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Four-County Community Services, Inc. has Officially Changed its Name to Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. The Community Action Agency Relocates its Main Office to Lumberton, North Carolina

Lumberton, NC – June 30, 2014 — Four-County Community Services, Inc., a long-standing Community Action Agency based in Laurinburg, North Carolina, has legally changed its name to *Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. (SCFS)*. In addition, Four-County's main office, previously located at 241 S. Main Street, Laurinburg, NC in Scotland County, has permanently relocated to **405 N. Elm Street, Lumberton, NC 28358** in Robeson County. Southeastern will continue to provide Four-County's services under its Section 8 HUD program, as well as assistance through its Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program in Scotland County at its new location, **The Oaks Professional Building, 915 S. Main Street, Unit H, Laurinburg, NC 28352**, beginning immediately. *"The Section 8 and CSBG programs require the Agency to maintain offices in Scotland County because we service consumers and acquire federal funds for that area. Additionally, the Agency remains committed to providing continued community support,"* stated Ericka J. Whitaker, Chief Executive Officer. The relocation to both offices has not resulted in a reduction of staff. Southeastern will be transferring 22 staff to the new main office in Lumberton, and four staff will be transferring to the new office in Laurinburg. As of June 27, 2014, all correspondence related to Four-County should be addressed to Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1025, Lumberton, NC 28359. The public can also contact the Agency, learn about programs and services, and browse current job openings using the temporary web address, www.4ccs.org. The Agency's news web address, www.SCFSNC.org, will be active on July 1, 2014.

Four-County Community Services, Inc., now Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc., was incorporated on June 10, 1964, with its stated purposes, "... to do all things necessary or proper to aid in improving the education, economic opportunities, living environment and general welfare of the people residing in Richmond, Robeson, and Scotland Counties." Over the years, Four-County has expanded from those original three counties to seven, having dropped Richmond and adding Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Hoke, and Pender Counties. In a continued effort to recognize all of the communities being served, the Board of Directors and Executive staff have collectively agreed to change Four-County's name to **Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc.** *"Over the last 50 years, lifestyles have changed as the economic climate has shifted. Our communities' needs have prompted the Agency to assess and modify how, and where, we do business. It is critical that we put the needs of our clients and stakeholders first. In other words, we need to be more visible and accessible. I firmly believe this change is necessary to sustain the continued growth and longevity of the Agency, and in the long run will allow us to build upon our firm foundation,"* stated Ericka J. Whitaker, Chief Executive Officer.

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About Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc.

Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. 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, a weatherization program, Section 8 housing, the Community Services Block Grant program, and other services involving workforce readiness, economic development, and self-sufficiency.

To learn more about Southeastern you may visit www.SCFSNC.org and follow the Agency on Facebook.

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