Bladen and Columbus Counties:
The FASS teams in Bladen and Columbus Counties continued to have weekly team meetings during the quarter of July 1 through September 30, 2000. There was a total of 12 families (42 individuals) enrolled during this period. Of the 12 families, three were in Bladen County and nine were in Columbus County. Of the three Bladen FASS participant families, one is presently working and two are looking for work. Also, two have obtained standard housing. Of the nine Columbus FASS participant families, four are at risk, two have employment, and three have obtained standard housing.
The teams continue to be enthusiastic and involved in every aspect of the FASS process. At present there are no new team members, but we anticipate adding members as needed.
Of the 16 Bladen and Columbus families reported last quarter, one is thriving, three are safe, three are stable, six are vulnerable, two are still in crisis, and one has been removed from the program. Two of families have been transferred to Family Empowerment (CSBG) for further assistance.

Scotland County:
Of the 13 Scotland County families that were placed on the FASS program from its beginning, five had been sanctioned from DSS/WFFA. Two are on probation for drug use. Two families, who had been living in the domestic violence shelter, had to move out because their time limit there almost was up. Four families were homeless. The most pressing need these families had was to secure standard housing. The next most pressing need was to secure gainful employment. As of this report, 10 families remain on the program. Of those 10, eight are employed and two have secured supervisory jobs with wages in excess of $10/hour. Three of the families have members enrolled in schools of higher learning: one is pursuing an Associate Degree in Science; one is enrolled in a computer business course; and one is enrolled in a day care provider course.
Of the families served this quarter, four have gotten and kept employment, four have been removed from the program after all team efforts failed to motivate clients to comply. One has gotten and quit a job.
One modification was made by one of the FASS teams. The Scotland County team voted to meet biweekly instead of weekly. Their reasoning was to give case managers more time to act on and report back to the committee any concerns that might arise between FASS team meetings.
As of September 30, 2000, 50.6% of the FASS grant has been expended. Our executive director is reluctant to allow us to expend FASS funds because of the delays in getting reimbursed. Without this one obstacle, we most likely would have been at the 65 to 75% expenditure mark by this time in the project.