



2018 Annual Report

***United Community Action Program
of Pawnee***



Mission: To improve people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities and make the State of Oklahoma a better place to live. To help people lift themselves out of poverty by creating opportunities for increased self-sufficiency and greater participation in the community.

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Sherriff Mike Waters.

CASA PAWNEE AND OSAGE COUNTIES



Judge Patrick Pickerall with new Pawnee County Volunteer Shelly Silva.

- 21 advocates served 72 abused and neglected children in 84 cases.
- Volunteers donated 1,323 hours advocating for children.

Jurisdictions: Pawnee District Court, Pawnee Nation Court, Osage District Court and Osage Nation Court.

Helen Norris, Director



From left: Julia Lookout ,CASA Advisor Board, Terry Mason Moore, CASA Advisor Board, Helen Norris, CASA Director, Osage County Special Judge Stuart Tate and CASA Advocate Coordinators Rose Nary Shaw, Stacy Blackburn and Kristin Donnelly.

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM

63 DHS licensed daycare homes were reimbursed for serving nutritious meals, which met U.S. Department of Agriculture requirements. The federally funded



program sponsored 216,166 meals to 563 children, playing a vital role in improving the children's health and the quality of day care and making it more affordable for low-income families. Providers also received training in healthy meal preparation.

Serving providers in Alfalfa, Creek, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, Major, Noble, Oklahoma, Osage, Pawnee, Payne, Tulsa and Washington counties.



Rozanne Worden, Child and Adult Care Food Program Director

Cimarron Public Transit



Above: Executive Director Johnny Bryant and Board Member Bronson Grimes inspect new buses.



Above: CPTS staff Randy Heisler, and Monica Sewell host Stuff the Bus event in Cleveland.



Above: Skiatook drivers from left: C.R. Barnes, Lisa Phillips, Judith Parenti, Dennis Seawright and Beth Schieffer.

1,428,759 revenue miles
1,272,121 passenger miles
125,008 one-way trips
94,185 hours of service

53% of trips served seniors and individuals with disabilities



Above: Terry Klarich, senior systems analyst, and service dog use CPTS to get to work at ONE Gas in Tulsa.



Ribbon Cutting ceremony for new service in Cleveland.

Serving Creek, Kay, Osage,
Pawnee and Washington
Counties.

Laura Corff, Transit Director



Community Alcoholism Services

Community Alcoholism Services provided a supportive environment for outpatient substance abuse services to low/no income individuals with drug and alcohol issues. Staff members are licensed or certified through the state board of licensed alcohol and drug counselors. The program is certified through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Services include screening, assessment, case management, individual and group psychotherapy, as well as individual and group rehabilitation services. Staff also provide peer recovery support, DUI assessments and DUI Schools.

- 16 clients completed treatment.
- 17 clients served for 12 months.
- 60 consumers received at least one service.

Ronnie Jestes, Program Director

Lynn Walker, Clinical Director

Family & Community Services

Low-income people achieved potential and families were strengthened as a result of the following supportive services:

- 3,475 received emergency food assistance.
- 9 received emergency medical prescriptions.
- 206 received emergency fuel or utility assistance.
- 25 received emergency rent or mortgage assistance.
- 1 received emergency medical care.
- 4,110 individuals received information and referrals.
- 114 individuals received Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Services.
- 20,850 food boxes were distributed as a result of partnerships with local food banks.
- 1,207 families received 3,621 units of clothing through local collaboration.
- 238 youth in Pawnee County received Christmas gifts through alliance with the Salvation Army for the Angel Tree project.
- 280 individuals received medical services through the partnership with Pawnee County Free Health Clinic.

Outreach offices located at:

Associated Charities, Blackwell, UCAP, Pawnee;

Operations Blessings, Perry

Dianne Cottrell, Family & Community Services Program Manager

Early Head Start

Newborn-3 year olds and women

- 527 children served
- 36 classrooms
- 50 pregnant women



Head Start

3 & 4 year olds

- 1,004 Head Start children
- 52 classrooms (4 double sessions)
- 92% of 4-year-old children enrolled through the end of the year accomplished school readiness benchmarks for entering kindergarten
- 12.86% of enrolled children received disability services
- 1,071 families received additional services



- 27 family-support advocates serve families
- 126 Child Development Certified staff

Counties served: Creek, Kay, Logan, Noble, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Payne and west Tulsa

Kim Rice, Early Head Start and Head Start Director

Teacher Qualifications

Head Start

50% hold Associate Degrees

50% hold Bachelor Degrees



Early Head Start

2% hold Bachelor Degrees

12% hold Associate Degrees

69% hold Child Development
Associate Credentials

17% working toward CDA credentials

Family Support Advocate

57% hold Bachelor Degrees

32% hold Associate Degrees

11% hold Family Development
Credential

Health Services

87.8% of enrollees received medical exams. Of these, 35.9% were diagnosed for treatment and 77.1% received the treatment needed.

