## **Q & A**

How Can The YVEDDI CSBG Self-Sufficiency Program Help You To Help Yourself And Your Family To A Better Life?

- ■Do you live in Davie, Stokes, Surry, or Yadkin County?
- ■Do you need **Financial Assistance** enrolling in school or college and with educational costs such as: books, tuition, and class-related materials?
- ■Do you need **HELP** with gas to get back and forth to school, work, job search, or job training?
- ■Do you need **Financial Assistance** for employment-related costs such as clothing, background check, drug testing, or physicals?
- ■Do you need **HELP** meeting financial obligations while going to school or looking for work?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, the YVEDDI CSBG Self-Sufficiency Program can **HELP** you!

The **First Step** is to call and schedule an appointment with one of our Success Coaches to discuss your needs and find out how.

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# Community Services Block Grant Program



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### Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Program

The primary (long-range) goal is to reduce the number of individuals/families in poverty within a two year period of time. This will be achieved by providing comprehensive case management services and activities to families that are enrolled in the program.

Our CSBG Program believes that desiring individuals/families will become more self-sufficient and become positive contributors to society with adequate resources, referrals, support network, prioritizing obtainable goals, and capitalizing on customer strengths.

Each eligible individual/family enrolled in the program can be assisted for a two (2) year period effective their date of enrollment. A contract/ agreement is developed and must be signed by all appropriate members of the family prior to enrollment in the program. This contract contains the barriers/problems as identified, a plan of action that details the specific assistance objectives, and a work plan, agreed to by the family and our CSBG staff that outlines the responsibilities of all parties involved.

Our Self-Sufficiency Program is based upon the following beliefs:

- A hand up is better than a hand out
- Buy a person a fish and you have fed him/her for a day; Teach a person to fish, and you have fed him/her for a lifetime
- Helping people help themselves should be a way of life
- Able-bodied people should work

#### **Eligibility/Enrollment**

Upon referral, all customers are provided with an orientation to the full array of CSBG services. If customers are interested in pursuing services, they participate in the Intake Process, which is an information gathering procedure. Data is collected to build a case history and to allow for a Needs Assessment of the applicants' current situation. This information will be staffed by a team of Success Coaches. We will investigate and exhaust every idea regarding what services can be mobilized within Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI), and within the community through information and referral to serve our customers.

Customers who are eligible and suitable will be enrolled into the Self-Sufficiency Program on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as funding is available. The Success Coach and the participant will jointly complete a comprehensive Success Plan. Realistic long-term, self-sufficiency goals and practical short-term objectives will be emphasized.

If the participant does not make a responsible effort to follow Success Plan goals and objectives within thirty days after signing the Success Plan, the participant will have terminated him/herself from the CSBG Program.

#### **Self-Sufficiency**

The Self-Sufficiency Program is designed to assist individuals/families to overcome poverty. Our service model assists customers to obtain a higher education, create a resume', gain employment in jobs paying a "living wage," and to empower themselves in the process of becoming self-reliant. We encourage customers to participate in Survival Skills, budgeting classes-Money In Money Out, Financial Literacy Workshops, Life Skills, and nutrition classes-Eat Less and Move More.

Our CSBG Program boosts Self-Sufficiency customers' self-esteem, self-confidence, and assertiveness in taking greater control of their lives. We do this by establishing good rapport through a philosophy that "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." We empower customers through our Self-Sufficiency Program philosophy that human services offered without supportive services and intensive success coaching are often unsuccessful. Therefore, we will continue to provide supportive services, including direct customer assistance, intensive, holistic, and individualized success coaching, and personal support to CSBG customers to empower them and to help remove barriers in their lives to become self-sufficient.

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