

HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Council Monthly Report

May 2020

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Number of Employees	384
Number of Vacancies	66
Number of Volunteers	46

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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

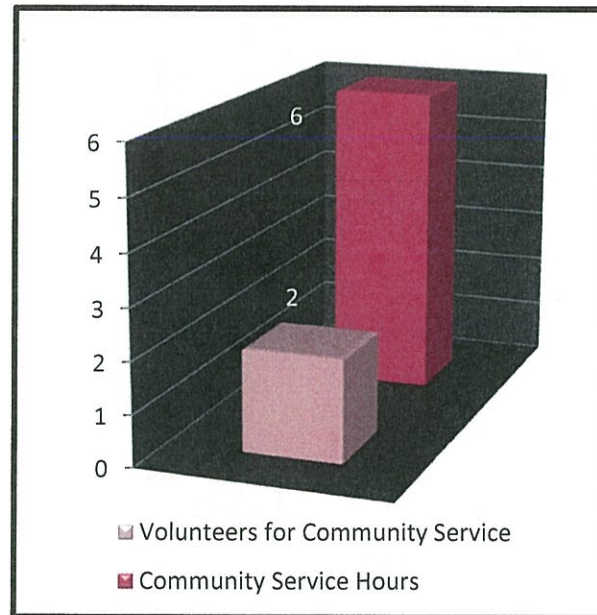
Director - Jennifer Kirby

Number of Employees	21
Number of Vacancies	2
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center
Youth Services
Cherokee PARENTS
Veteran's Center

John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center :

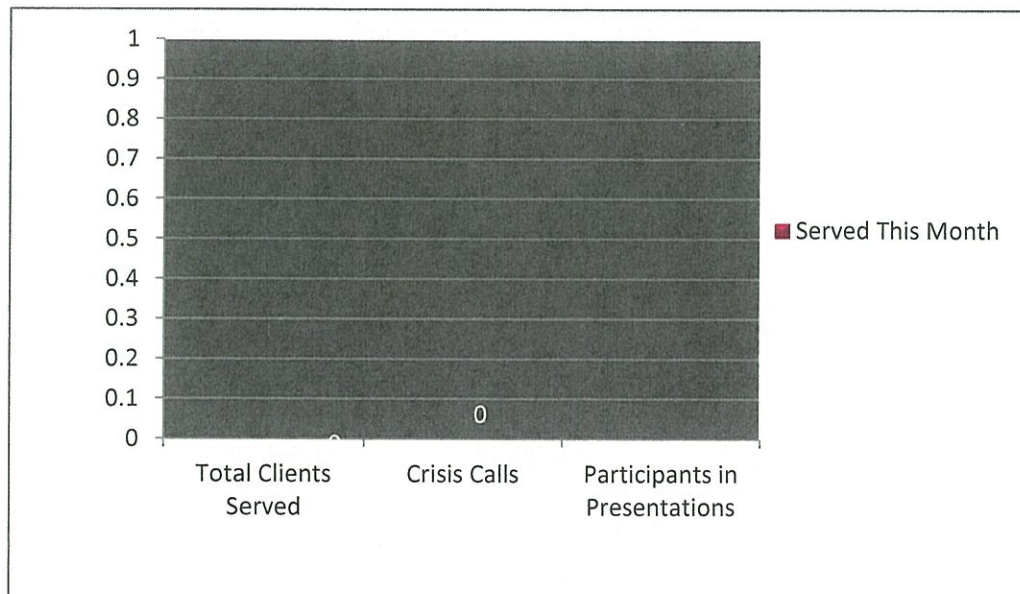
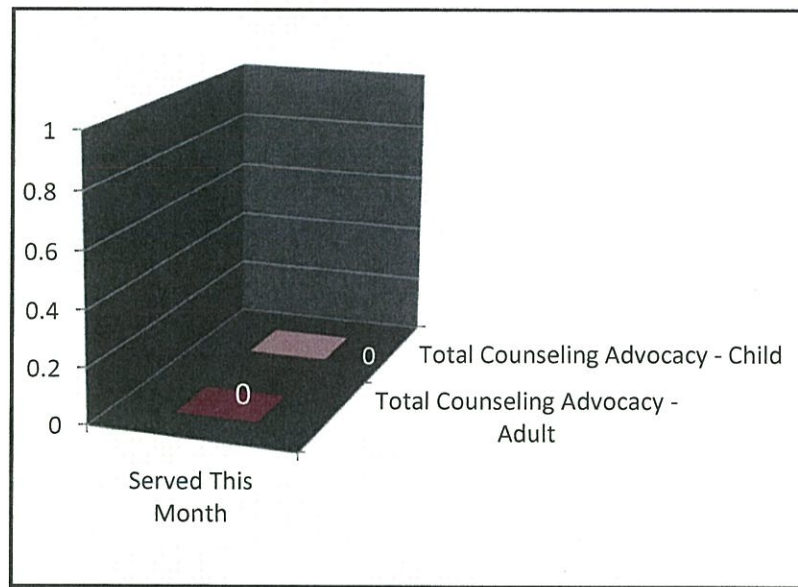
Young people served	5
Admissions	4



YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Youth Services :

Total Community Events & Presentations	0
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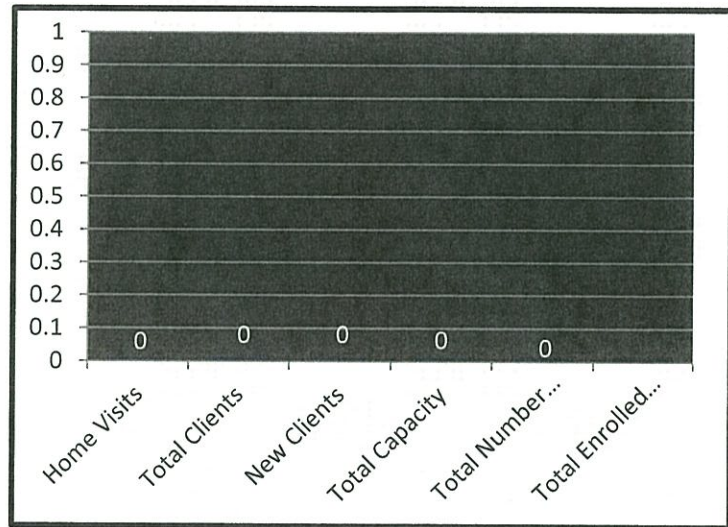
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YOUTH SERVICES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cherokee PARENTS :

Total Clients	0
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Our majority focus for March shifted to COVID-19 starting March 16th. We were not able to go into homes because of COVID-19, but we kept in touch with our clients via phone and email.



Child Care Development Centers :

* Stilwell and Tahlequah Child Care and Development Centers have been closed. *Subsidy had 7 Referrals, 141 Parent Applications, 1314 contact by email, phone, or office. *Resource & Referral placed weekly calls to child care providers and parents. Child Care & Development programs have been preparing for re-opening on June 1st.



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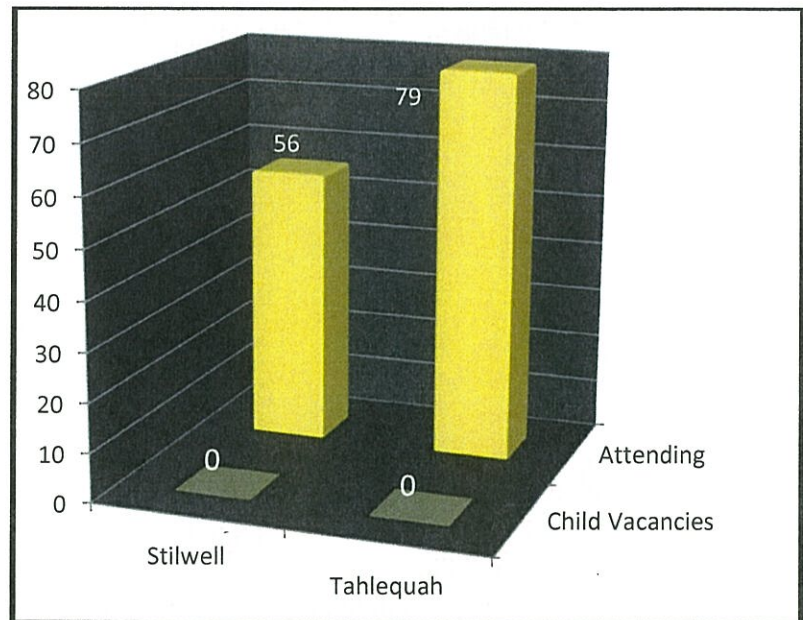
CHILD CARE & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Director - Tricia Peoples

Number of Employees	110
Number of Vacancies	27
Number of Volunteers	0

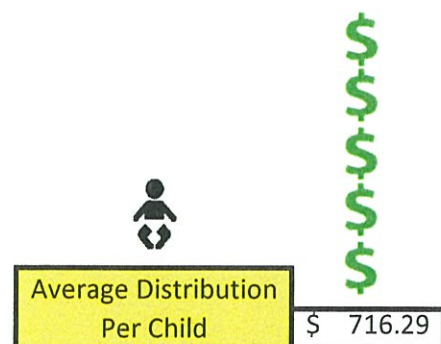
Programs
Child Care Development Centers
Subsidy
Resource & Referral
Licensing & Monitoring

Child Care Development Centers :



Subsidy :

Children Receiving	1,907
Amount Distributed	\$ 1,365,967.50



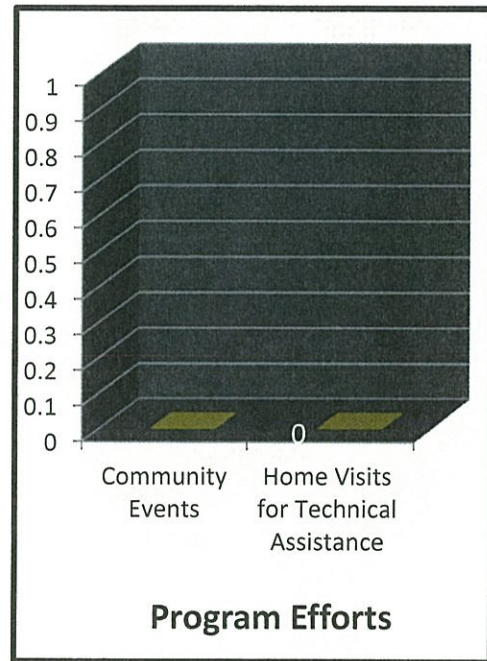
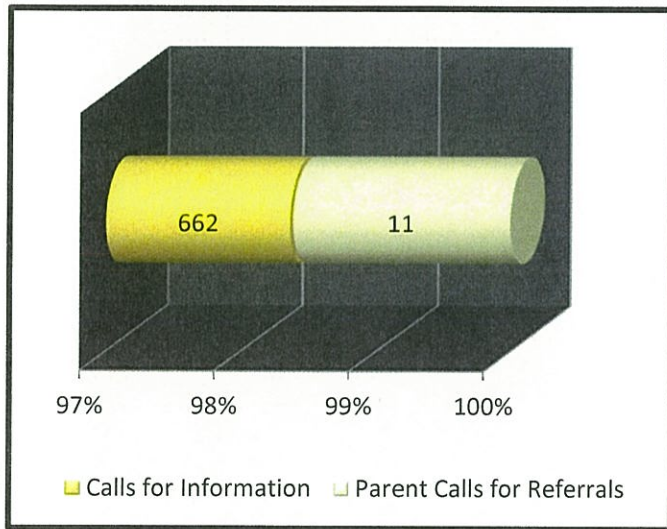
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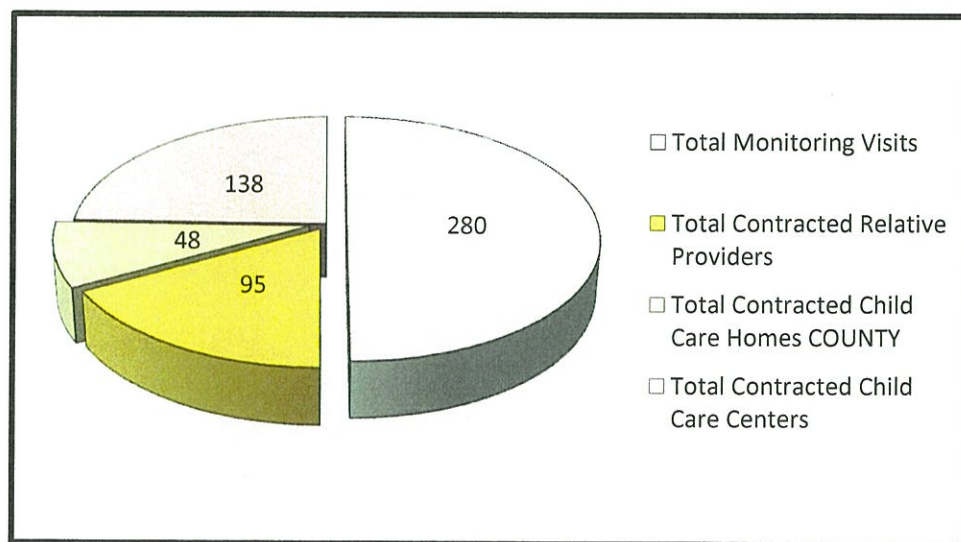
Resource & Referral :

Trainings for the Month

0



Licensing & Monitoring :



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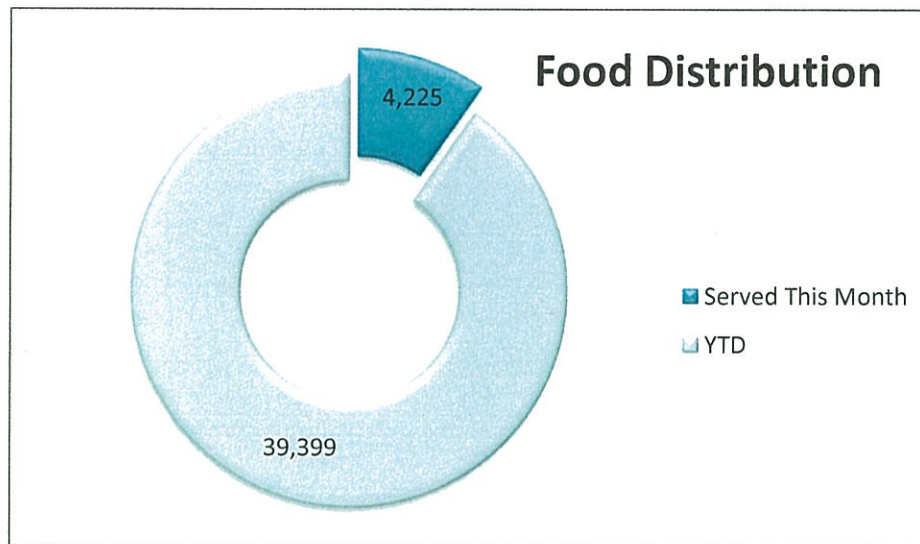
FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Interim Director - Jennifer Kirby

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Number of Vacancies	8
Number of Volunteers	46

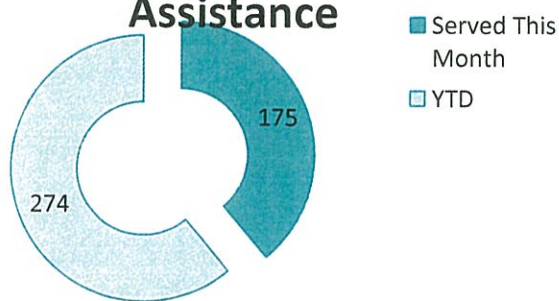
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Burial Assistance
Elder Care
Family Assistance
LIHEAP
NAHASDA
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Food Distribution :

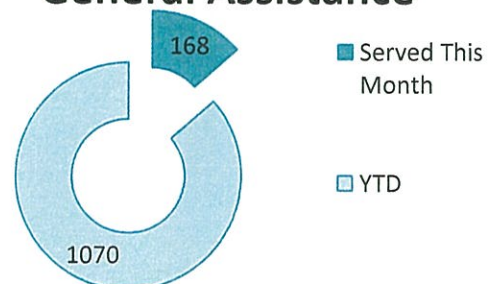


BIA Social Services :

