	0	1	0	19	10	60	3%	136	2%
Delaware	129	1	0	6	4	100	57	214	10%	511	9%
McIntosh	4	0	0	0	0	N/A	8	16	1%	28	0%
Mayes	86	0	0	4	4	88	54	148	7%	384	6%
Muskogee	69	0	0	3	1	66	105	132	6%	376	6%
Nowata	32	0	0	10	1	29	5	42	2%	119	2%
Ottawa	12	0	0	0	0	N/A	4	24	1%	40	1%
Rogers	74	0	1	30	4	153	88	165	8%	515	9%
Sequoyah	227	1	2	23	12	N/A	359	267	13%	891	15%
Tulsa	78	0	0	22	3	N/A	75	158	8%	336	6%
Wagoner	10	0	0	2	0	N/A	8	51	2%	71	1%
Washington	22	0	0	9	0	75	23	23	1%	152	3%
Total:	1,257	3	3	133	55	1,142	1,234	2,086	100%	5,913	100%

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: December, 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	1	0	9	10	53%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	5%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayes	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Muskogee	0	0	0	1	1	5%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	0	0	0	3	3	16%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Tulsa	1	0	0	2	3	16%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	1	1	5%
Total:	1	1	0	17	19	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.**

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**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
Dec, 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	171	0	2	5	1	0	2	13	13	8	76	2	34	8	76	
Cherokee	561	0	4	3	0	0	0	12	5	16	184	4	20	16	184	
Craig	58	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	29	0	4	2	29	
Delaware	194	0	0	3	1	0	0	12	5	11	114	0	21	11	114	
McIntosh	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	
Mayes	135	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	4	8	57	0	11	8	57	
Muskogee	126	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	57	1	1	5	57	
Nowata	41	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	162	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	37	1	3	1	37	
Sequoyah	247	0	8	0	0	0	0	10	4	10	140	8	14	10	140	
Tulsa	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	
Wagoner	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	4	0	6	2	4	
Washington	35	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	2	0	12	
Total:	1,973	0	17	16	3	0	4	59	35	63	756	17	117	63	756	
		17		117						819						

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

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

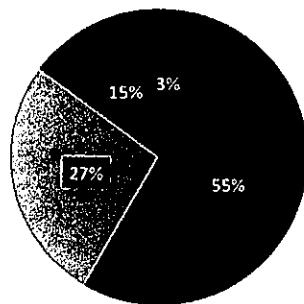
STAGE II:
Visit Site
Identify/Propose Site Plan
Identify/Propose Utilities
Identify/Propose Lateral Field
Identify/Propose Easement(s)
Deliver Utility Assurance Letters
Request Abstract from participant

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

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
Dec, 2019

Replacement Homes	9
Out for Bid/Pending	139
Contracts Awarded	68
Contracts Completed	38



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

Rehab



- Emergency
- Rehab
- Replacement
- Storm Shelters
- Weatherization
- BIA - HIP Program
- Lead Based Paint

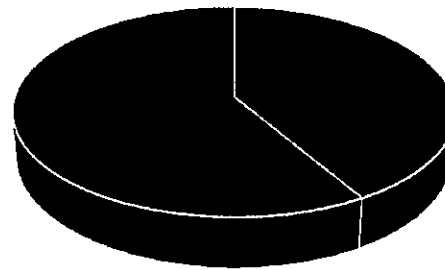
Classification	Monthly Activity	Year to Date
Emergency	30	104
Rehab	4	6
Replacement	0	1
Storm Shelters	0	1
Weatherization	3	3
BIA - HIP Program	0	0
Lead Based Paint	1	5
All Rehab jobs	38	120

* started new fiscal year

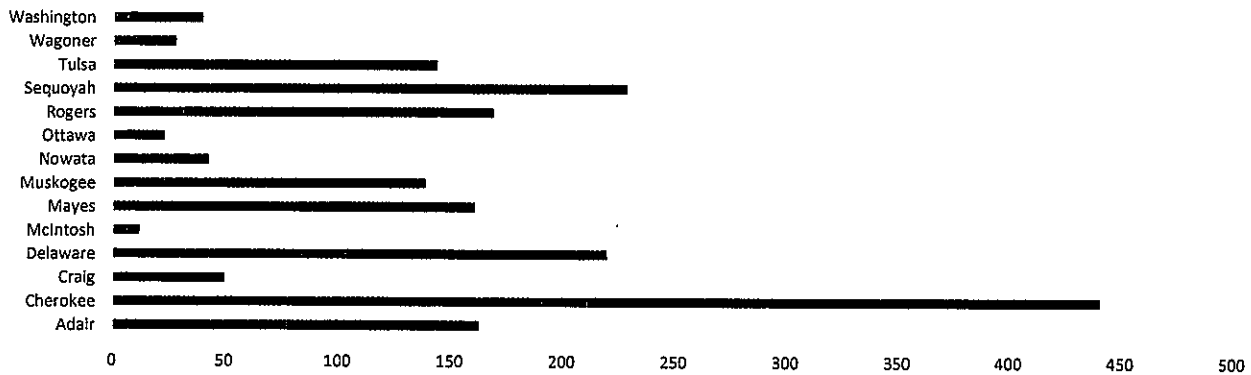
**New Construction Homeownership Program
Application Data**