93.7% received dental and/or oral exams.



Housing

Single-Family Rental Homes

Billings—2

Blackwell—1

Fairfax—4

Newkirk—4

Perry—2



Pawnee—9

Tonkawa—6

Multi-Family & Senior Housing

Cambridge, Sapulpa

Copper Ridge, Ponca City

Willow Creek, Ponca City



Edgewood, Sand Springs · Glenshire, Glenpool

Pawnee Townhomes

Total Units... 370



*Cindy Hoeltzel, Housing/
Property Manager, Housing
Credit Certified Professional
through the National Association
of Home/Builders and Housing
Compliance Manager designation
for HUD.*

Weatherization

- 50 low-income families obtained improved heating and cooling conditions, as well as reduced utility bills through weatherization projects. This program helped families move toward self-sufficiency; lower utility costs provide more income for other family needs. Weatherization also helps to revitalize communities.



Counties served: Creek, Kay, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Osage, Payne, Pawnee, and Tulsa.

Making A Difference

Low income lives were transformed throughout the year as a result of community action programs.

Nutrition and Health Needs

Families need access to affordable nutritious food as well as affordable healthcare and mental health services.

- 563 children received 216,166 nutritious meals in sixty-three DHS licensed daycare homes.
- 280 uninsured individuals managed chronic health conditions through the Pawnee County Free Health Clinic Partnership.
- The counseling program strengthened the lives of 60 clients. By providing a supportive environment, these clients were able to achieve their potential and remain free of drugs and alcohol. Case management also helped clients make use of other services.
- 1,424 Medicaid eligible individuals had improved health outcomes due to access to healthcare. More than 33,306 trips were provided to facilities for preventative medical, mental health, procedures as well as management for chronic diseases.
- 255 individuals demonstrated improved health and wellbeing.

Housing Needs

Communities need access to safe, affordable and for-purchase housing.

- 71 families were provided safer, more stable and affordable housing to allow them to better manage daily lives. Families also benefited from quarterly social services, which provided financial, nutritional, identity theft, homebuyer and other education.

Tax Preparation

Communities need free income tax preparation services.

- 114 individuals achieved increased financial potential due to Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Services.

Educational Needs

Families and individuals need quality education programs.

- 92% of 4-year-old children enrolled through the end of the year accomplished school readiness benchmarks for entering kindergarten.
- 12.86% of enrolled children received disability services.
- 30 low-income, single-parent families with 48 children accessed education, training and employment to enhance their ability to support their families and become more self-sufficient, through Cimarron Public Transit.



Other outcomes:

- CASA provided a supportive environment to enable the adoption of 9 children and reunification of 5 families. Guardians were appointed for two children.
- Cimarron Transit provided a supportive environment and improved lives of 412 older, vulnerable Americans. More than 18,800 trips were provided, allowing these clients to remain in their homes and live independently as a result of free public transportation.
- More than 3,300 reduced fare rides were provided to 89 low-income individuals needing access to employment. Transit removed a barrier, providing a supportive community service to allow these individuals to become more self-sufficient.
- Transit spurred economic activity in each community where public transit was provided and helped revitalize communities where low-income families and individuals live.

Capacity Building Training and Certifications

Each program provided continuing education opportunities for staff and board development through in-



service, on-line training, state associations, as well as grant and industry conferences.

Board Member Capacity Building: 190 hours

76 staff attended 1900 hours of training



Community Partners

17 school districts ·

15 for-profit businesses·

13 nonprofit · 12 consortiums/collaborations·

10 faith-based ·

8 housing consortiums/collaborations·

8 postsecondary schools·

8 health service institutions ·

6 local municipalities· 4 financial institutions·

3 state departments ·

3 state-wide associations·

2 Tribes

265,000 volunteer hours were donated to increase community engagement.





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