

**Healthy Tribe Initiative**  
**Chitimacha Native American Tribe of Louisiana**  
**Emergency Preparedness and Healthy Tribe Initiative**

On August 7, 2018 the Bureau of Minority Health Access (BMHA) and the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana hosted an Emergency Preparedness and Health social gathering, called, "***National Night Out***" at the Chitimacha Middle school in Charenton, Louisiana. This was the first of many events to be hosted by BMHA and the Chitimacha tribe to kick off the Healthy Tribe Initiative.

The Chitimachas will initiate a *Healthy Tribe Initiative* by conducting emergency preparedness trainings and implement the Own Your Own Health (OYOH) Physical Activity and Nutrition Program for enrolled members and employees of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. Trainings may include- though not necessarily limited to the following: Emergency Preparedness procedures, Pandemic Flu, Ebola and Zika virus outbreak trainings. The primary purpose of this project is to implement activities to educate Tribal members and employees on establishing an emergency plan in the event of a natural disaster while allowing members and employees an opportunity to participate in the OYOH program that will combat the tribe's high rates of diabetes and obesity.

**Outcome:**

Chitimacha's emergency preparedness staff, teachers and medical advisors will train Tribal members and employees in their community on emergency preparedness and response procedures. The Tribe may elect to bring in experts to train on topics such as, but not limited to, the following: (1) Bring in Mental and Behavioral Health Professionals to teach how to prevent panic and stress in emergency situations; (2) Bring in Pan Flu, Ebola or Zika virus experts to conduct table-top exercises for community residents, and (3) Bring in HIV/AIDS experts on how to handle infected patients during emergency situations, especially during evacuations.

**Emergency Preparedness**

The Chitimacha Tribe hosted the "***National Day Out***" event to see if their tribal members and employees were prepared for a natural disaster or panflu outbreak. The event flowed with a health fair concept that served healthy foods, entertainment for the kids, along with information booths from health care organizations and drawings for prizes. The main focus of the evening was to see who was prepared. The Tribe designated an area for participants to complete the "***Are You Prepared?***" survey comprised of questions to enlighten Tribal leaders and BMHA regarding preparedness levels for tribal members and employees if an actual emergency arises.

Final analysis of the "***Are You Prepared?***" emergency preparedness survey shows the Chitimacha tribe and their employees overall are very much prepared for a natural disaster or panflu outbreak. The tribe scored well in the following areas:

**Family Preparedness:** The majority of the tribe and their families have a firm grasp of being prepared and knowing what to do when an emergency strikes. The only concern in the survey results were members that do not have an evacuation route for their families. If a natural disaster strikes, the entire family must know where to go and what to do as a family. Everyone must be on the same page and carry out their tasks together in a safe and cautious manner.

**Pet Care:** More than 90+ percent of the members know how to make accommodations for their pets and have them as part of their overall emergency preparedness plan.

**Long-term Facility Disaster:** The Chitimachas were not sure if their long-term facilities have an emergency plan, and they did not know if the staff was trained for a disaster. The most glaring statistic is the facilities never communicated with families about a preparedness plan, which was surprising.

**Time Frames:** Tribal members showed they were prepared for moderate inconveniences as a result of 3 days to 2 weeks; however, numbers fell significantly when asked if they could manage being inconvenienced for 3 -6 months. The tribe did score well when asked if they knew where facilities and resources were located in the event of a disaster.

**Employers:** Another statistic that stood out were the number of members that did not know if their employers had an emergency preparedness plan.



