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Life after the Family Self Sufficiency Program

“Wow! I accomplished that?” — That’s what Wendy Bradford said when she graduated from LHA’s Family Self Sufficiency Program.

Accomplishing any goal, let alone a list of goals, was a long way from where she began. A young Bradford found herself pregnant, without a high school diploma and in need of housing. She applied for housing and soon found herself on a path to making it on her own. While reading a copy of **LHA Today**, Bradford read about a woman in the FSS program who had three children and a rough start herself. “I called right away to inquire about the program,” Bradford said. “They always helped me find things, sometimes things I didn’t know I was looking for. If I couldn’t make it to an appointment, my case manager would come to my house. They really help you stay on track and give you the motivation to continue following your dreams.”

During this time Bradford earned her GED and began taking courses at Southeast Community College. “It was a struggle,” she said. “But I did it all.” She graduated in 2005 and works as a certified medical assistant. She plans to continue her education and hopes to someday own her own business and home.

“**It’s changed my life and my attitude,**” Bradford said. “Just seeing the goals I wrote down, and seeing that I accomplished them boosts my confidence. If you are serious about making a life for yourself, FSS is a great program.”



Left: Wendy Bradford’s children, JeQuanie and Trequis, drive her motivation for self sufficiency.

Top: Wendy Bradford, a recent graduate of LHA’s Family Self-Sufficiency program, plans to one day be a homeowner.