Social Services Emergency Assistance



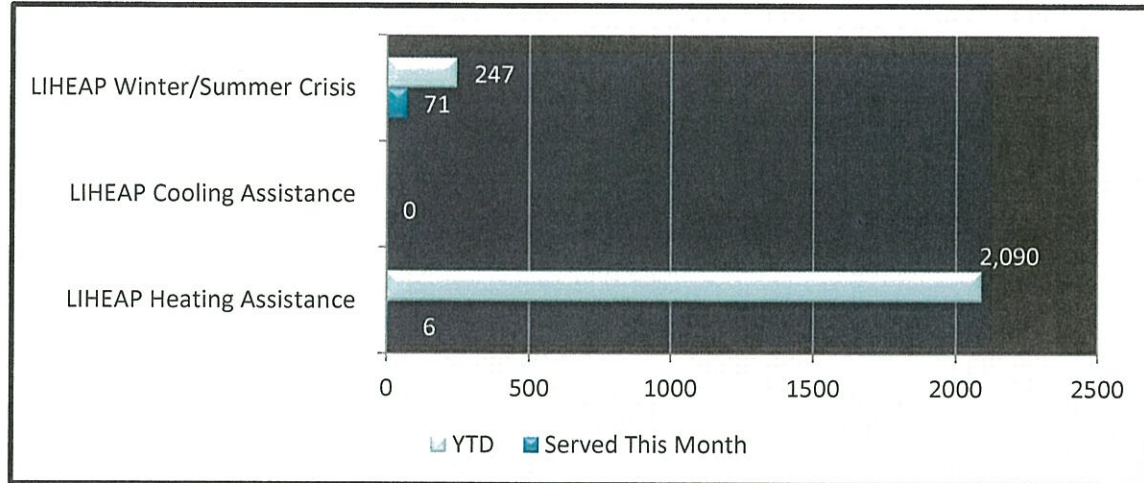
Social Services General Assistance



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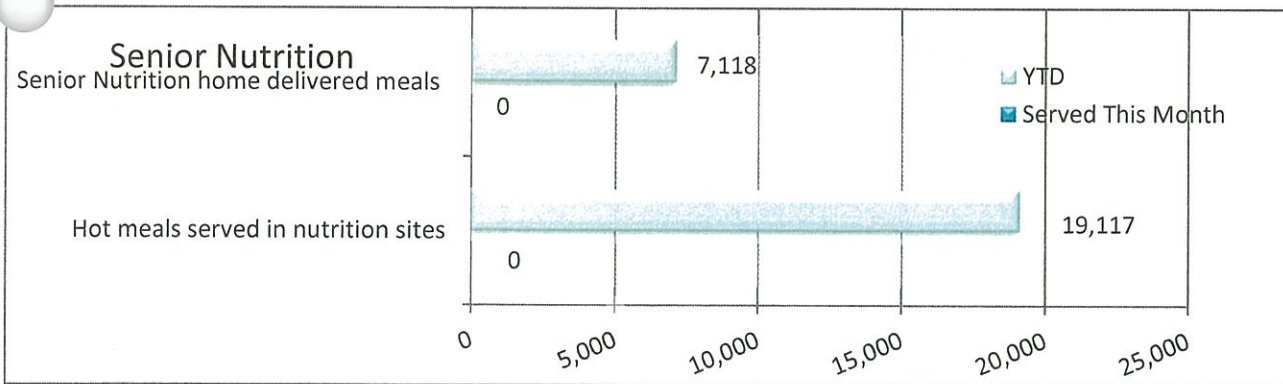
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LIHEAP:

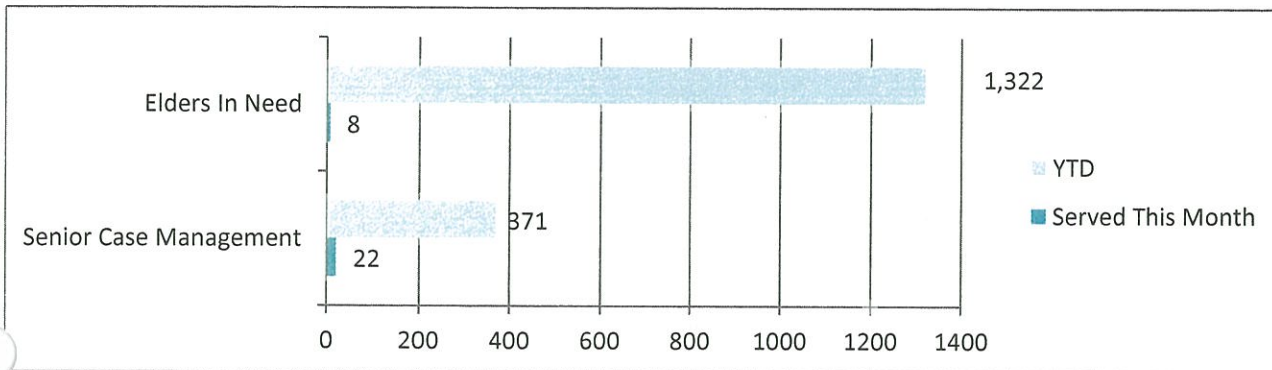


*(LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE) Program starts in December and ends in February

Elder Services :



*Program starts in April



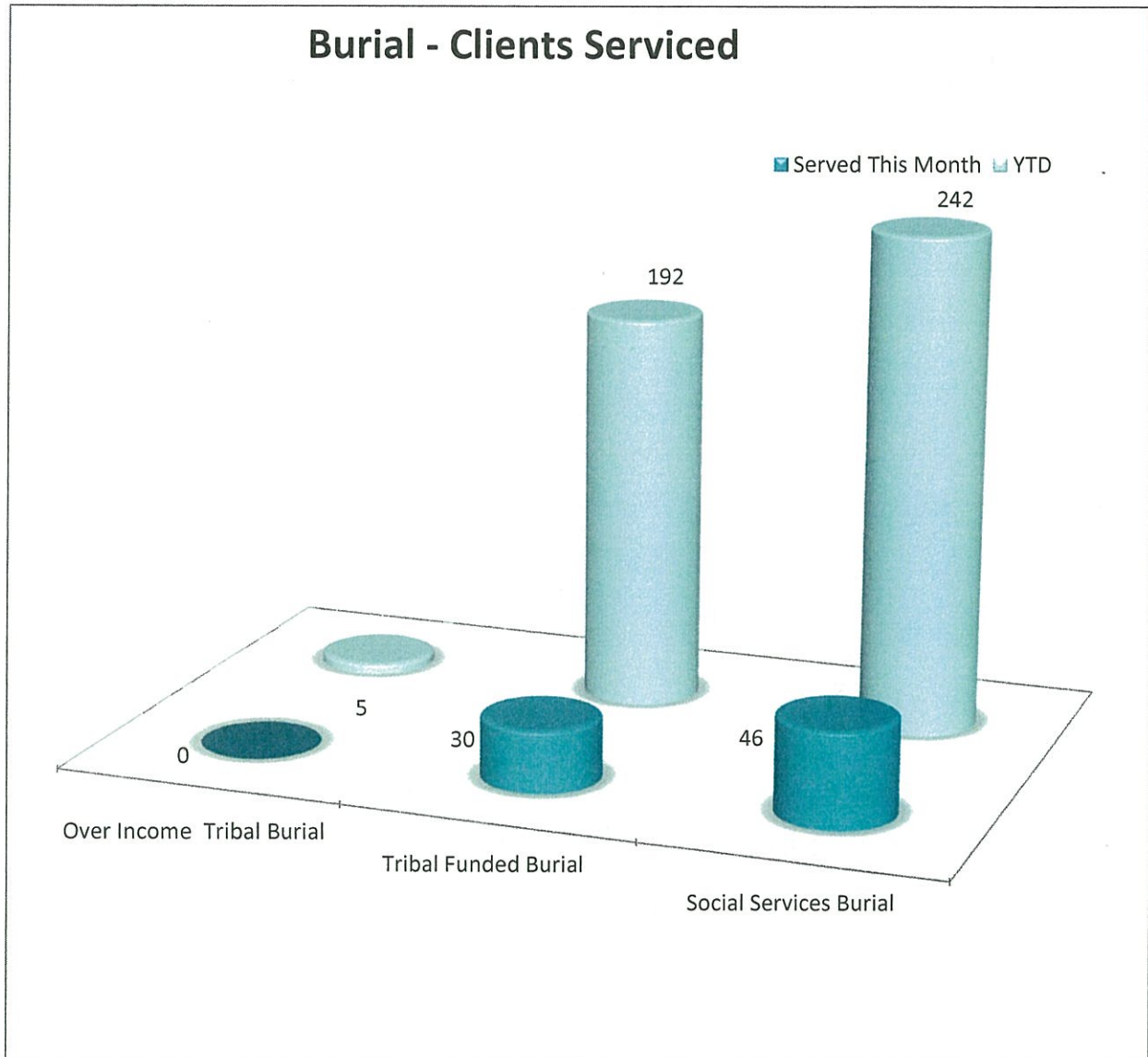
*Elders In Need Monies are dispersed in February and August.



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Burial Assistance :

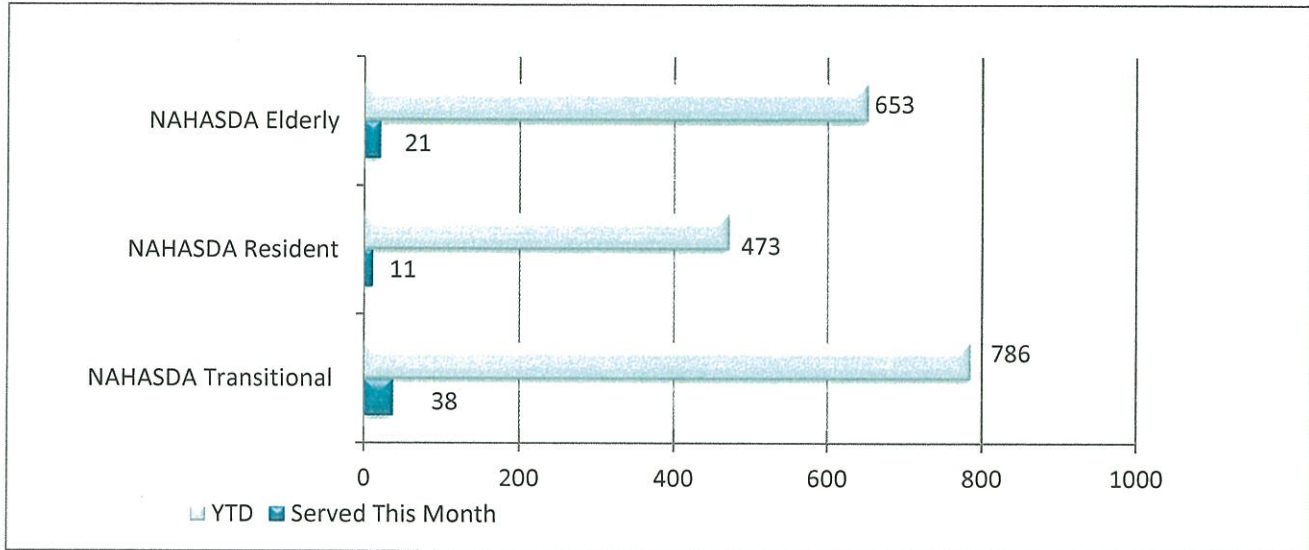


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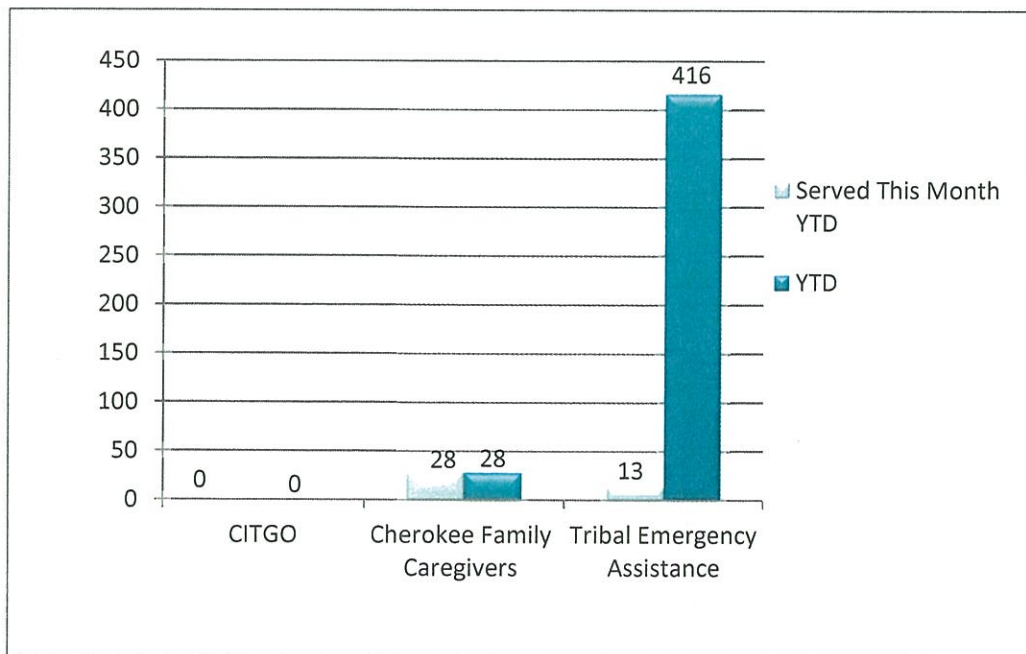
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NAHASDA :

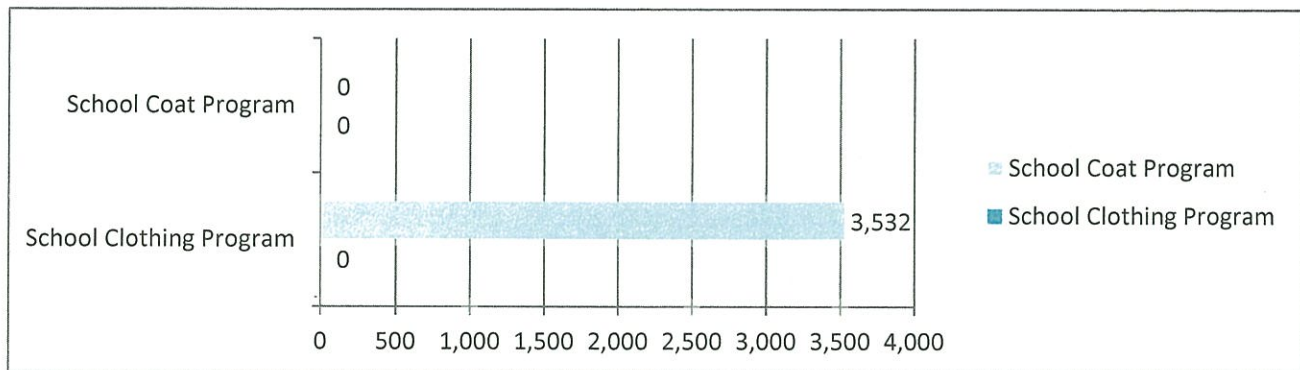


Family Assistance :



FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

School Clothing Assistance Programs :



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

Family Assistance:

Majority of the focus shifted to COVID 19 starting on March 16th. Elder Nutrition did not serve any meals during May 2020. All Elder Nutrition Centers were closed due to the pandemic.