**Bureau of Minority Health Access  
Emergency Preparedness Survey  
“Are You Prepared?”**

ITEM				Comments
<b>FAMILY PREPAREDNESS</b>				
*How do you receive emergency alerts and warnings?	WEA 23	T.V. 17	Radio 2	WEA- Wireless Emergency Alert
Do you have a shelter plan?	Yes 62	No 19	Not Sure 9	
Do you have an evacuation route?	Yes 64	No 16	Not Sure 10	
Family Communication Plan?	Yes 69	No 16	Not Sure 5	
Family know how to respond?	Yes 73	No 7	Not Sure 10	
Family know where to go – or not go?	Yes 67	No 7	Not Sure 16	
Family know who to contact?	Yes 78	No 6	Not Sure 6	
Know how to access drinking water?	Yes 82	No 5	Not Sure 3	
Know how to prepare any food reserves?	Yes 77	No 7	Not Sure 6	
How to communicate with family and emergency personnel?	Yes 84	No 2	Not Sure 4	
What means of communications do you have?	Cell 78	Walkie-talkie 8	Shortwave radio 4	<u>12 have all three; 13 have two of three</u>
<b>PET CARE</b>				
Do you have pets? <b>56 have pets</b>	Carriers 45	ID Tags 9	Vet Phone 2	<b>34 No Pets</b>
Do you have horses? <b>89 no horses</b>	Horse Trailers 1	Halter w/ Name 1	Coggins Test 1	
Do you have farm animals? <b>1 have farm animals</b>	Shelter on property 1	Barn re-enforcement 1	Backup plan for feeding, watering 1	
<b>LONG-TERM FACILITY DISASTER PLAN</b>				
Long-term facility have emergency plan?	Yes 29	No 19	Not Sure 42	
Staff Trained in emergency preparedness?	Yes 22	No 20	Not Sure 48	

Facility communicate w/ family on preparedness?	Yes <b>26</b>	No <b>22</b>	Not Sure <b>42</b>	
Facility have on-site resources?	Backup Power <b>24</b>	Extra medical Supplies <b>14</b>	Portable cylinders for oxygen/First aid kits <b>7</b>	<b>61 N/A</b>
Facility have Evacuation procedures?	Yes <b>21</b>	No <b>13</b>	Not Sure <b>42</b>	<b>14 N/A</b>
Contracts w/ transportation to provide housing for displaced residents?	Yes <b>28</b>	No <b>9</b>	Not Sure <b>53</b>	
Will residents' charts, medical information and supplies be transported?	Yes <b>13</b>	No <b>18</b>	Not Sure <b>59</b>	

- 15 Receive Emergency Alerts by Cell phone and T.V.**
- 12 Receive Emergency Alerts by T.V and radio only**
- 17 Receive Emergency Alerts by Cell, T.V. and Radio**
- 2 Receive Emergency Alerts by Cell and radio only**
- 2 Did not Receive Emergency Alerts at all**

**Emergency Preparedness Survey  
(continued)**

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<b>TIME FRAMES</b>				
Prepared for minor to moderate inconveniences as a result of disaster for 3 days to 2 weeks?	Yes <b>68</b>	No <b>13</b>	Not Sure <b>9</b>	
Prepared for minor to moderate inconveniences as a result of disaster for 3 weeks to 2 months?	Yes <b>40</b>	No <b>37</b>	Not Sure <b>13</b>	
Prepared for minor to moderate inconveniences as a result of disaster for 3 months to 6 months?	Yes <b>31</b>	No <b>46</b>	Not Sure <b>13</b>	
Prepared for minor to moderate inconveniences as a result of disaster for 6 months to 1 year?	Yes <b>21</b>	No <b>56</b>	Not Sure <b>13</b>	
Prepared for minor to moderate inconveniences as a result of disaster for 1 year or more?	Yes <b>22</b>	No <b>53</b>	Not Sure <b>15</b>	
During an emergency, do you know what stores, facilities, resources, supplies and assistance is available in your area apart from family and friends?	Yes <b>60</b>	No <b>14</b>	Not Sure <b>16</b>	
Do you have a list of essential supplies you believe will be necessary to have on hand during your estimated emergency?	Yes <b>67</b>	No <b>18</b>	Not Sure <b>5</b>	
What special needs might arise during an emergency?	Psychological <b>74</b>	Medical <b>14</b>	Social <b>2</b>	
<b>EMPLOYERS</b>				
During an emergency, do you know what your employer will provide for you and other employees?	Yes <b>38</b>	No <b>24</b>	Not Sure <b>28</b>	
Does your employer have its own emergency preparedness plan?	Yes <b>54</b>	No <b>8</b>	Not Sure <b>28</b>	

