

## Section 8 FSS Program

We have productively reduced our 30 mandatory slots to zero. We continue to operate our program with 30 voluntary slots. We have graduated 22 participants. All of these graduates experienced an increase in earned income in order to graduate from this program.

Jonesboro Public Housing successfully administered an FSS Program from 1999 until March, 2007 when we graduated our final successful candidate. This program was funded through low-rent public housing operating funding subsidy rather than grant funds. This program offered triumphant services through active members of the Program Coordinating Committee which included professionals from local employment agencies, child care providers, Department of Human Services, Workforce Center, Arkansas State University and other educational venues offering supportive services. Though the low-rent public housing FSS program concluded in 2007, public housing residents are still offered access to all FSS programs offered through the Jonesboro Housing Authority HCV FSS grant. In addition, our Public Housing Resident Services Coordinator offers opportunities through partnerships with local services.

We achieved the above goal by securing HCV Family Self-Sufficiency grants as follows:

- 2004-2005                      \$40,000
- 2005-2006                      40,400
- 2006-2007                      40,804
- 2007-2008                      41,212
- 2008-2009                      41,624