

# 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?

•Do you need **HELP** developing a plan to reach your personal goals?

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 the YVEDDI CSBG Self-Sufficiency Program Can Help You Help Yourself And Your Family To A Better Life.

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# Community Services Block Grant Program

#### Empowering Others To Help Themselves



YVEDDI...your local Community Action Agency



#### Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program

The primary long-range goal is to reduce the number of under-resourced individuals/families in our communities. 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 those in poverty solve immediate, concrete problems every day using reactive problem-solving skills and relationships. We continue to strengthen those relationships within society with adequate resources, referrals, support networks, prioritizing obtainable goals, and capitalizing on customer strengths.

Each eligible individual/family enrolled in the program can be assisted for up to a two (2) year period, effective from the date of enrollment. A contract/agreement is developed prior to enrollment in the program. This contract contains the barriers/needs, a plan of action, and a work plan, agreed upon by the customer and the CSBG staff. The plan outlines the responsibilities of all parties involved.

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

- Poverty and unstable situations can trap people in the "tyranny of the moment"
- Helping people help themselves should be a way of life
- Able-bodied people should work
- Participants will begin to understand that poverty is not always a "lack of "....

# **Eligibility/Enrollment**

All potential 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 reviewed by a team of Success Coaches. To serve our customers more effectively 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.

Customers who are eligible will be enrolled into the Self-Sufficiency Program in accordance with the federal poverty guidelines as long as funding is available. The Success Coach and the participant will jointly complete a comprehensive Success Plan that determines program readiness. 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 (contract) goals and objectives within ninety (90) days after signing the Success Plan, the participant will have terminated him/herself from the Program.

# Self-Sufficiency

The Self-Sufficiency Program is designed to assist individuals/families to overcome poverty. Our service model assists customers to obtain the necessary resources for a full life, insights into the hidden rules of economic class, develop strategies to evaluate themselves, choose behaviors, and make plans to help stabilize their environment, and build resources for a better life. We require that all customers take the Money Smart Online course to assist them in understanding the importance of money management and financial well-being.

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 a relationship of mutual respect. We empower customers through our Self-Sufficiency Program philosophy that human services offered without integrative 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 empower and help remove barriers in their lives to become self-sufficient.

### **Empowering Others To Help Themselves**

YVEDDI CSBG MISSION To build self-sufficiency for under-resourced individuals and families through coaching, mentoring and community partnerships.