## National Night Out Sign-In Sheet 2018

Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Laurie Grayer	Health Clinic	337-519-2076
2 Jessica Burns	Health Clinic	337-578-5770
3 Brooke Dumesnil	819 Guido St Franklin	337-578-2277
4 Benji		
5 Talon		
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7 Bent		
8 Linc		
9 Emily Darden		
10 <del>Mary</del> Brown		
11 Schuyler Hert	1105 Chenere	337 578 0912
12 Vincent Speno	1105 Chenere	
13 Jean-Luc Hebut	1105 Chenere	
14 Chantell Villermin	109 Dorcey Rd	339 1668
15 Jaxson Villermin	Acadian Enclaves <sup>+</sup>	339 1668
16 Beanie Villermin	Enclaves <sup>+</sup>	339 1668
17 Leslie D. Proctor		
18 Anna Perry	220 Pickett St	337-923-6185
19 Mariah Matthew	220 Pickett St	337-923-6183
20 Jazmine Minton	212 Onedia St	337-579-1599

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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Chantell Smith	428 Chitimacha Loop	205-910-5737
2 Jim Smith	" " "	334 457 9703
3 Karice Perry	212 Sanders St. Franklin, La.	337 578 4782
4 Marnie Paudoin	7572 Hwy 87 Chalmette	280-5475
5 Sophie Darden	7572 Hwy 87 Chalmette	280-5475
6 Christiana Mire		
7 Sebastian Mire		
8 Achilles Mire	<del>38</del>	<del>337-</del>
9 Nicolas Mire	113 Seneca Dr	578-1956
10 Dakota Mire		
11 Jonathan Smith		
12 Irene Mara	86 Choctaw Dr.	337- <del>256-1720</del> 256-1720
13 Kickey Fernigan		256-1720
14 Goline Bruno		985-253-8560
15 Mae Bruno		985-255-9561
16 Judy D. Proctor	3240 Chitimacha Jr.	337-578-1871
17 Gloria Lester	107 Ronnie St Baldwin	923 40 23
18 Jenna Toups	12 Schendee St.	940-1761
19 Haylen Abosk		
20 Seth Toups		

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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Coty Martin	881 Choctaw Ln	337-578-5900
2 Magdeline Darden		
3 Denise Champagne		
4 Jackie Darden	237 Cherokee St.	337-578-4282
5 Gracie Vilca	"	
6 Neethen Vile	"	
7 Gwendolyn Murray		
8 Bert Grace		
9 Lora Ann Chaisson	991 G.C. Rd Houma, LA 70363	985 209 6727
10 Brett Lang		337-230-4802
11 RANDY HOPPER	MDA	3
12 MICKEY EDWARDS	MDA	337-534-5425
13 Sunari Prejean	MDA	
14 Amiee Guidroz	Chetmacha PD.	(337) 578-3677
15 Howard Bodin	" "	337-277-4388
16 Lisa DANTIN		923-2177
17 Buddy C. BARK		11
18 CONNOR SIMONEAU		11
19 COLLIN SIMONEAU		11
20 FRANK GUNTER	MC MAYOR	985 385 1776

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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Nick Boudreau	205 Coushatta Dr	337-519-3863
2 Tasia Burgess	343 Navarro St Lumbert Arts - Charenton, LA	337-940-3025
3 Bonnie Bonin	4209 Verot School, Youngsville	337-224-3802
4 Kaiden Rogers	10823 Hwy 182, Franklin	335-578-9809
5 Lucah LaFont	↓	↓
6 Maisyn LaFont	↓	↓
7 Jade Brenner	PO Box 700	
8 Karm Matthews	Health Clinic	923-7000
9 Ilda Bercel	Human Services	923-7000
10 Juna Mayn	" "	903-7000
11 Nathalie Hutchinson		577-0931
12 ANGIE MARTIN	HEALTH CLINIC	518-5539
13 BRITTA MARTIN		337-578-8924
14 SOPHIE BRYANO		337-940-2803
15 Brenda Clark		337-578-1122
16 Jacie Mora		337-606-3643
17 Maysi Wilson	280 Chitimacha Loop	337-578-9845
18 Josh Olander	280 Chitimacha Loop	337-578-7259
19 Tyler Olander	↓	↓
20 Hunter Olander		