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

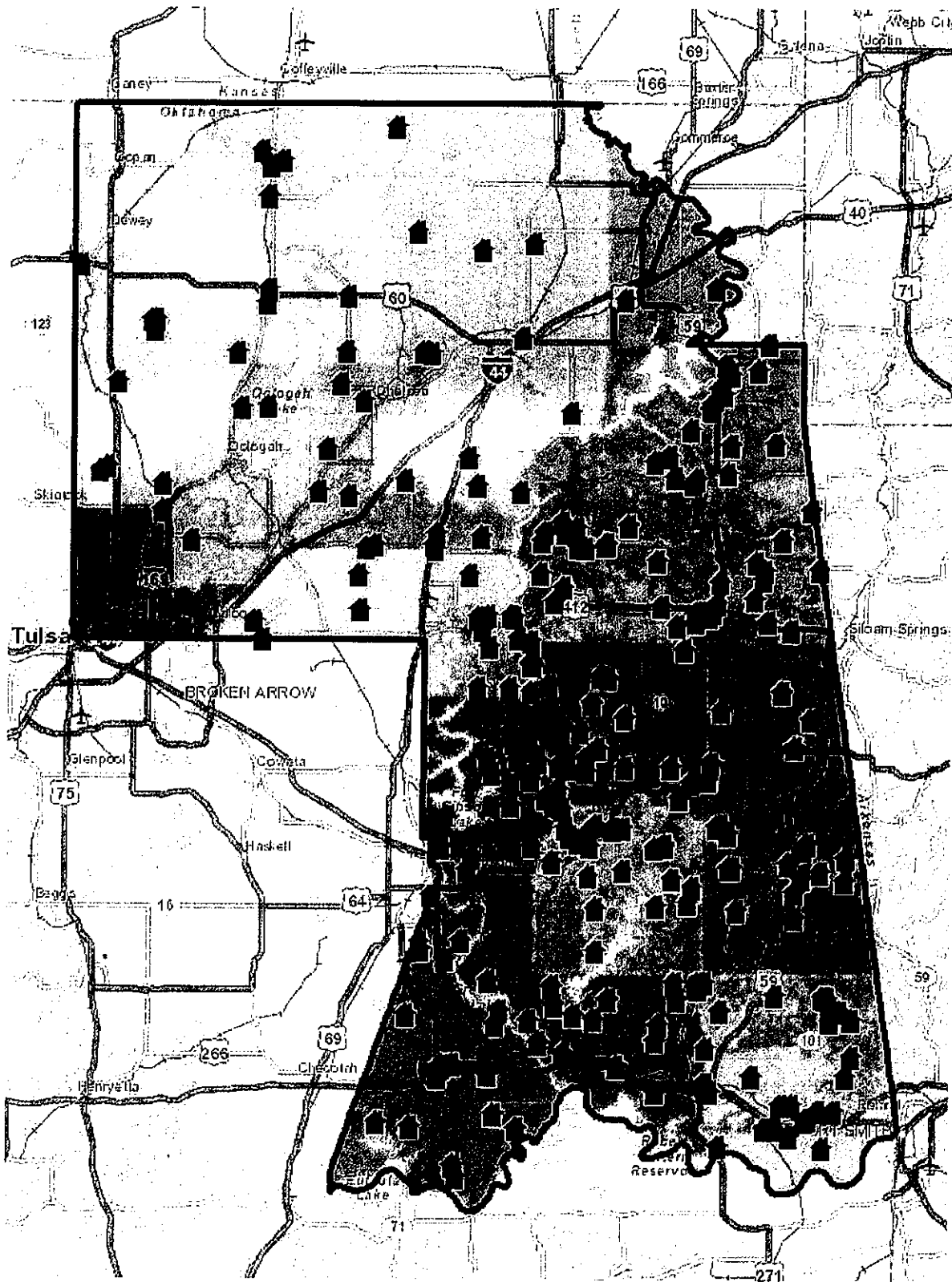


■ Has Land
■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

HACN New Construction Program



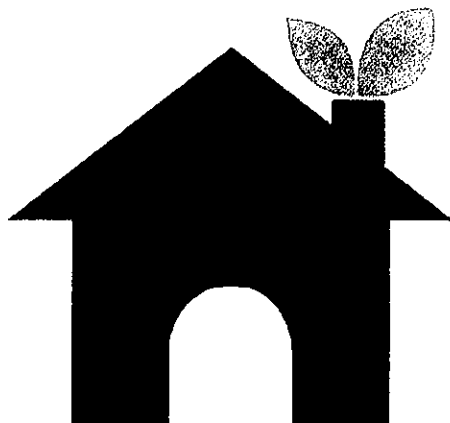
The above map is a representation of locations that the HACN has inspected sites for and/or built new homes on the New Home Construction Program.

