Bladen County
Of the 14 Bladen County families served through the Families Achieving Self-Sufficiency program,
- 6 gained employment (2 were taken off the program for noncompliance, but are still working)
- all have standard housing
- 1 has gotten a GED
- 1 has completed the Home Health Aide training and is working toward a GED
- 1 is enrolled full-time at Bladen Community College
- 10 are stable now (6 of the 10 are now off public assistance and 2 are thriving on their own)

Columbus County
Of the 12 Columbus County families served through the Families Achieving Self-Sufficiency program,
- 2 were removed for failure to meet project requirements
- 2 are still not stable but are working toward becoming stable; all of these are in standard housing
- 8 are stable
  - of the 8 stable families, all have standard housing; 7 are working full time, 1 is working part-time and going to school part-time (has completed Office Assistance I curriculum); 3 have new babies in the household (1 of them is on maternity leave, the other 2 are not working)
  - 1 has been able to purchase her own car
  - 7 are off public assistance

Scotland County
Of the 15 Scotland County families served through the Families Achieving Self-Sufficiency program,
- 4 were terminated from the program for noncompliance with program requirements
- 13 gained employment (of those, one was terminated from the program for walking off his job; one has voluntarily left the program and moved; and 2 have been laid off but are in school);
- of the 13, 9 are safe and stable but not thriving,
- all now have standard housing;
- all have received or scheduled to receive conflict resolution/anger management training (provided at no cost through Sandhills Mediation Center),
• 9 make above minimum wage (3 of those well above minimum wage),
• 9 are off public assistance

**Overall**

Of the 41 FASS clients enrolled, 24 are off public assistance, are in safe, standard housing, are working, and seem to be headed toward self-sufficiency for the first time for many of them. These figures represent a 58.5% success rate, which we anticipate increasing as these as the remaining 8 continue to working on achieving self-sufficiency. Over all, only 8 have had to be terminated from the program (19.5%). To us, these figures are confirmation that the collaborative team approach to working with these hardest to serve public assistance families is very effective. It is also a great deal of hard work for those agencies participating on the teams as well as for those clients enrolled.