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CHEROKEE FIRST

Administrative Officer - Janelle Smith

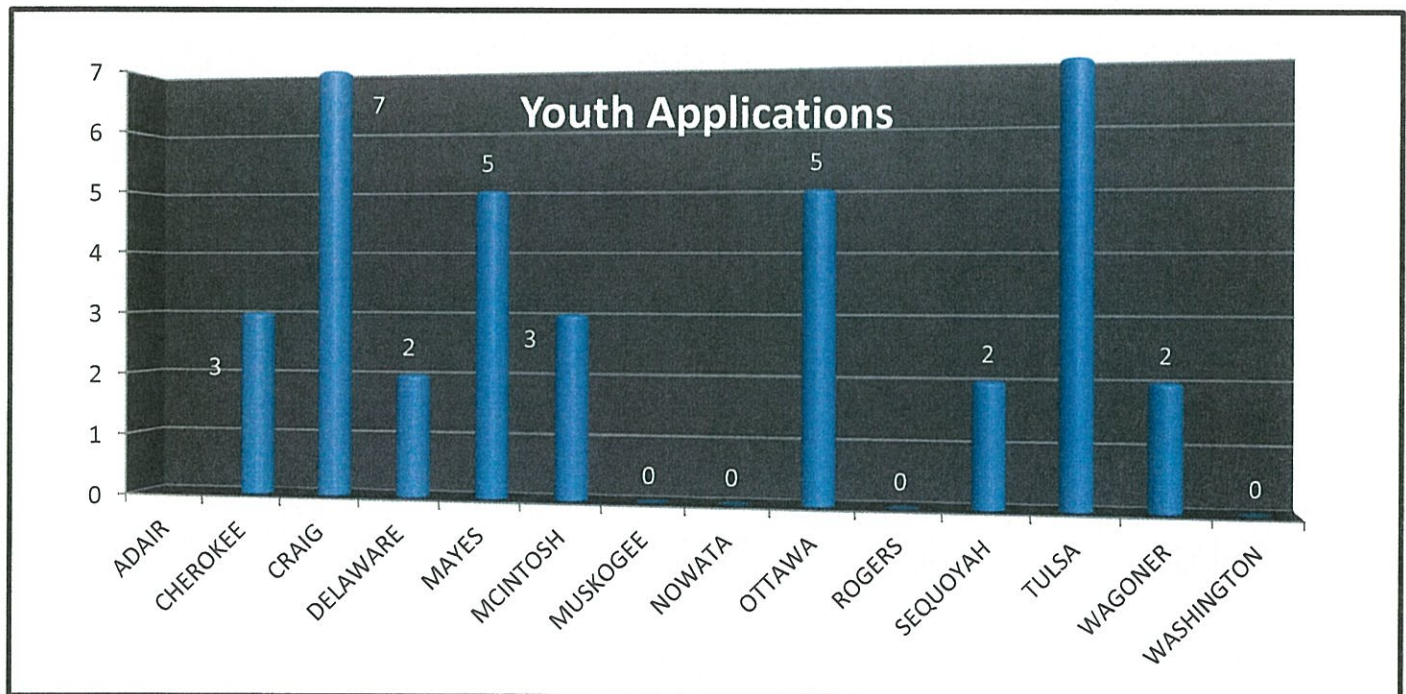
Number of Employees	3
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

Programs
Reception
Community Youth

Reception :

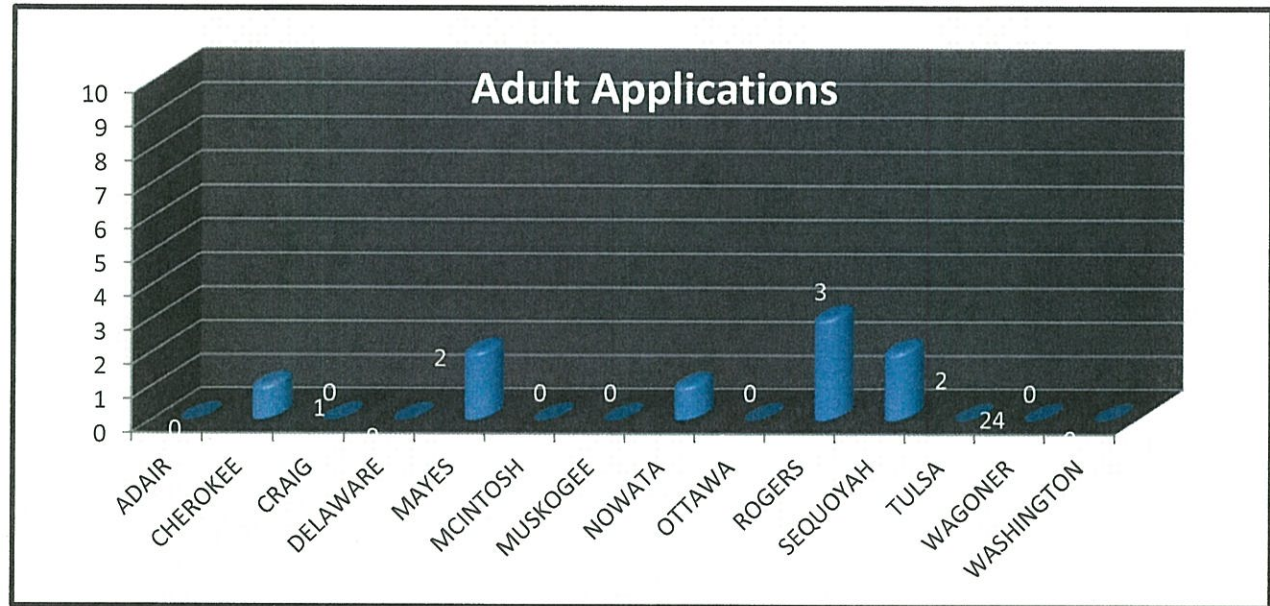
Total Walk Ins/Phone Calls Taken	79
Total Applications Taken	45

Community Youth :



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Overview of Community Leadership Program Applications

Total Youth	36
Total Adult	9

Monthly Total Amount Distributed

May	\$ 9,000.00
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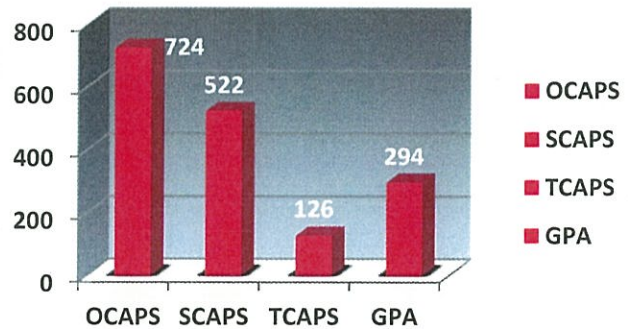
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Interim Director - Lou Stretch

Month of May:
1,666 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

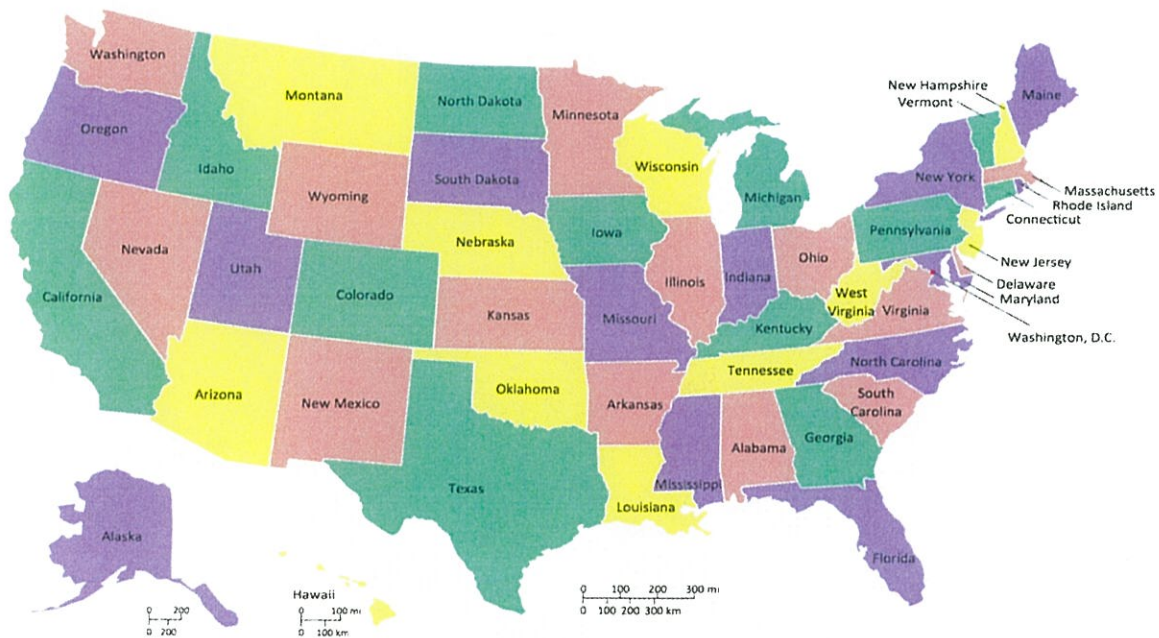
Receives referrals involving allegations of maltreatment of Cherokee children.

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

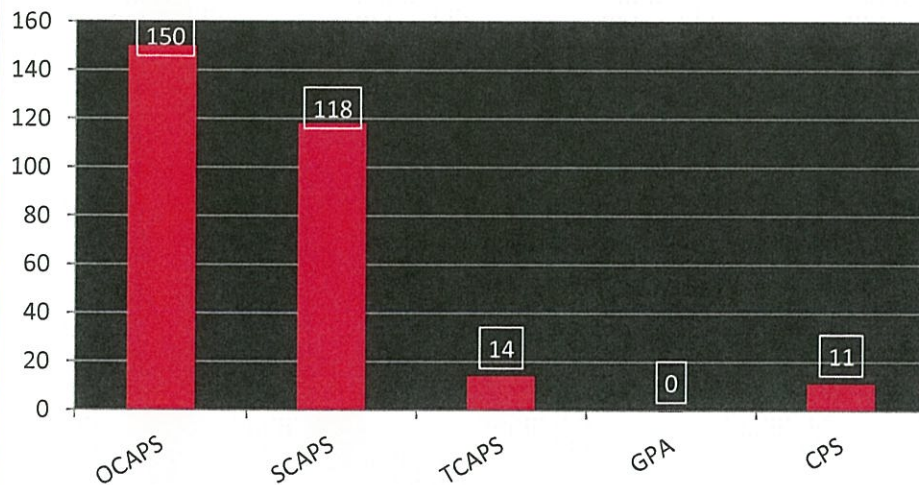


INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

In May: ICW worked on cases in 28 States and appeared in court 294 times on behalf of Cherokee Children and families.



Court Appearances



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 May

Cherokee Nation received:

- State of Oklahoma – 381 notices involving 661 children.
- Outside of Oklahoma – 481 notices for 768 children.
- Totaling – 862 notices and 1,429 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 May

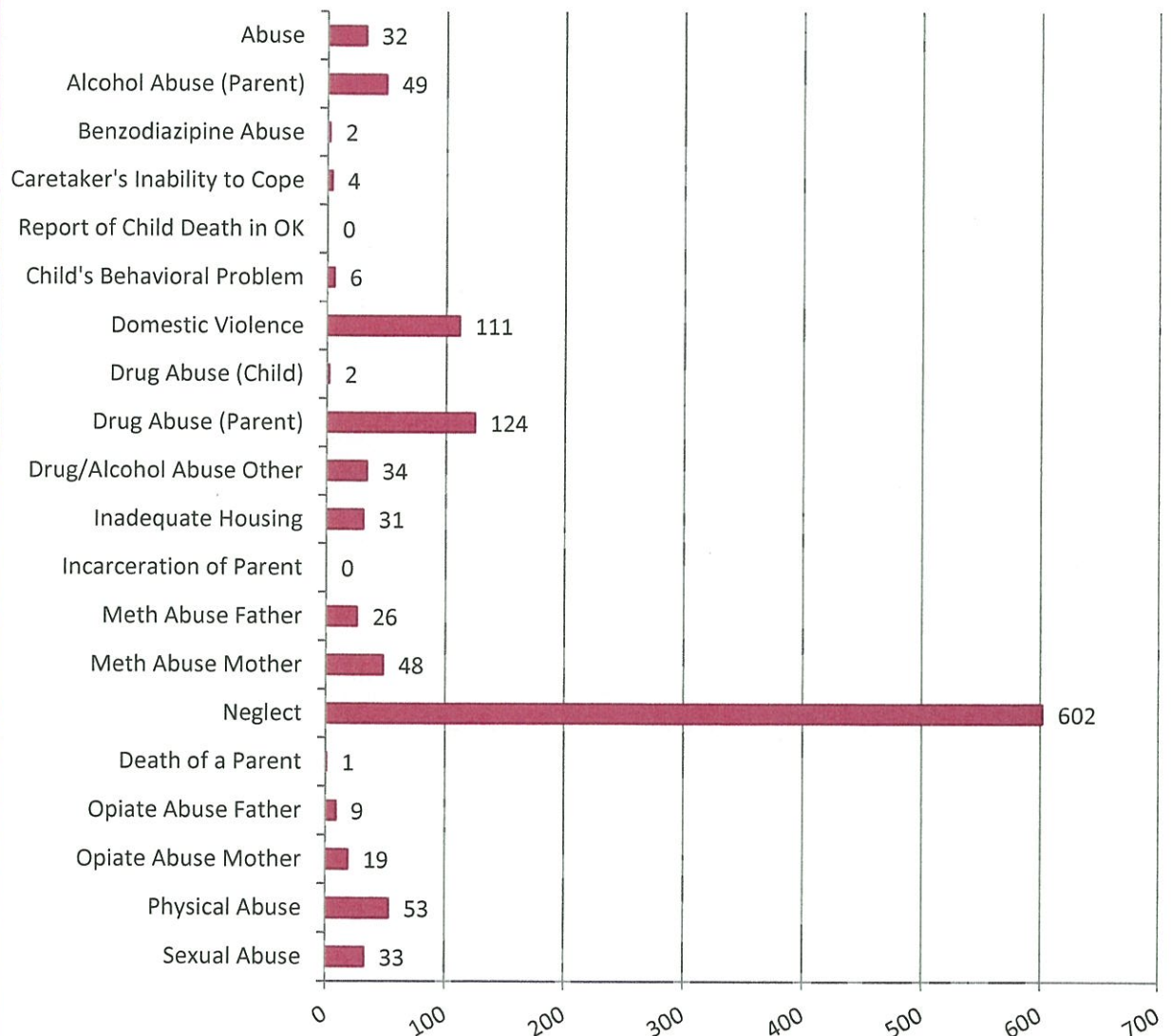
FPS served 28 children and 17 families.



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Child Protective Services

Types of Abuse/Neglect Reported:



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



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Child Protective Services

Month of May:

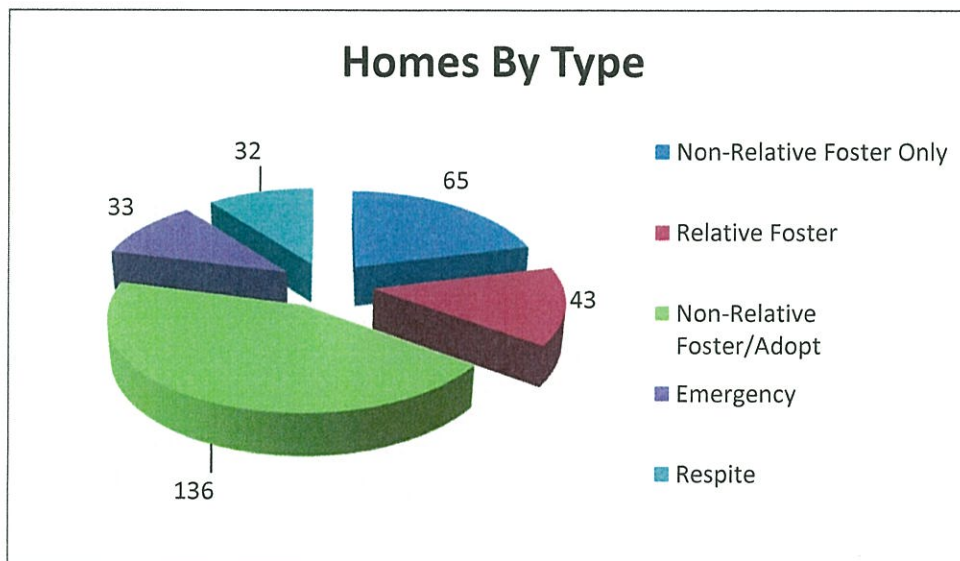
- **Child Protective Services (CPS) received 299 referrals of child abuse/neglect.**
- **299 referrals involved 563 children**
 - 0 of the 299 were co-investigated by OKDHS and CPS
 - 6 of the 299 cases were investigated by CPS on Indian Country
- **0 Cherokee child(ren) were removed from Tribal land due to confirmed abuse/neglect.**



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Certification & Placement

(Foster & Adoptive Homes)



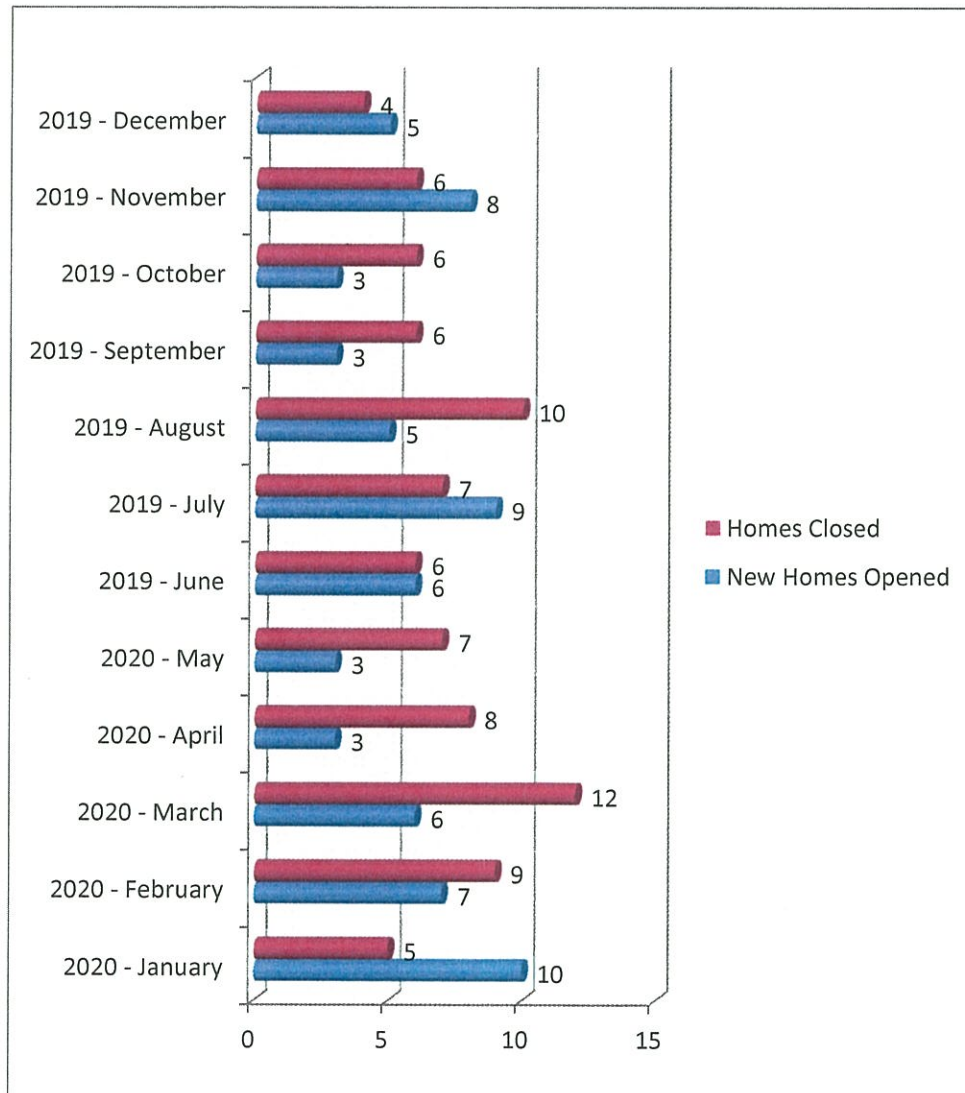
Types of Certified Placement Resource Homes

- 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 Foster/Adopt: Families who take foster placement of children knowing their parental rights are not terminated and they could return home, but if they don't the placement family will have the first chance to adopt them.
- Non-Relative Foster: Families who are willing to take in children they do not know on a temporary basis, but may last years. These families usually do not adopt children.
- Relative Adoptive/Foster: Families who are related to the children and are fostering them or planning to adopt them. They do not take in children they are not related to.
- Emergency/Respite: Families that take very short-term placement of children while more permanent placements are sought or when only a short-term placement is needed.



