

Cherokee Nation Education Services is submitting an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fiscal Year 2016.

The Cherokee Nation plan is described below:

Goal: Provide a summer high school readiness program for middle school age students.

Objectives:

1. The project will serve a maximum of six hundred (sixty at each site) students at ten school sites.
2. Forty certified teachers will be trained in the Strategies for Success curriculum. Four teachers will teach the curriculum at each site.
3. All forty teachers trained in the curriculum will evidence teaching skill in the curriculum through on site evaluation.

Outcomes:

1. Fifty percent of the six hundred students attending the program will gain a minimum of ten success-in-school skills as documented by completion of activities in the student guide, their participation in program activities and a final personal inventory list at the conclusion of the program.
2. Fifty percent of the six hundred students will demonstrate their ability to be active, positive contributors to society by completing a service-learning project that meets a community need. There will be at least one service project per site.

Goal: Provide an after-school service-learning program for middle age students that will help them become more engaged citizens by completing a service-learning project that meets a community need.

Objectives:

1. The project will serve a maximum of 80 (20 at each site) students at four different school sites.
2. The teachers will apply the five stages of service-learning in order to insure that both components, service and learning, are an integral part of the program.
3. On site evaluations will be conducted monthly to monitor compliance with the required components.

Outcomes:

1. Fifty percent of the students attending the program will develop skills on how to conduct a social analysis of an identified community need.
2. Fifty percent of the students will learn how to develop a plan of action.
3. Fifty percent of the students will gain a greater understanding of social issue/s through their involvement of a service project as evidenced through reflection activities that will be shared.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on the 2016 plan. Comments can be sent via one of these methods by Monday, August 10, 2015 by 5pm.

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