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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 ASHTON JOHNSON	205 Cherokee St.	(337) 579-1994
2 Ronnie Labare	Berwick, LA.	985-518-2456
3 Sheriff Scott Anslun	Charenton,	337-579-0363
4 Evan Dumesnil	819 Guido St Franklin	337 578 2277
5 <del>Log Hutchins</del>		551-9043
6 Adriana Albert	158 Choctaw St. Jeanerette	337-578-4933
7 Ambre Viator	" "	" "
8 Beverly Hebert	" "	" "
9 Eleanor Hebert	" "	" "
10 Mary Fee	3214 Freyon Rd	577 6841
11 Greyson Fee	" "	" "
12 Gage Fee	" "	" "
13 Anna Breaux	3210 Freyon Rd	339-4554
14 Marilyn Rojas	109 Choctaw Dr.	940-3123
15 Marzine Brassard	180 Choctaw St	358-7774
16 Melissa Darden	89 Choctaw	337 3806888
17 Jade Brown	}	}
18 Xani Brown		
19 Alexis Brown		
20 Jeremiah Rojas		

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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 <del>Carroll</del> Terry	8448 4th way 182 Franklin, LA 70038	(337) 578-7656
2 Kevin Shuff	154 Cherokee St	278 7167
3 Eli Shuff		
4 Noah Shuff		
5 Nevaeh Manic		
6 Kristan Jones	119 Scola Dr.	579-3817
7 Cooper Jones	↓	↓
8 Owen Jones		
9 Paige Darden	132 Cherokee St	578-2595
10 Alysha Darden	↓	↓
11 Cathy Darden		
12 Buddy Rogers	111 Shivers St Patt	578-1410
13 Eston Rogers		498-9176
14 Kaylyn Martin		578-7286
15 Alyssa Martin		↓
16 Caliel Johnson	205 Cherokee St	
17 Anthony Martin	66 Cherokee	579-0444
18 Serenity Martin	↓	↓
19 Olypetra Johnson		337-579-4739
20 Grant Zimmerman		337 578 3516

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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Rossmire		337 247 0071
2 Elnora Burgess		
3 Lacey Fonseca		578-8785
4 Avari Ridgedell		
5 Fernanda Bojue		
6 Rya Soprano		
7 Leann Selesley	631 Turner Dr.	504 255 4494
8 Becca Selesley		
9 Cicavah Selesley		
10 Aubree Selesley		
11 Levi Selesley		
12 Meani Selesley		
13 Amber Brassel	1160 Chestnut Ln	337 578 4629
14 Jack Darden		337-578-4307
15 Tammy Darden		"
16 Gage Darden		"
17 Elizabeth Jackson		337 940 2818
18 Grace Jackson		
19 Abigail Jackson		
20 Michael Aronson		337 967 9025

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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Jake Darden	PO Box 165 Charenton	907-0222
2 Claudia Darden	↓	↓
3 Peyton Darden	↓	↓
4 Mason Darden	↓	↓
5 Sarah Guillong	P.O. box 102 Charenton	_____
6 Jimmy Burgess	246 Chitimacha Loop Rd	940-3771
7 Caymen Burgess	↓	
8 Aden Burgess	↓	
9 Shawn Fee	3214 Freyer Rd.	337-256-6790
10 Lamm Guiberson	PO Box 69 Franklin LA	337-940-3643
11 Jessica Deslatte	341 Chitimacha Loop	337-781-8782
12 Emma	"	" "
13 Chance Bray	114 Flamma Blvd,	578- <del>4324</del> 4324
14 Noel Ross	PO Box 58 Ball.	578- <del>6277</del> 6277
15 Felicia Leonard	2307 4th St. Jean	579-8491
16 Jakaysia Leonard	"	" "
17 Jalaysia Leon	"	" "
18 Ja'martion Reliford	"	" "
19 Tracy Cooreham	112 Oakwood Franklin	225-456-6173
20 Addison Kubam	_____	_____

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1 Hollister Herbert		
2 Gage Toupe		
3 Ben Darden		
4 Fernando Fonseca		
5 Earl Phillips		
6 Devin Butner		
7 Scarlett Ordu		
8 Ethan Frederic		
9 Adrienne Lemke		
10 Nikina Vilcan		
11 Dustin Darby		
12 Megan Russo		
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Name:	Address:	Phone Contact:
1 Lucas Kudahl	_____	
2 Kenneth Perry		
3 Shayna Hines	214 Jena Street, Leesville, LA 70501	
4 Ann Marie Hines	" "	
5 Vinnie Hines	" "	
6 Michelle Darden		
7 Catherine Darden		
8 Leann Darden		
Ethan Vilcan		
10 <del>Bill Sal</del>		
11 <del>Justin Sal</del>		
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