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Certification & Placement *(Foster & Adoptive Homes)*



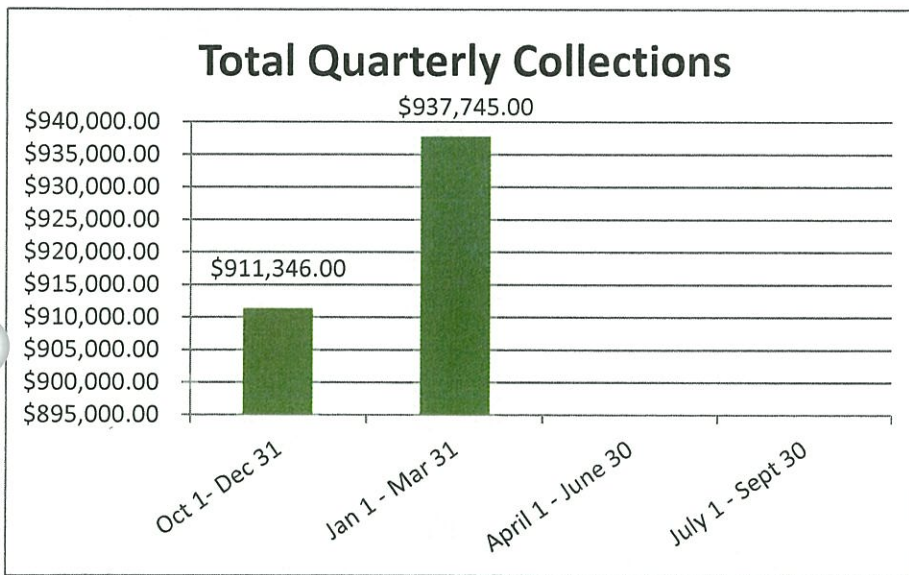
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT

Director - Kara Pasqua

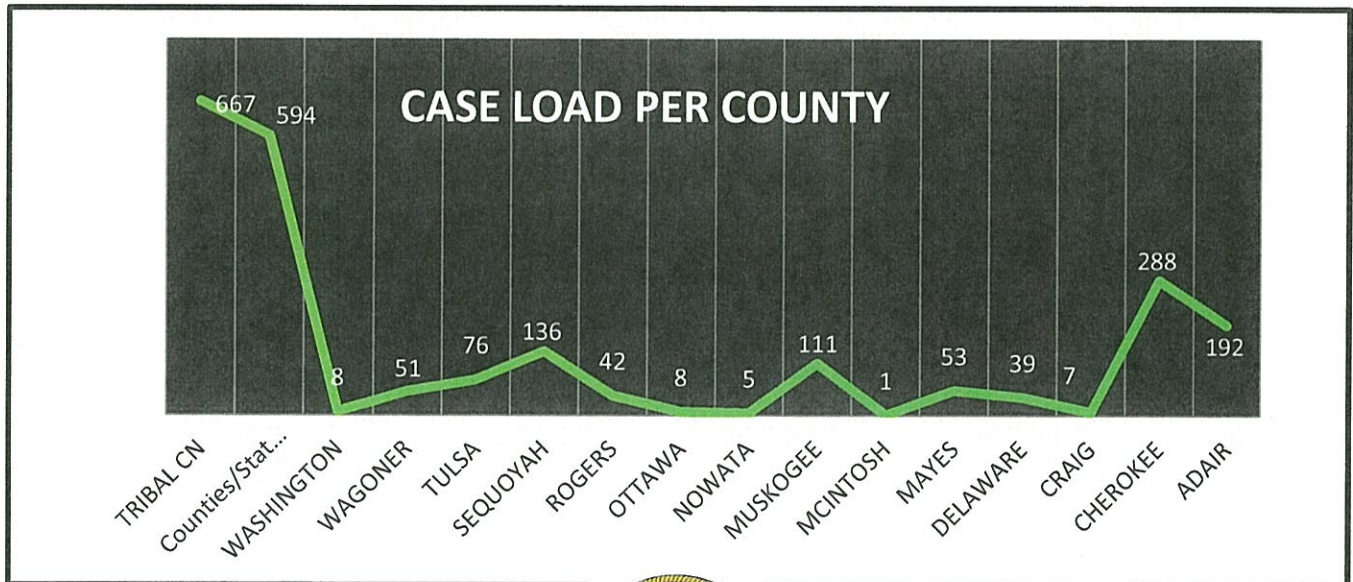
Number of Employees	36
Number of Vacancies	0
Number of Volunteers	0

May Collections-CN Payment Center only:	\$ 335,854.00
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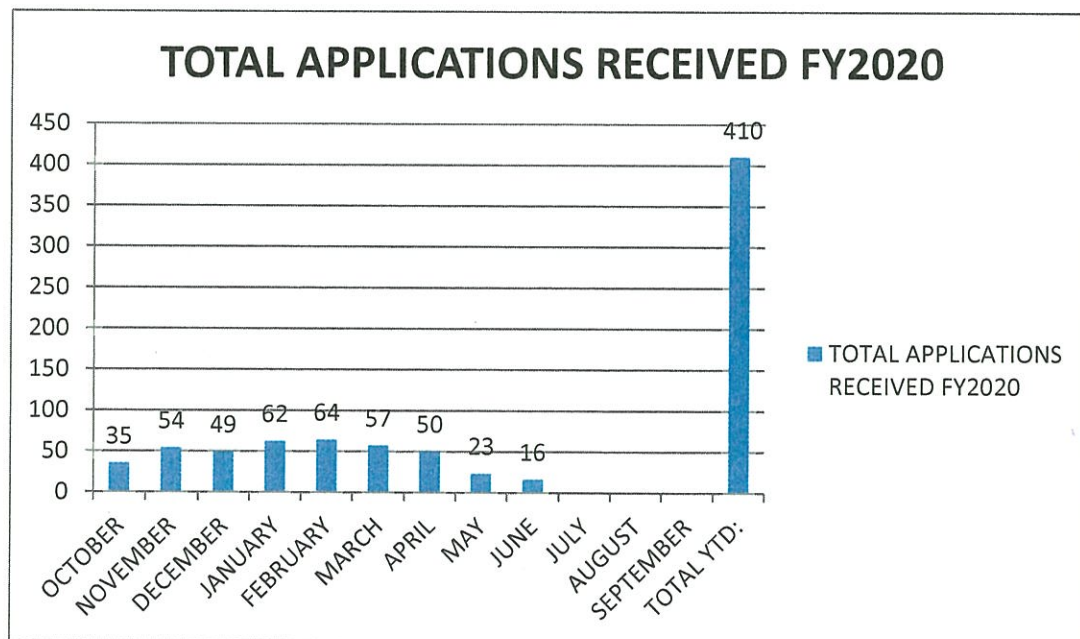
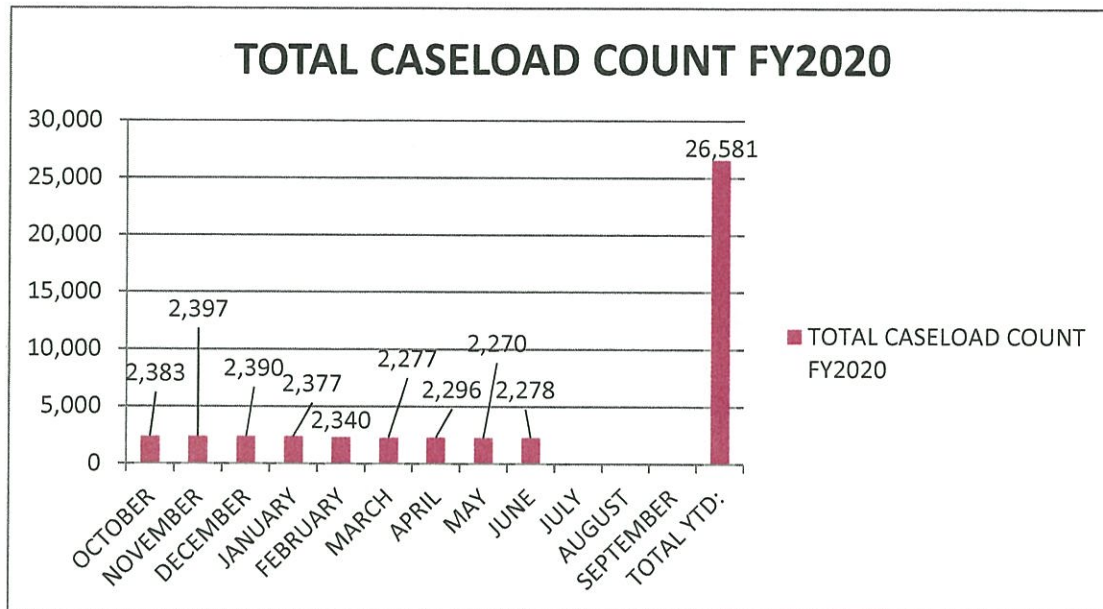
Total Client Contacts	1,931
Total Court Hearings	0
Total Active Efforts Case	469
Total Case Assessments for Service	0
Total Applications Distributed	59



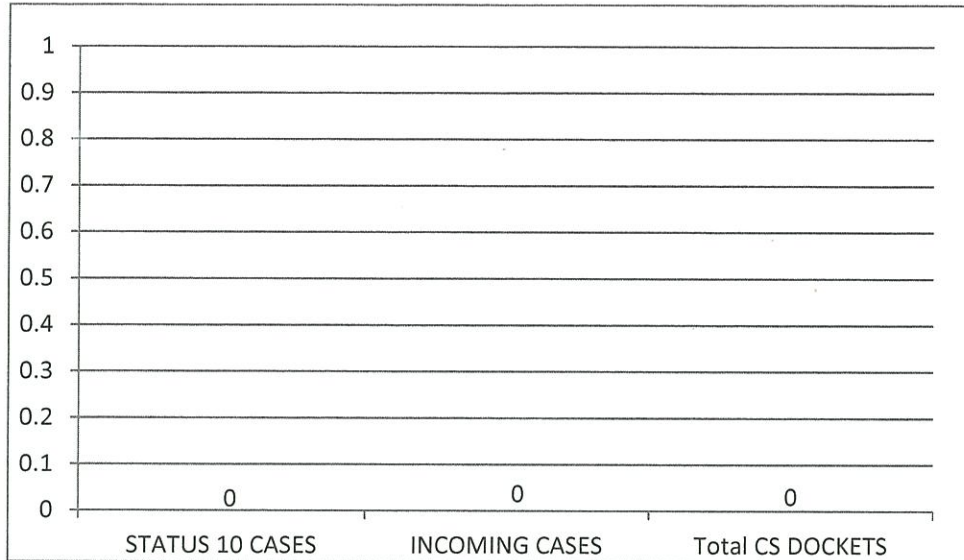
*Includes payment center collections, tax intercepts, and other special collections



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT



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Child Support:

The Office of Child Support services appreciates being able to report the following: The office opened its doors on June 1, 2020 with a reduced work force (approximately 1/3 of staff) and ensuring limited number of staff by staggering in office work days. The remainder of the staff has age or health related issues that requires them to continue to telework. There are a few staff who have voluntarily decided to come in at least one day a week; otherwise if their job duties allow it, they continue to work away from the office or utilizing administrative leave. With the reopening of the offices, the program has ensured certain precautions were put in place to ensure the safety of our staff and visitors to our offices. The program has received feedback from 187 clients since March 25- June 12, that the COVID-19 situation has affected their employment. The affects include the following: reduction in hours, reduction in jobs as self-employed, loss of job, loss of hours at a job. The program is focused on working with all those individuals who have been affected to help them with referrals and assisting on their child support cases in the most fair and equitable manner. The program distributed 59 applications via walk in's mail outs, email, or downloaded through our new child support website and received 16 applications for new cases, these are still good numbers since the office was technically closed to the public in May. The program's website address: <https://childsupport.cherokee.org> has continued to see regular activity on website page. For the month of May 2020, there were 1,381 views. May of 2019 only saw 565 views. Current active cases as of June 18, 2020- 2278.



ONE FIRE

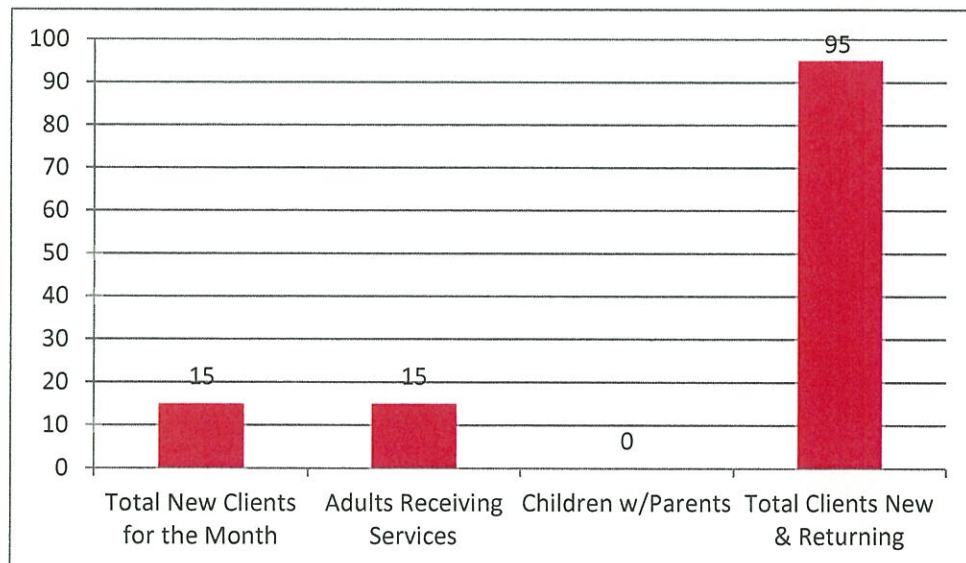
Interim Director - Shawna Duch

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:** July 2020 (Data for May 2020 Activities)

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

I. Budget Highlights

- Prepared and submitted FY2021 budgets to Treasurer's office
- Prepared FY2020 budget modifications based on actual award amounts and tribal matching funds needed.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

- 14 new water & septic installs
- 5 water & septic repairs
- 0 water analyses performed
- 0 site evaluations
- 0 soil tests
- 8 food handlers trained
- 50 facility inspections, technical assistance and investigations
- 3 indoor air quality investigations

• Accomplishments

This has been a very challenging past three months for the OEH&E program. The COVID-19 pandemic forced a large reduction in our force due to age and medical conditions. The remaining staff have carried on as best we can with the unusual restrictions coming from working at home.

On June 1st we began a phased reopening by forming 2 teams to work alternating days in the office in accordance with direction given by CN Executive Branch. Since that time, we were tasked with assisting Environmental Programs with the collection of environmental samples for COVID-19 in various CN facilities. This necessitated bringing back all the OEH Staff members to a 5 day/week schedule. In addition, Cherokee Nation Entertainment is planning on re-opening additional facilities and we have been tasked with those inspections to help protect the health of the public.

