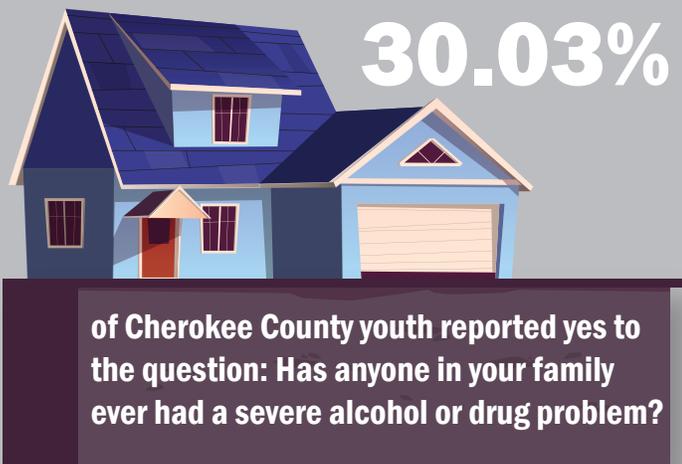




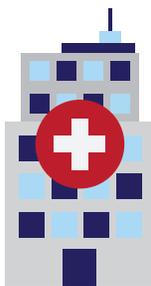
Drug use that impacts our children and families is growing at an alarming rate. The future is at stake. Children whose parents use alcohol or drugs are 3 times more likely to be physically, sexually, and emotionally abused; and they are also 4 times more likely to be neglected. This means that we have children in our community that need our help.

Cherokee County Drug Endangered Children Alliance

We hope to start a Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Alliance in Cherokee County to to make a difference in the lives of children who are living in dangerous drug environments. This will consist of developing a multidisciplinary team to address the issues for these children. This team would formalize efforts on how we can identify these children earlier, respond to these children, and provide services for them to heal. Some of the things we are going to do are collect some data from the community, share how to take action and work together, create some awareness in the community, and more.



In 2018, Cherokee County had a rate of 4.06 per 1,000 residents for non-fatal drug overdose emergency department visits.



For more information or to become part of this initiative, contact the Kansas Drug Endangered Children Alliance at KSAll4DEKids@gmail.com

There were **694** Child Protective Services Intake reports to the Department for Children and Families (DCF) in Cherokee County from July 2018 - July 2019.

489 of which were assigned for investigation.

If Cherokee County rates of presenting situations for these assigned cases match the average for our region, we would have had around:

101

reports assigned due to caregiver substance use.

17

reports assigned due to child substance use.

15

reports assigned due to infant positive for substances