

Sybil Smith Family Village (SSFV)

Dumas Wesley Community Center's Transitional Housing Program, Sybil H. Smith Family Village, was founded in 1999 to fill a void in housing services for single women and women with children experiencing homelessness. To date, the program has served 2,422 individuals from Southwest and Central Alabama, coastal Mississippi, and North Florida.



Housing

A 17-unit transitional housing program that provides 24 months of housing for up to 61 individuals



Eligibility

Residents must be: homeless, 24 years of age or older, able to work or enroll in school, willing to live in a drug and alcohol free environment and participate in a case management plan



Services

Individualized case management, life skills classes, behavior modification and mental health resources

2022 Fast Facts

133 individuals housed

21,211 bednights provided for homeless individuals in shelter

1,906 individualized case management sessions and 85 life skills classes offered

14 out of 15 families successfully transitioned from homelessness to permanent housing

93% success rate among residents who completed the program and moved into permanent housing - 45% higher than the national average

0% of SSFV graduates returned to homelessness, compared to the national recidivism rate of 19%

"I have lived at Sybil Smith family Village for 13 months. Before Sybil Smith, my daughters never had stability - but they do now! That's 13 months with a roof over our heads, with running water, heat and air conditioning. Thirteen months with a HOME! Sybil Smith has changed our lives. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, donations, and selflessness that has helped keep my family afloat, when I wasn't able to swim. Thank you for making our dream a reality. We're forever grateful!"

---Shelby, 2022 Sybil Smith Family Village graduate



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The Dumas Wesley Community Center and the Baldwin Family Village Foundation are proud to announce the launch of Baldwin County's first transitional housing program, the Baldwin Family Village (BFV). BFV is operated by the Dumas Wesley Community Center and modeled after its highly successful transitional housing program, the Sybil Smith Family Village.

Residents must be: homeless, 24 years of age or older, able to work or enroll in school, willing to live in a drug and alcohol free environment and participate in a case management plan. BFV provides 12 months of housing and wrap-around services for up to 100 women and children annually.

The Need

3200

individuals were in housing crisis in Mobile and Baldwin Counties

300

school-aged children were homeless in Baldwin County

22%

of Dumas Wesley transitional housing residents hail from Baldwin County

The Mission

- Meet the immediate need for stable housing so that residents may focus on becoming self-sufficient;
- Help residents obtain job skills and educational skills so they can financially support themselves;
- Help overcome other critical obstacles such as lack of affordable childcare so they may work outside the home;
- Help women, mothers and children recover from trauma and overcome the obstacles that led to their homelessness
- Help residents secure and retain permanent housing upon completion of the BFV program.

Get Involved



Volunteer!



Donate!



Learn More!

"I'm from Baldwin County. I was in a very bad situation and living in my car. There were no shelters in Baldwin County when I needed help. Since living at Sybil Smith Family Village, I am now enrolled in college, employed, and my daughter is in school. Sybil Smith Family Village has opened a lot of doors for my family. I know that there will be many more women and children that will be saved from homelessness and hopelessness and given a new lease on life thanks to the new Baldwin Family Village!"

Crystal, Sybil Smith Family Village resident



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