• Future Plans

Full reopening July 6th (Currently scheduled but subject to change based on COVID-19 pandemic)

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Director: Billy Hix

Phone: 463-5126

PERFORMANCE: MAY 2020

DISTRICT # & COUNTY	FACILITY DATA SYSTEM			Food Handlers Trng	INDOOR AIR QUALITY Sampling/TA	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	4		23	8	1							
4 - Muskogee/McIntosh	1											
5 & 6 Sequoyah	4				2							
7 & 8 Adair												
9 & 10 Delaware/Ottawa	1											
11 - Craig												
12 - Nowata/Washington												
13 - Tulsa	2		15									
14 - Rogers												
15 - Mayes												
MONTHLY TOTAL	12	0	38	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	Reduce # of Priority Violations
YEAR TO DATE		452		887	13	139	81	10	126	93		0
ANNUAL GOAL		800		1300				50	230	268		110
% COMPLETE		57%		68%				20%	55%	47%		43%

HIGHLIGHTS:

Training - Webinar - Private Well*Meetings* - OEH ZOOM Conference

Misc. - Lauren FISHINGHAWK assisted with the emergency food supply packaging.
Lauren put in 19.5 hours this month volunteering!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This office helps to ensure that tribal facilities are operated in a safe and sanitary manner and provides Tribal members with services and information to lead environmentally healthy lifestyles through inspections and investigations related to food, vectors, water and waste water. This office further provides food service training for certification, environmental disease prevention training, injury prevention intervention, water sampling, and indoor air quality investigations.

CHEROKEE NATION
ENGINEERING & SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

MONTHLY REPORT FOR 2020 May– COMMUNITY WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee RWD #7 System Improvements – OK18V03
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. Water Tower
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 2 / DIST 3

PROJECT NAME: Cherry Tree Wastewater Force Main to Stilwell – OK18V44
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 – OK11S56
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 – OK18V48
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: Pending Construction Start
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 12

PROJECT NAME: Kenwood Water District – Water Loss Reduction Phase I – OK16U28
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 – Mapping and Analysis
CN DISTRICT IMPACTED: DIST 9

PROJECT NAME: Ottawa County RWD #6 – New Tower and Well – OK18V33
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: Well Complete – Tower Under Construction
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 10

PROJECT NAME: Pine Ridge WL Extension – Cherokee RWD #3 – OK18V31
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 – OK18V00
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. 90%
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 5 / DIST 6

PROJECT NAME: TPWA – Blue Bird Dr WLX – OK19V56
DESCRIPTION: Install 6,300' of 12" & 6"
TRIBAL HOMES: 4
FUNDING SOURCE(S): EPA
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 3

PROJECT NAME: Stilwell Area Development Authority – WWTP Improvements – OK18V32
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: Iron Side Water District (Craig Co.) – Transmission/System Rehabilitation – OK19V72
DESCRIPTION: 7,000' of 6", 25,000 gal. Standpipe
TRIBAL HOMES: 64
FUNDING SOURCE(S): EPS/IHS/Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 11

PROJECT NAME: North 586 Rd Waterline Extension – OK19W02
DESCRIPTION: 3,800' of 4", 1,300' of 2"
TRIBAL HOMES: 6 +/-
FUNDING SOURCE(S): I.H.S. / Other
STATUS: Preliminary Phase
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: DIST 9

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee #3/N. Bryant Rd. – OK19V81
DESCRIPTION: 7,900 LF of 6"
TRIBAL HOMES: 2
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee #3/W Grandview Rd. – OK19V81
DESCRIPTION: 6,800 LF of 4"
TRIBAL HOMES: 10
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS/Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee #3/W. 750 Rd – OK19V82
DESCRIPTION: 5,500 LF of 4"
TRIBAL HOMES: 8
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS/Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee #11 / Distribution System Improvements – OK19V85
DESCRIPTION: Water loss survey, replace 5 mi. waterline, Construct 2.5 mi of 8", Standby power.
TRIBAL HOMES: 724
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS/Other
STATUS: Preliminary Phase
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee County / Tenkiller Utility Authority – OK19V89
DESCRIPTION: 3.3 MGD Treatment Plant, 95,235 lf of 6", 93,890 lf of 8", 41,560 lf of 10", 84,785 lf of 12", 59,935 lf of 16", 5,970 lf of 20", 5 storage tanks, 14 connections to existing water systems.
TRIBAL HOMES: 1678
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS/USDA-RD
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1,2,15

PROJECT NAME: Rogers County / Inola PWA – WW System Rehabilitation – OK19V90
DESCRIPTION: 14,720 lf of pipe rehab/replacement, 73 manhole rehabs.
TRIBAL HOMES: 91
FUNDING SOURCE(S): EPA CWA, IHS
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 15

PROJECT NAME: Muskogee County / Braggs PWA – Sewer System Upgrade – OK19V91
DESCRIPTION: Install 8" & 12" sewer line, new manholes, lift stations, sludge removal.
TRIBAL HOMES: 45
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS / Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 4

PROJECT NAME: Mayes County / Locust Grove PWA – OOWA Connection – OK19V94
DESCRIPTION: 45,000 lf of 12", 695 gpm pump station to connect to Oklahoma Ordinance Works Authority located in Mid America Industrial Park.
TRIBAL HOMES: 307
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS / Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 9,15

PROJECT NAME: Cherokee County / TPWA – Indian Meadows SS – OK19W00
DESCRIPTION: Install 5,000' of 12" sewer main and 9,000' of 8" sewer main to connect homes to TPWA sewer system.
TRIBAL HOMES: 118
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS
STATUS: Pre-Construction
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 3

PROJECT NAME: Delaware County / Kenwood Sewer Lagoon Rehab
DESCRIPTION: Repair and Modify all 3 Sewer Lagoons, repair dikes, replace liners, new fencing, erosion control.
TRIBAL HOMES: 24
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS, EPA, Tribal
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 9

PROJECT NAME: Nowata County / Nowata Municipal Auth. – Raw Water Intake
DESCRIPTION: Install third pump, replace valving, repair isolation gates, replace ladder, replace jib crane
TRIBAL HOMES: 469
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS, Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 12

PROJECT NAME: Adair County / Stilwell Area Development Authority – Standpipe Rehab
DESCRIPTION: Rehab tank to comply with AWWA, OSHA, and EPA requirements.
TRIBAL HOMES: 922
FUNDING SOURCE(S): IHS, EPA, Other
STATUS: Preliminary
CN DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 7, 8

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Executive Director: Michael Lynn **Phone:** 918-453-5396 **E-mail:** Michael-Lynn@cherokee.org

Comments: The Department of Transportation volunteered 27 hours for the Veterans Food Outreach Program

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Malloy Hollow – Acquisition of right of way began on May 15th.
2. Bell School South Bridge – Notice to Proceed is Jan. 6, 2020. The contractor is placing fill material over box. Project is 40% Complete.
3. Dahlongegah South Road –Assisting Real Estate Services to get Trust and Restricted parcels prepared to submit to the BIA for approval.
4. Rocky Mountain School Loop Bridge –Reimbursement has been processed for the Adair County RWD waterline relocation. Working with a family attorney to secure final parcel with personal representative for the unprobated estate.
5. Oak Ridge Road – Design is 60% complete. Right of Way documentation has been checked and returned to the engineer. Preliminary utility coordination has begun. Area that is falling in has been located and given to Engineer.

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Construction of Phase I is 55% complete. The contractor is placing aggregate base and subgrade method B.
2. Hulbert Lost City Road –Weather delays and COVID-19 measures have delayed the progress of Bolding Construction, LLC. Waterlines have passed BacT testing and tie ins are being made. This will complete the utility relocation for this project.
3. Lost City Road – Right of Way easements and plans are in the review and check process.
4. Mud Valley Road – Right of Way Acquisition is awaiting design completion. Design is at 80% completion.

CRAIG COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. NS4340 also known as White Oak road –A preconstruction meeting was held June 11, 2020 on the job site. Construction time started June 22nd and construction completion is scheduled for June 1, 2021.
2. NS4410 Rd / Turnpike Bridge – Finalizing a utility agreement with the City of Vinita for the engineering and design of their impacted waterline.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Dwight Mission Road –Windstream is finalizing the underground portion of their relocations. This will complete the utility relocation for this project.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

- The five transit vans that were ordered in October 2019 are scheduled to arrive this month. These vans were purchased under FTA Grant OK-2019-021-00.
- Advertisement for bids on six additional vans under FTA grant OK-2020-019 "Tribal Transit Discretionary Transit Replacement Vans" has started

Ridership on all routes for the month of May 2020 were:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 56 rides
 2. Pryor to Catoosa – 60 rides
 3. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 2 rides
 4. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 30 rides
 5. Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore – 0 rides
 6. Tahlequah to Catoosa – 0 rides
 7. Stilwell to West Siloam Springs – 0 rides
 8. Tahlequah to Muskogee – 0 rides
 9. Individual Demand Response Trips: 7,659
- Total Rides: 7,807

Note: Ridership reports run 2 months behind.

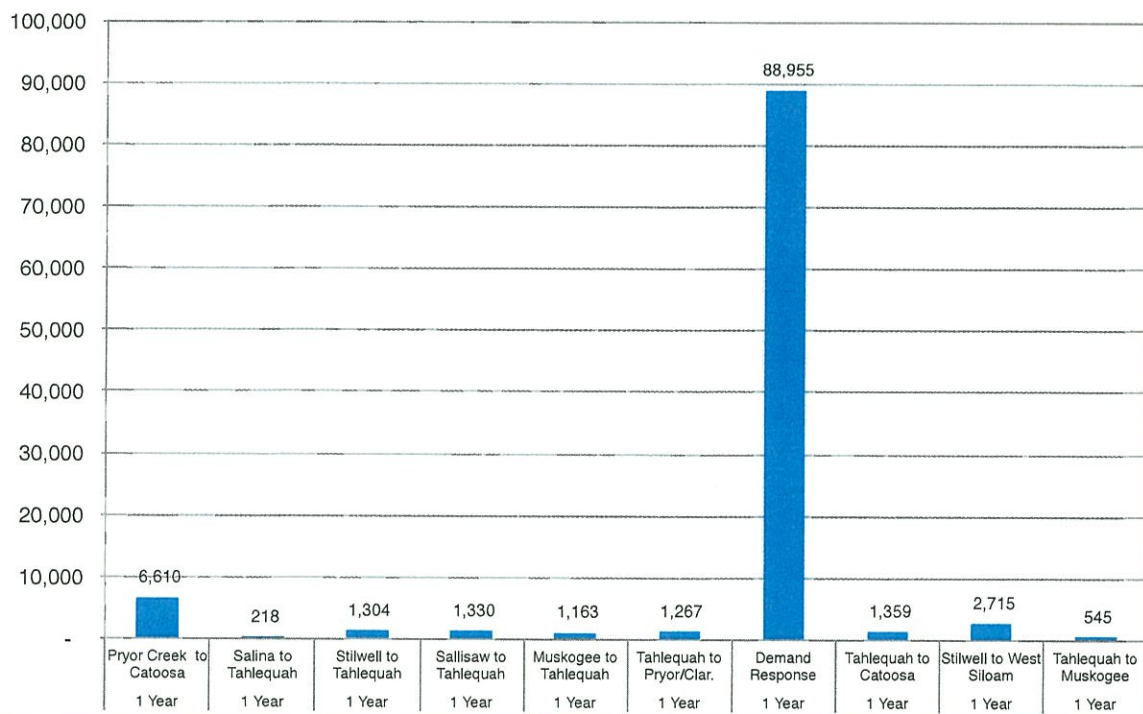
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Cherokee Nation Transit

Ridership Update – June 2020

Cherokee Nation Transit - 105,466 Rides YTD

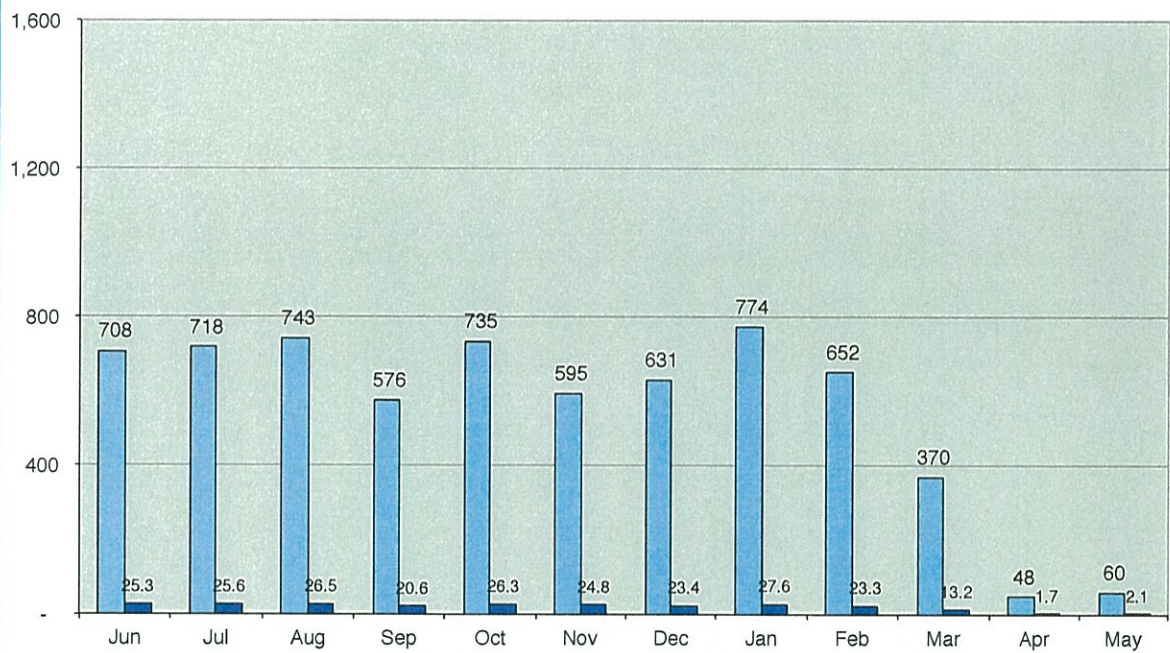


May 2020 Route Performance

Route	Number of Rides
Pryor Creek to Catoosa	60
Stilwell to Tahlequah	2
Sallisaw to Tahlequah	56
Muskogee to Tahlequah	30
Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore	0
Tahlequah to Catoosa	0
Stilwell to West Siloam Springs	0
Tahlequah to Muskogee	0
Individual Demand Response Trips	7,659
Grand Total	7,807

Pryor Creek to Catoosa Monthly Ridership - 2019/2020

■ Total Number of Rides ■ Average Number of Rides Per Day

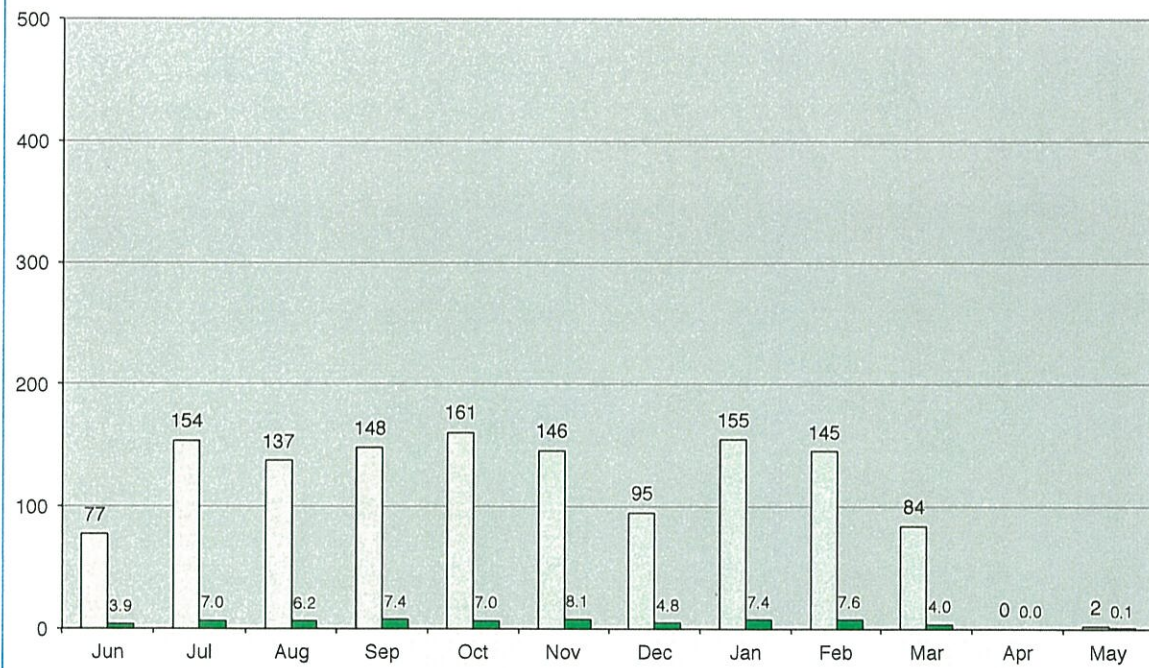


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Stilwell to Tahlequah Monthly Ridership - 2019/2020

