Sybil Smith Family Village
A program of the Dumas Wesley Community Center

Dumas Wesley Community Center’s Transitional Housing Program, Sybil Smith Family Village (SSFV), was founded in 1999 to fill a void in housing services for women and families experiencing homelessness. The first resident was referred by the Mobile County Department of Human Resources. Today, SSFV serves both men and women with children. To date, the program has served over 2,120 individuals from Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Southwest Alabama, coastal Mississippi, and North Florida.

Families with children are referred to the Village by Housing First’s Community Connections Network. Residents may stay up to 24 months in a fully-furnished apartment unit. During their stay, families work closely with a case manager to access community resources and develop a long-term plan to successfully transition into permanent housing. SSFV provides a variety of wrap-around services, including: life skills classes, counseling, transportation, child care, financial literacy classes and nutrition education.

Eligibility

- Homeless with children
- 24 years of age or older
- Able to work or go to school
- Drug and alcohol free

2019 Fast Facts

- 86% of residents successfully exited into permanent housing
- 19,497 bed nights provided for 120 homeless individuals
- 40% of residents in the program were employed prior to entry
- 1,017 case management hours and 46 life skills classes provided for residents
- $7.96 is the daily cost to house a resident

“They provided us with safety, stability, structure and peace of mind—which was even better than the physical things provided.”
Felicia, Transitional Housing Program resident

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