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Southeastern Community & Family Services Conducts Community Needs Assessment Survey

Lumberton, NC – November 17, 2014 – Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. (SCFS) is conducting a Community Needs Assessment Survey to identify the basic living needs to ensure that every family has a chance at achieving a better quality of life in *Robeson, Scotland, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Hoke, and Pender* counties. The assessment survey is a part of SCFS' *Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)*, which the agency receives from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services to fund their *Family Empowerment Self-Sufficiency Project (FESS)*. FESS' mission is to work with families to determine their individual and family strengths, needs, and visions for the future, and to help them achieve them. *"We are improving and expanding our CSBG FESS program to better serve the needs of families in a holistic approach. The only way we can fully understand an individual and family's need is to reach out to them and ask,"* says Ericka J. Whitaker, Chief Executive Officer. Residents in targeted counties who are interested in participating can access the survey electronically on the agency's website at www.SCFSNC.org. Or, by paper ballot by visiting a CSBG FESS center in their county (a list of centers is located at www.SCFSNC.org/CSBGProgram). Surveys will be collected from November 17, 2014 until December 15, 2014.

About Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc.

Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. (SCFS) is a federally funded nonprofit agency based in Lumberton, North Carolina serving low income residents in seven neighboring counties for nearly 50 years. The Agency has over 200 employees and an approximate annual budget of \$16 million utilized to operate and manage 15 Head Start schools, Section 8 housing, and other programs involving workforce readiness, economic development, and self-sufficiency. To learn more about SCFS, and to stay alert of the latest activities and news, you may visit www.SCFSNC.org.

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