□ Total Number of Rides ■ Average Number of Rides Per Day

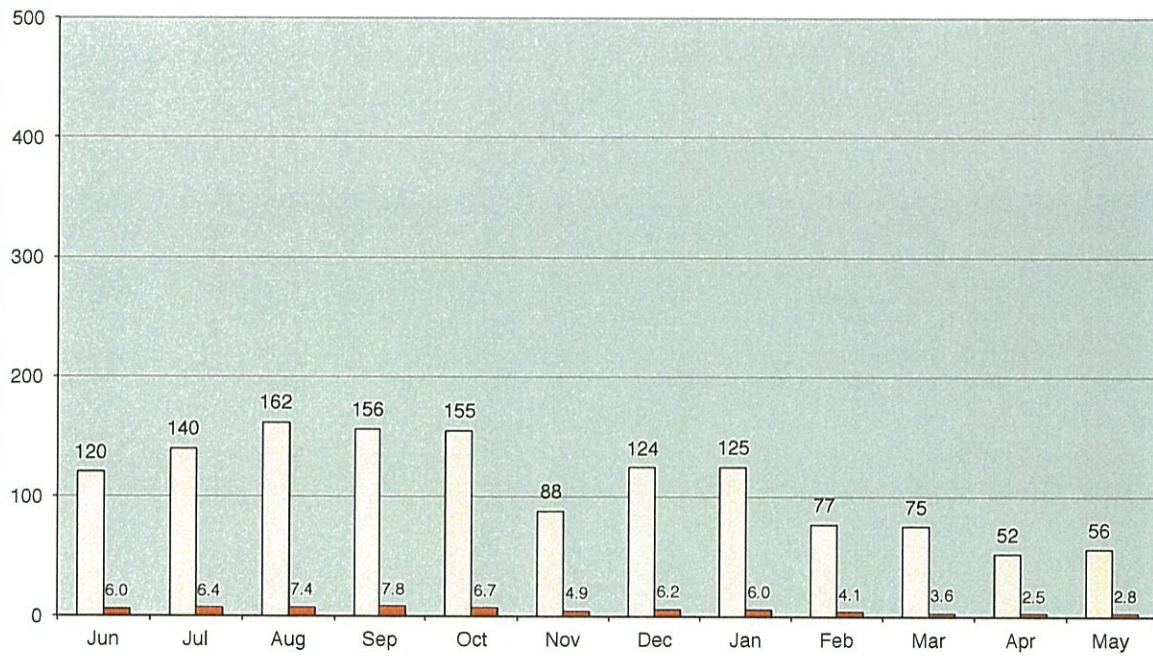


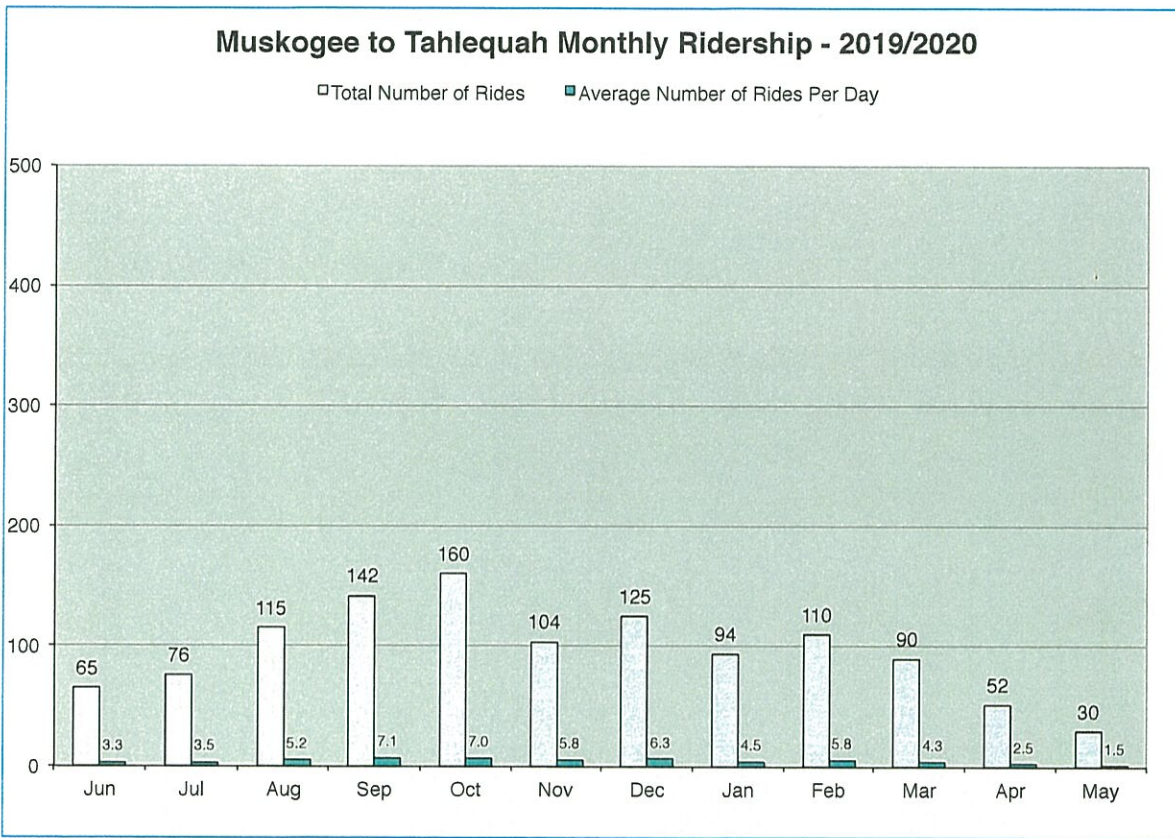
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Sallisaw to Tahlequah Monthly Ridership - 2019/2020

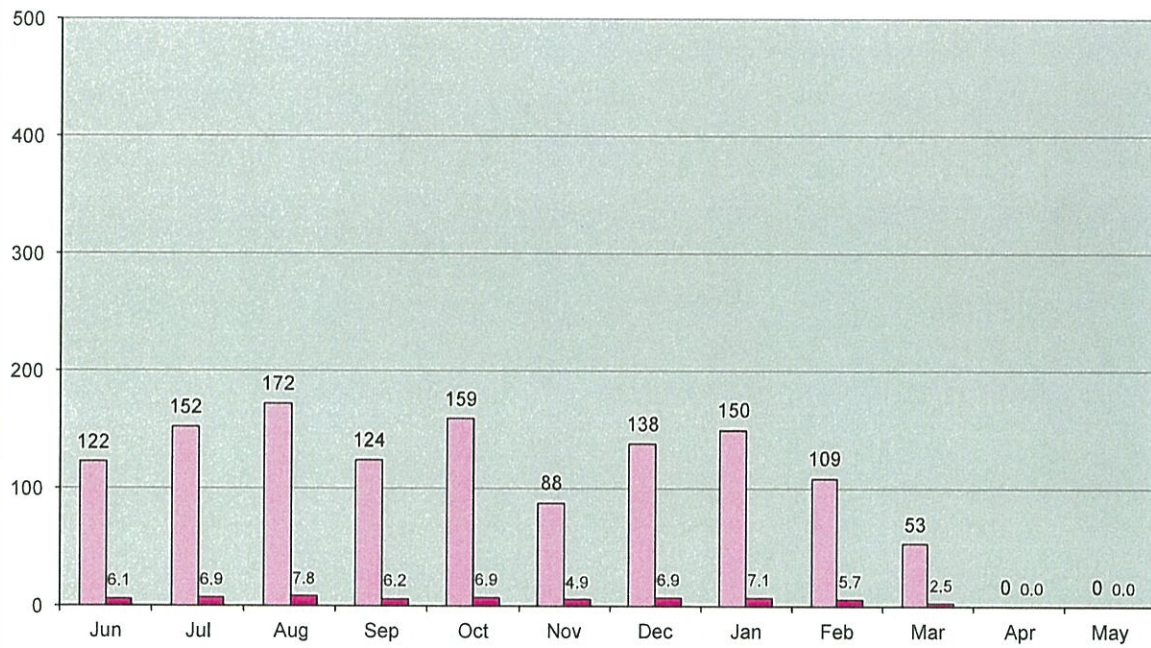
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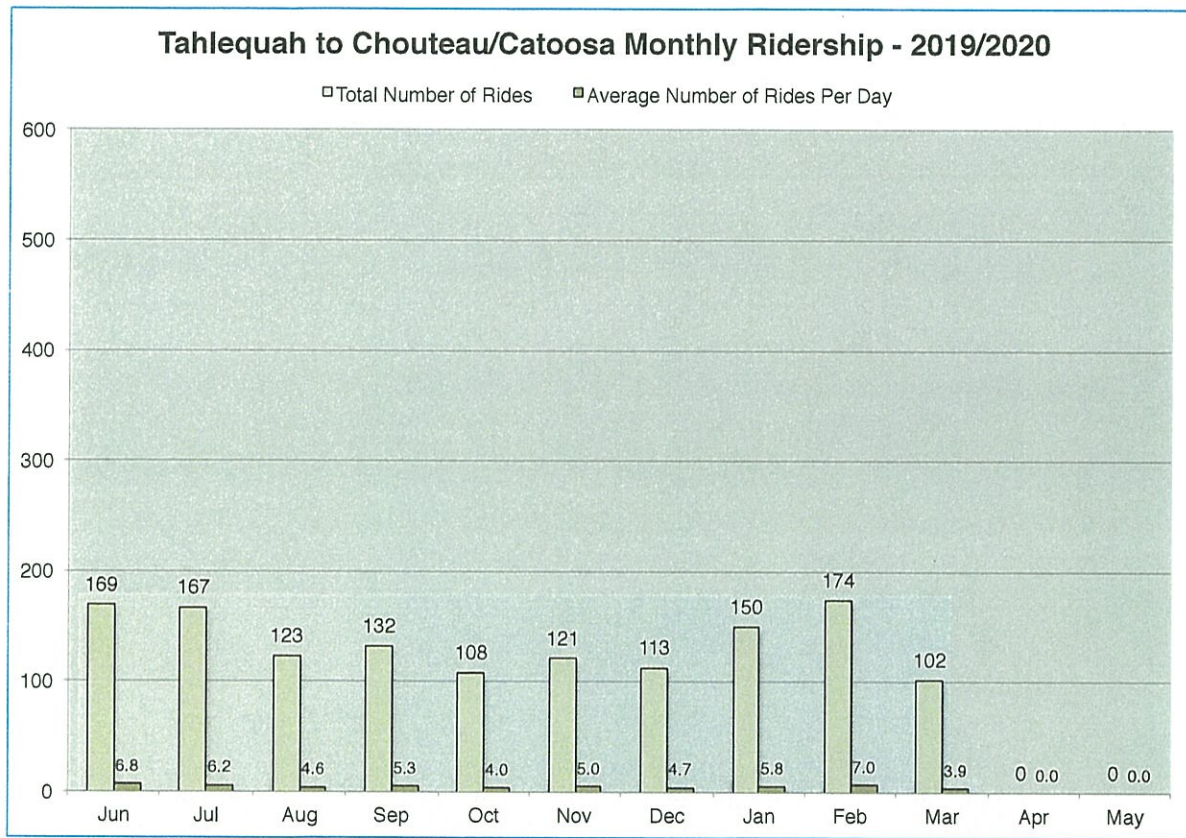


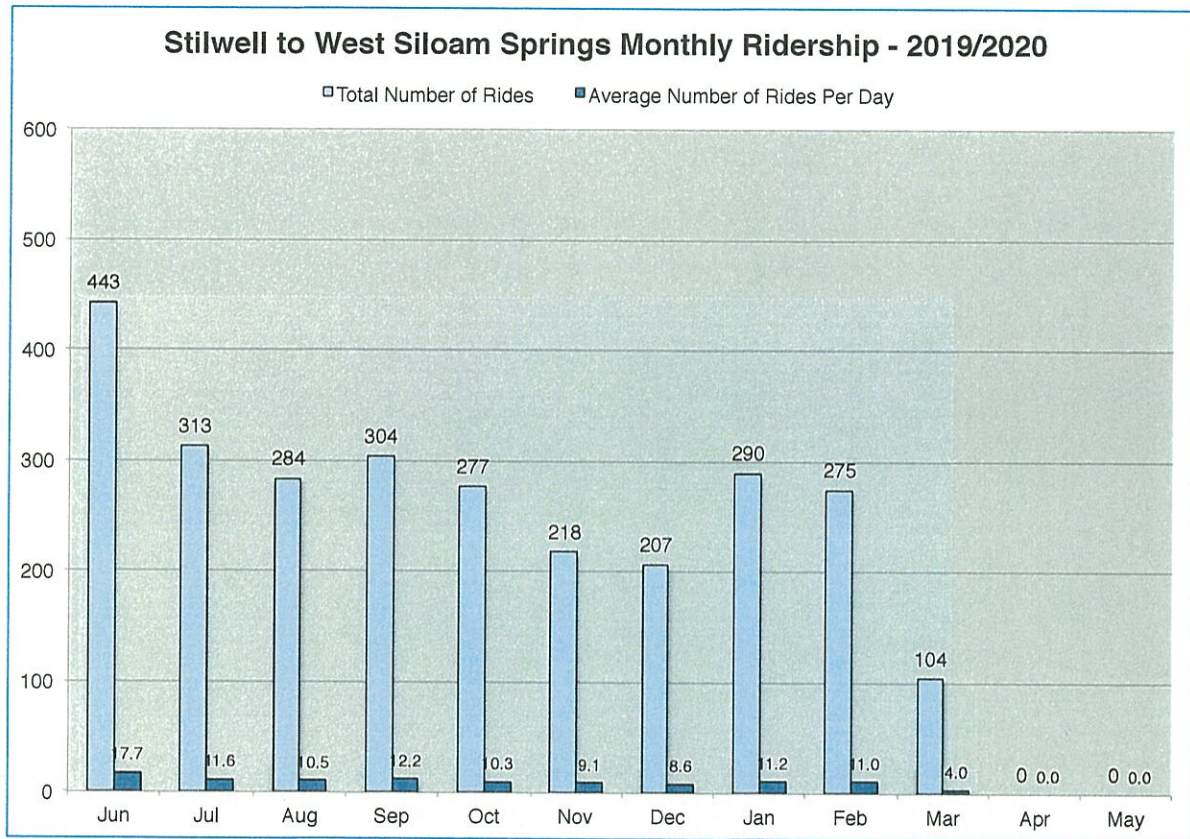


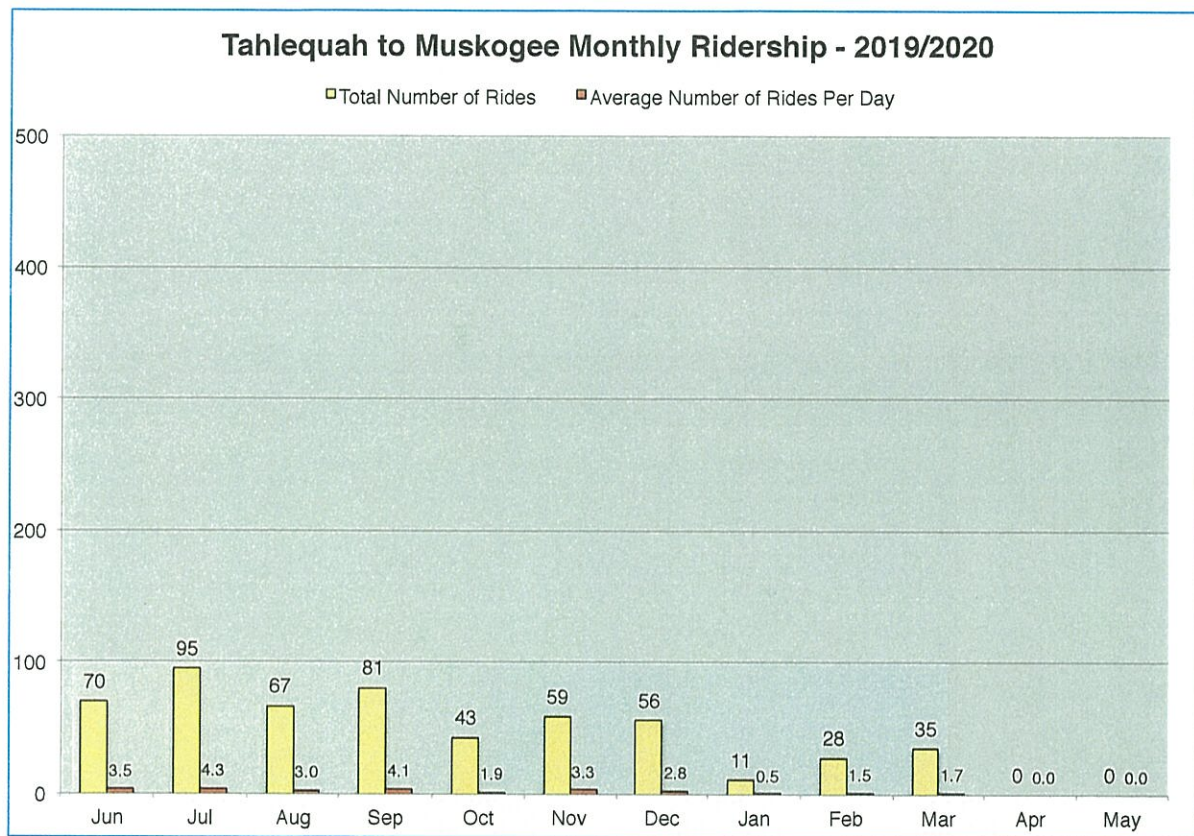
Tahlequah to Pryor/Claremore Monthly Ridership - 2019/2020