Commerce Services

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

Anna Knight, Executive Director
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Asset Building



Mortgage Assistance Program

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

5 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

MAP Household Averages

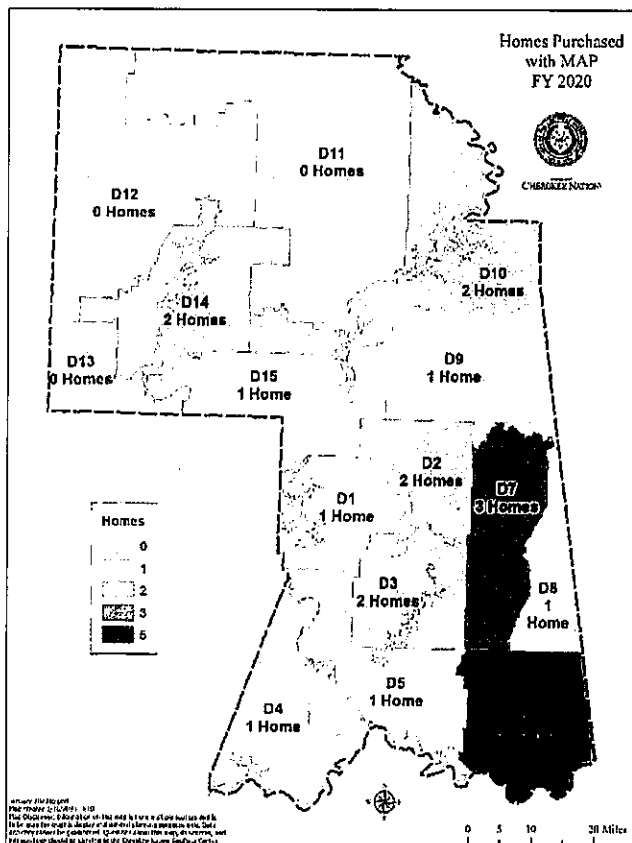
Household Income	\$41,224.05
Home Price	\$101,540.05
Equity Created	22.49%

Since FY2009, **1,819 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. **117 families are actively saving in iSave** for home rehabilitation. **28 families have received matching funds** to make home repairs or improvements.

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

Save the date, the Financial Empowerment Program will be hosting **Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day January 31st**. Come and go event promoting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, EITC and other services offered by the Financial Empowerment Program.

January 31, 10 am to 2 pm

Tahlequah – Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation Greg Glass Building
Tahlequah – Cherokee Nation Complex Lobby
Jay – Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation
Grove – Chopper Heights Apartments

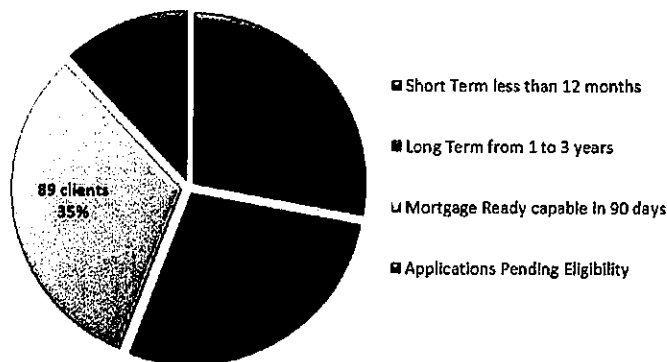
The Financial Empowerment Program is a three year grant targeted at increasing the self-sufficiency of Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation residents through financial coaching, financial education, and linkage to supportive services such as GED attainment, post-secondary education, access to state and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

Jill Taylor, located in Tahlequah, 918-456-5482 ext. 1140, jill-taylor@cherokee.org

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

Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



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

Since FY07, **954 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

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

506 families have participated in financial and credit coaching this year; 270 of them are still actively pursuing their goals.

Financial Counseling Impact

Debt to Income with Mortgage	31.6%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	3.90%
Increase in Net Worth	\$27,358

811 consumer loans totaling \$898,899.94 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of January 15th. Self Sufficiency staff members have helped **1 family facing foreclosure and are currently working with 1 family.**

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **41 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, **236 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:

Where's my tax refund? The IRS issues most tax refunds within 21 days, however by law, the IRS cannot issue refunds to anyone claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February. The quickest and most secure way to receive your tax refund is through direct deposit. Taxpayers can check the status of their refund within 24 hours after the IRS has received their electronically filed tax return by using the Where's My Refund link on the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/refunds>.

Training Schedule

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

Workshops and Classes			
February 1	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
February 21	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
March 7	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
March 24	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
April 4	Tahlequah	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
April 17	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment
April 20-21	Claremore	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 2	Claremore	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 4-5	Tahlequah	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 11-12	Sallisaw	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Homebuyers Training
May 15	Tahlequah	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment

We were able to increase the efficiency of our home by upgrading the windows and adding much needed insulation. The security of our home also increased with the installation of the windows and new locks. The iSave Program has been a tremendous help to me in increasing the efficiency, security and value of my home.

*E. McLaughlin, iSave Recipient,
Rogers County*