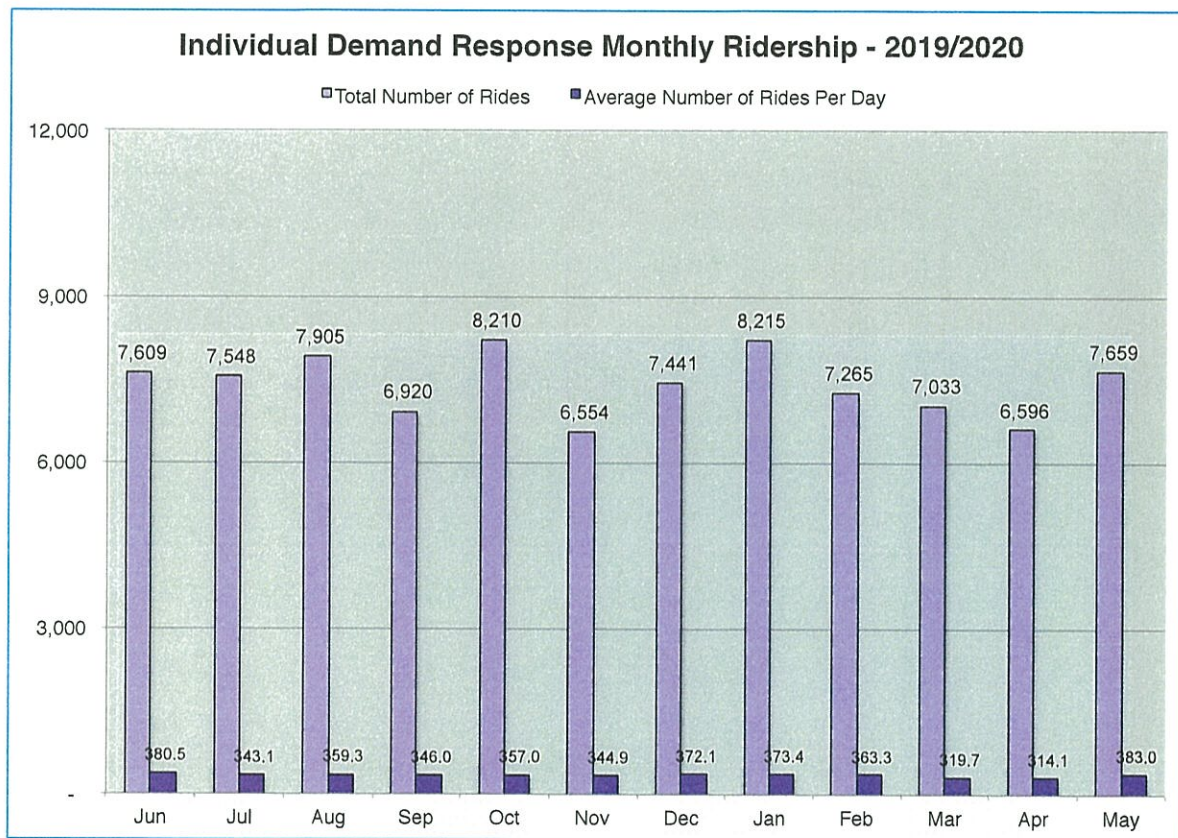
□ Total Number of Rides ■ Average Number of Rides Per Day







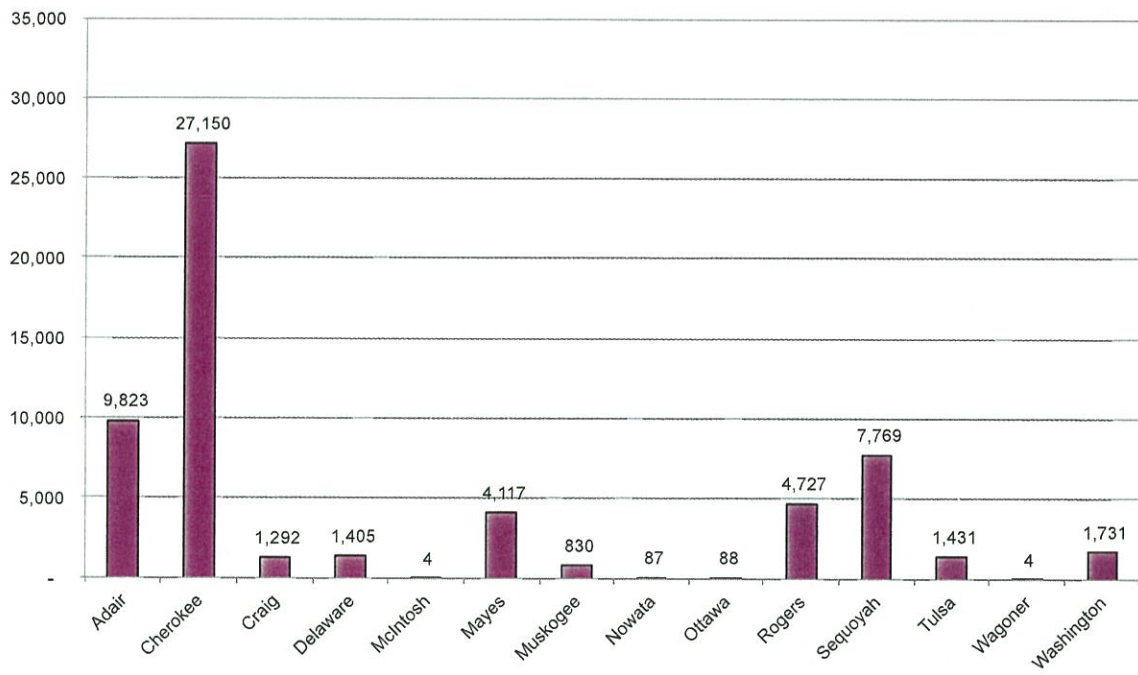


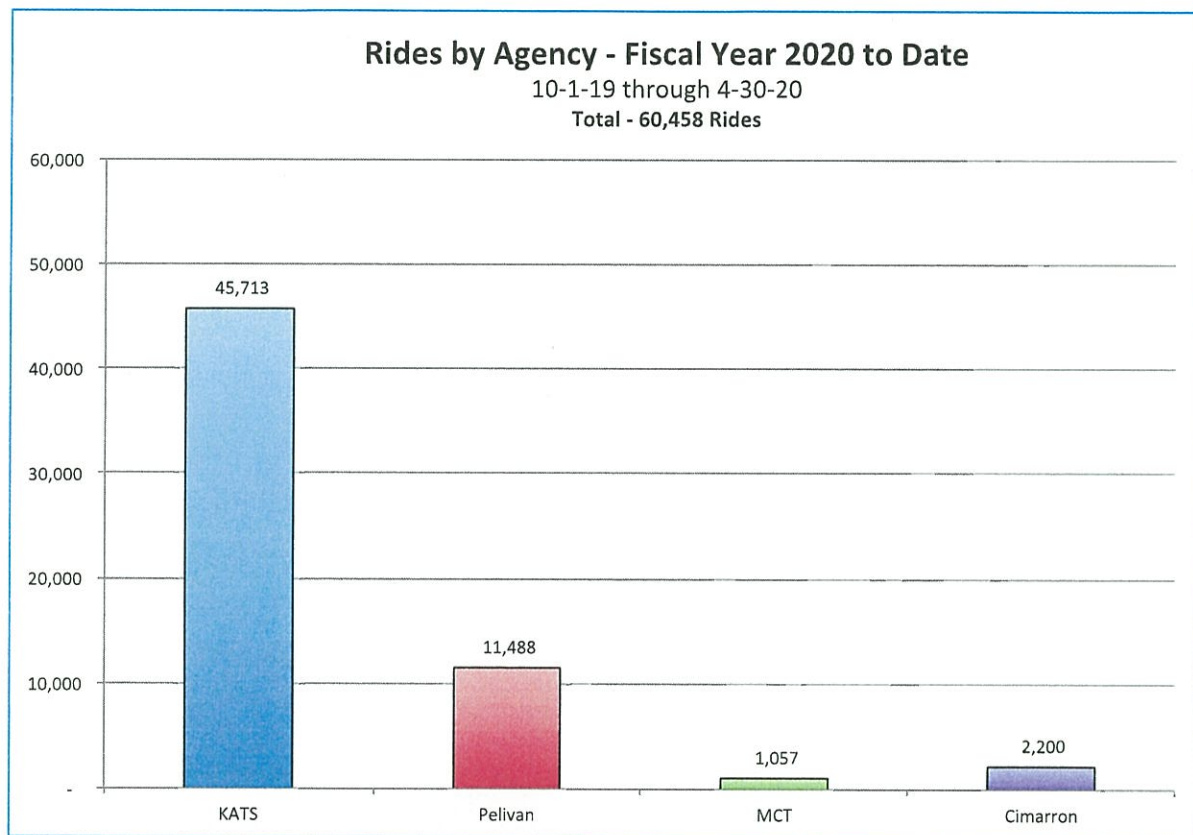


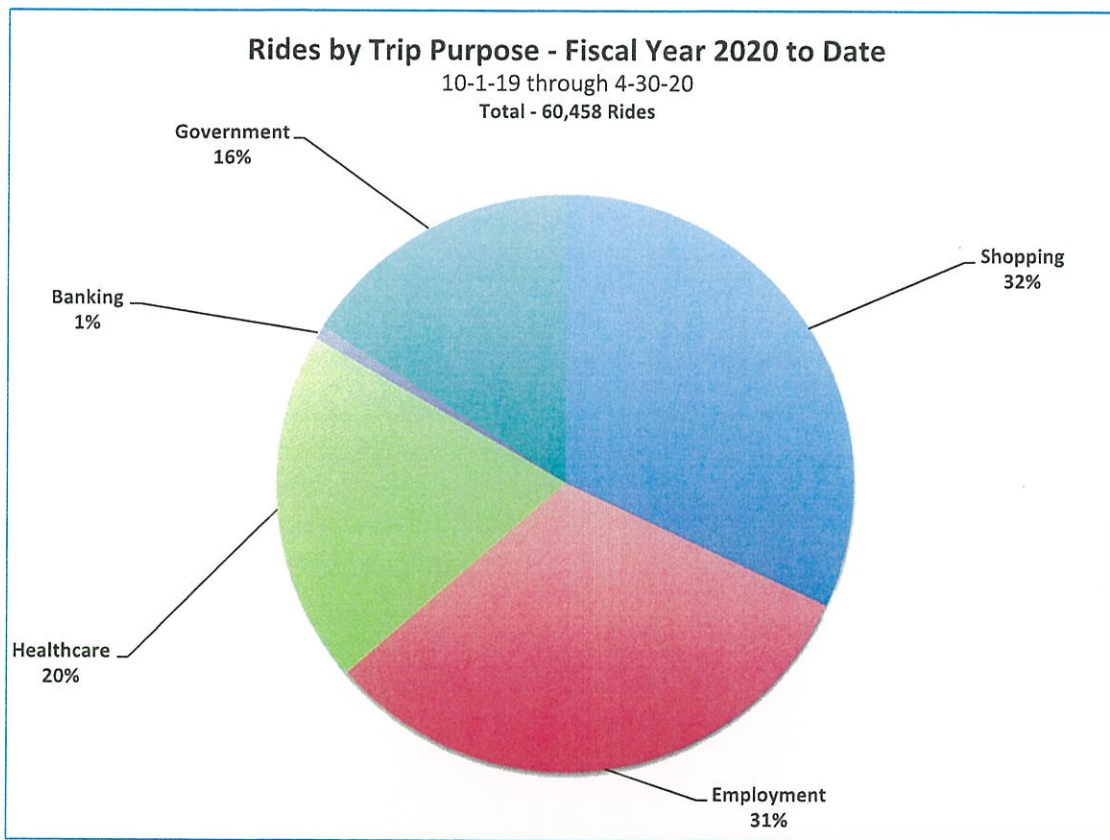
Rides by County - Fiscal Year 2020 to Date

10-1-19 through 4-30-20

■ Total Rides - 60,458







Department of Transportation

Project Spotlight

DURING CONSTRUCTION



NORTHEAST FORT GIBSON

A large amount of progress has taken place on this project since beginning February 18, 2019.

Once virgin terrain, the 212' bridge has been constructed. Reconstruction on the road portion is underway with aggregate base and subgrade is in progress. This project has a total length of 4.94 miles

Cherokee/Muskogee County

Cherokee Nation Council Districts 1 and 4

Completion date of project:
September 28, 2020

CHEROKEE NATION

This project is Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funded in the amount of \$6,333,333.33.

Though it is not the longest bridge built by the Cherokee Nation, it is the tallest being 100' above the flow line.



DURING CONSTRUCTION



May 2020
Monthly Report

Youth Development Activities:

Due to COVID 19 precautions, all Youth Development Activities were canceled for the month of May 2020.

Adult Resident Activities:

Due to COVID 19 precautions, all Adult Resident Activities were canceled for the month of May 2020.

Staff working from home put together crossword puzzles, word finds, adult coloring sheets and other puzzles and made an Adult Activity Booklet to help combat the effects of aging, Alzheimer's and Dementia and made copies and took and left at the Wisdom Keepers Senior Housing and the Stilwell Senior Housing for our residents. Staff also looked for new projects, documented new and current projects with materials & equipment lists, step by step instructions with pictures where needed, patterns and group preparation instructions, made sample projects, viewed webinars to help them when working with youth and the aging and when planning activities for them, viewed how to videos to learn new skills and expand their current skills, researched materials for drug free presentations, worked up drug free presentations and put together activity booklets and games to help reinforce learning from presentations about being drug free, setting goals and being safe.

Activities scheduled in the future:

We have no youth activities scheduled for June 2020, due to COVID-19 precautions.

As soon as we can safely have group meetings and everyone be able to use supplies and equipment without fear of exposing clients & staff, we will have youth development activities at:

Youth M.O.V.E., Sequoyah High School, Room 4, 1st Monday, 3:30 pm. – 5 pm., when school resumes;
Cherokee Heights on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the second Wednesday, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm. when school resumes;
Maryetta Boys & Girls Club on the second Thursday, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., when school resumes;
Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club on the 3rd Monday, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., when school resumes;
Oaks Community on the 3rd Thursday, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Zion Boys & Girls Club on the 4th Thursday, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm., when school resumes;
Talking Leaves Job Corp, on the 4th Tuesday, March 24th, 4:00 pm. – 5:30 pm., when they reopen.

We have no adult resident activities scheduled for May 2020, due to COVID-19 precautions.

As soon as we can safely have group meetings and everyone be able to use supplies and equipment without fear of exposing clients & staff, we will have adult resident activities at:

Houston Johnson Heights, Warner, on the 1st Monday, 9:30 am. – 11 am.;
Porum Senior Nutrition Site, Wheeler Estates, Porum, on the 1st Monday, 12:30 pm. – 2 pm.;
Cherokee Heights, Pryor, on the 1st Tuesday, 4:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.;
Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1st Thursday, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
Tsalagi Apartments, Sallisaw, on the 1st Thursday, 2 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah, Gregg Glass Building, on the 2nd Monday, 1:30 pm. – 3 pm.;
Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, 10th, 10:00 am. – 11:30 am.;
Chewey, on the 2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.;

Oaks Family Support Center, on the 3rd Thursday, 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.;
Greasy Nutrition Center, on the 4th Monday, 1 pm. – 2:30 pm.;
Lost City, on the 4th Tuesday, 1:30 pm. – 3:00 pm.;
Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, March 26th, 2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm.

During the time of our canceled activities we have 2 staff who will be working the alternating schedule and will be cleaning and disinfecting our office & conference room areas, inventorying and organizing our supplies, working on new ideas for projects, documenting projects with materials & equipment list, step by step instructions and pictures when needed and preparation sheets for group activities using the projects, learning new techniques and skills, planning for future activities and doing prep for them, looking up activities we can do with the Elder groups we work with that will be fun for them and help combat the effects of Alzheimer's & Dementia & working up plans for drug free presentations and activities for our youth activities. We have 2 staff who due to underlying conditions will be working from home looking up new projects for activities, documenting them and making samples of them, viewing webinars that will help them when working with youth and the aging, watching how to videos and learning new skills and expanding skills they now have, researching materials and working up drug free presentations, working on presentations about setting goals and being safe for youth and putting together activity booklets and games to reinforce learning from presentations and to help our elder clients combat the effects of aging, Alzheimer's and Dementia. We have 1 staff member on Administrative leave due to an underlying condition and there not being a strong enough phone signal for his hot spot to work at his home in Moody.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group:	<u>Housing Authority</u>	Month/Year of Report:	<u>July, 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.

None to report

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.

None to report



Keys to a brighter future

Announcements

Board of Commissioners Meeting:

July 17 July Regular BOC Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Office Closures:

July 3 Independence Day

Other Info:

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, HACN continues to operate and perform essential emergency services. Services continue to be offered. Entry into any occupied residential unit will be for essential emergency repairs only. All housing assistance programs continue to operate and we encourage citizens to call us with question as entry to our offices is limited.

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: May, 2020

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	298	148	100	0	10	98	75	17	746	14%
Cherokee	283	190	429	6	23	199	179	56	1,365	25%
Craig	22	50	25	0	0	8	28	2	135	3%
Delaware	201	112	68	0	13	58	111	24	587	11%
McIntosh	14	N/A	1	0	0	3	3	0	21	0%
Mayes	142	111	55	0	12	60	58	13	451	8%
Muskogee	71	52	32	1	7	46	55	14	278	5%
Nowata	23	40	14	0	1	10	27	0	115	2%
Ottawa	11	N/A	0	0	3	6	7	4	31	1%
Rogers	71	62	161	4	12	65	40	41	456	8%
Sequoyah	319	N/A	162	4	16	135	141	54	831	15%
Tulsa	32	N/A	95	2	3	25	9	3	169	3%
Wagoner	7	N/A	1	0	0	49	4	2	63	1%
Washington	19	39	30	0	1	27	11	3	130	2%
Total:	1,513	804	1,173	17	101	789	748	233	5,378	100%
			1,291			1,537		233		

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	249	0	0	12	13	107	63	153	10%	597	11%
Cherokee	215	0	0	8	9	428	336	387	25%	1,383	26%
Craig	43	0	0	1	0	19	13	50	3%	126	2%
Delaware	147	0	0	6	5	140	78	175	11%	551	10%
McIntosh	5	0	0	0	0	N/A	1	11	1%	17	0%
Mayes	92	0	0	5	3	61	55	116	7%	332	6%
Muskogee	75	0	0	3	1	93	105	100	6%	377	7%
Nowata	29	0	0	10	1	26	8	40	3%	114	2%
Ottawa	15	0	0	0	0	N/A	8	20	1%	43	1%
Rogers	70	0	0	28	5	108	111	140	9%	462	9%
Sequoyah	210	0	0	23	9	N/A	342	170	11%	754	14%
Tulsa	72	0	0	22	3	N/A	118	140	9%	355	7%
Wagoner	10	0	0	3	0	N/A	8	30	2%	51	1%
Washington	26	0	0	10	0	39	27	37	2%	139	3%
Total:	1,258	0	0	131	49	1,021	1,273	1,569	100%	5,301	100%

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Month Ending: May, 2020



Tribal HUD - VASH

VA Supportive Housing Program

County	Applications			Assistance	Totals	
	Referrals Received / Applications Processing	Vouchers Issued	Waiting List	Housed Veteran	Total	% of Participants
Adair	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Cherokee	0	0	0	7	7	47%
Craig	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Delaware	0	0	0	1	1	7%
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Mayes	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Muskogee	0	0	0	1	1	7%
Nowata	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rogers	0	0	0	2	2	13%
Sequoyah	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Tulsa	0	0	0	3	3	20%
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Washington	0	0	0	1	1	7%
Total:	0	0	0	15	15	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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Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401
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Lisa.Look@va.gov

**New Construction Homeownership Program
Development Files Processing**

Month of:
May, 2020

County	Waiting List	Applications		Processing						Construction		In Processing	Land Development	Under Construction	Construction Complete
				Stg I	Stg II		Stg III		Stg IV						
		App Problem	App Processing	Prelim Review	Site Inspect	Problem Files	Survey Pending	Land Dev	Process Closing	Under / Ready Const	Construction Complete				
Adair	129	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	9	76	2	12	9	76
Cherokee	360	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	184	3	2	17	184
Craig	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	0	0	2	29
Delaware	155	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	114	1	2	16	114
McIntosh	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	3
Mayes	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	10	57	0	3	10	57
Muskogee	94	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	57	1	0	5	57
Nowata	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	0	1	0	27
Ottawa	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Rogers	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	37	0	1	2	37
Sequoyah	148	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	11	140	4	4	11	140
Tulsa	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9
Wagoner	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	0	2	3	4
Washington	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	12
Total:	1,444	0	11	1	0	0	0	6	21	76	756	11	28	76	756
		11		28						832					

STAGE I:

Copies of Deed(s), etc.
Check Floodmaps/Floodplain
Identify Utility Companies
Contact for Site Inspection

STAGE III:

Order/Receive Survey
Order/Receive Perc Test
Receive Utility Assurance
Receive Abstract from participant

STAGE II:

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

STAGE IV:

Survey Review / Identify Barriers / Process for Closing

Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Job Statistics

Month Ending:
May, 2020

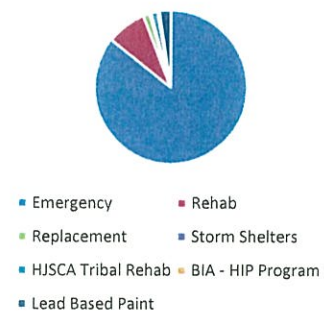
Replacement Homes	12
Out for Bid/Pending	36
Contracts Awarded	81
Contracts Completed	27



Rehab

Classification	Monthly Activity	Year to Date
Emergency	14	244
Rehab	0	24
Replacement	0	4
Storm Shelters	0	1
HJSCA Tribal Rehab	0	4
BIA - HIP Program	0	1
Lead Based Paint	0	7
All Rehab jobs	14	285

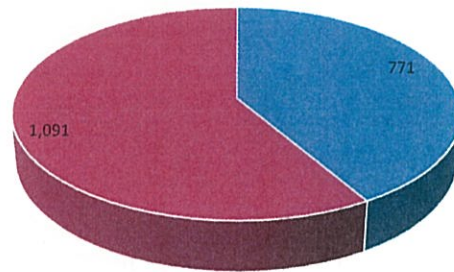
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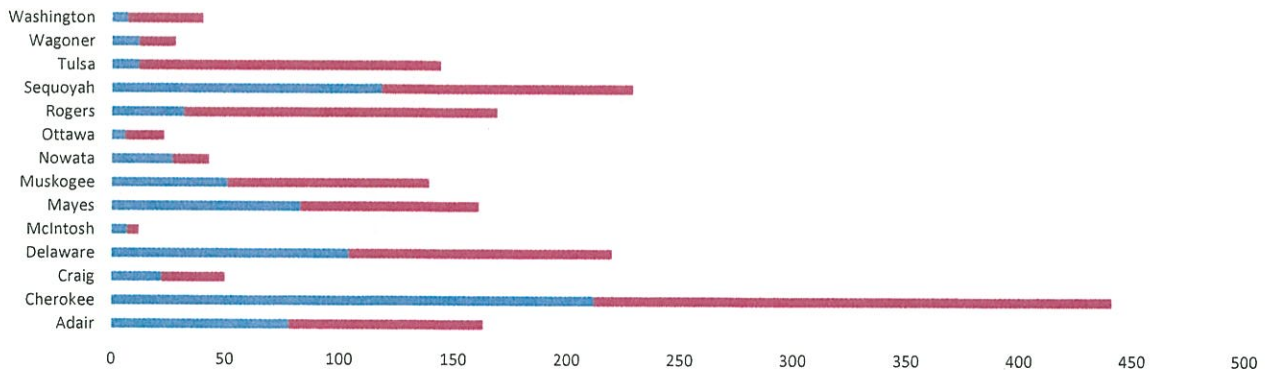
**New Construction Homeownership Program
Application Data**

By Has Land/Does not have land:

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

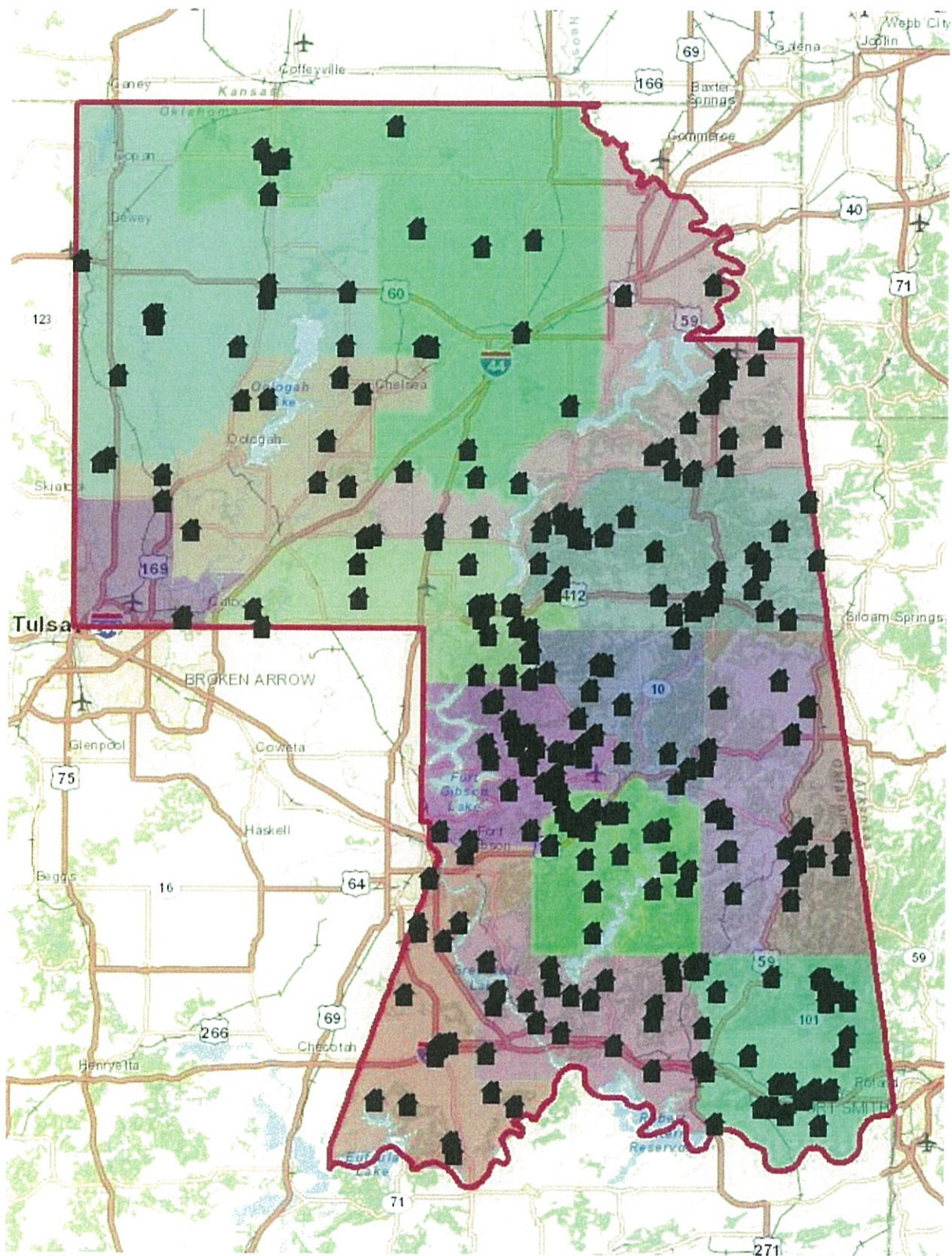


■ Has Land ■ Without Land



Statistics as of: May 30, 2017

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

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Service Additions and Modifications

As a result of COVID-19, the Commerce Services Self Sufficiency Program has modified and/or added these services

- Virtual tax preparation and filing
- Online homebuyers education
- Economic Stimulus Payment assistance
- Unemployment benefits assistance

For information about any of these services, please contact the Small Business Assistance Center at 918-453-5536

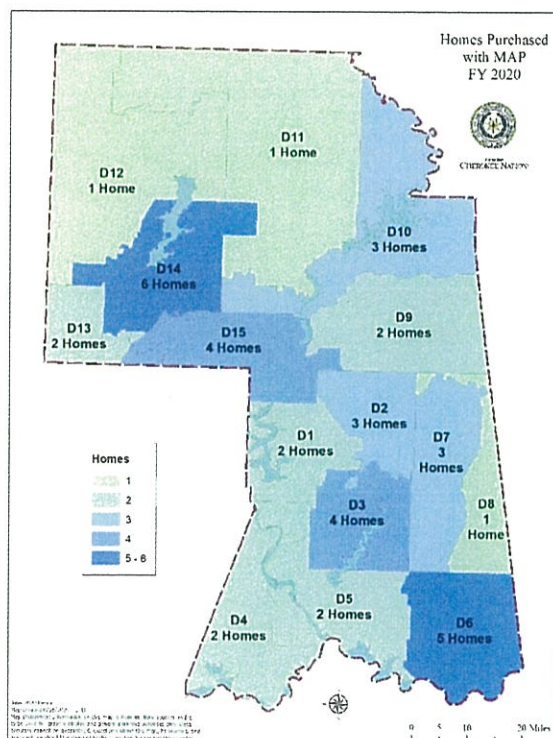
Asset Building

Mortgage Assistance Program

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

9 families used the HUD 184 Loan Program.

Since FY2009, **1,838 households** have used the Mortgage Assistance Program to invest in their family's future and purchase a home.



MAP Household Averages

Household Income	\$39,575.10
Home Price	\$104,902.34
Equity Created	19.93%

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. **103 families are actively saving in iSave** for home rehabilitation. **51 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

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. Three counselors are on board to provide services to the 14 county area.

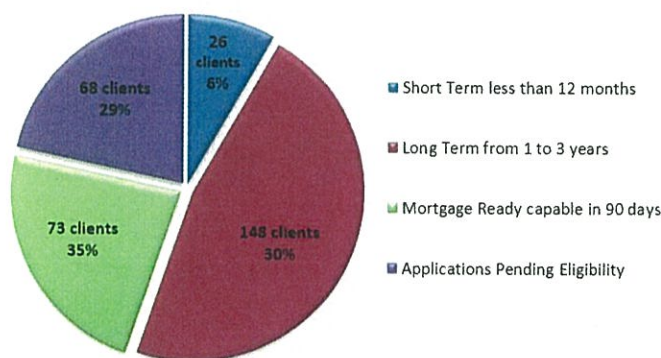
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Financial Counseling

MAP Applications and Financial Counseling



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

Since FY07, **963 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.

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

698 families have participated in financial and credit coaching this year; 287 of them are still actively pursuing their goals.

Financial Counseling Impact

Debt to Income with Mortgage	31.00%
Debt to Income Reduction after Counseling	2.00%
Increase in Net Worth	\$21,001

1,130 consumer loans totaling \$1,312,852.78 have been made through the Small Business Assistance Center as of March 15th. Self Sufficiency staff members have helped **5 families facing foreclosure and are currently working with 1 family.**

Families purchasing a home must attend an intensive **homeownership training** class. Year to date **64 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, **411 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. **In-person tax preparation resumed June 1st.** Please contact the Small Business Assistance Center at 918-453-5536 for more information.

Year	Number of Returns Prepared/Filed	\$ Amount of Tax Refunds Received
2020 YTD	1,605	Information unavailable
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:

The IRS has issued a reminder that Economic Impact Payments for individuals living in nursing homes or other care facilities generally belong to the recipient, not the organization providing care. These payments do not count as a resource or income for determining eligibility for Medicaid or other federal programs for a period of 12 months from the receipt of payment and the payments do not count as resources that have to be turned over by recipients, such as nursing home residents whose care is provided by Medicaid.

Additional information can be found on the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-alert-economic-impact-payments-belong-to-recipient-not-nursing-homes-or-care-facilities>.

We're here to help; contact us at 918-453-5536 if you need assistance.

Training Schedule

In-person classes have been temporarily suspended however we are now offering **online Homebuyers Education**.

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

Workshops and Classes			
July 13-16	Online	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 20-23	Online	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Homebuyers Training
July 17	Online	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Financial Empowerment