Position #0001-2881
Family and Consumer Sciences/Community Development Agent
Extension Agent I, II, III or IV
Walton County          DeFuniak Springs, Florida
(Northwest Extension District)
Application Deadline: January 8, 2007 or until filled

The Family and Consumer Sciences/Community Development Agent will be responsible for planning, teaching and evaluating educational programs for community and economic development and families. The position will focus on general Family and Consumer Sciences (60%) and Community Development (40%) educational program. Core areas for FCS include housing, financial management, family development, recycling, nutrition, food safety and sustainable community development. This position will take the lead in community development education for a contiguous multi county area in the areas of community development including rural tourism, eco tourism and community-based programming. The agent will serve as part of a team of extension faculty assisting in the planning, teaching and evaluation of educational programs.

The Family and Consumer Sciences/Community Development agent must have a good knowledge of community-based programming and educational principles. The successful candidate must demonstrate ability to work with community agencies and groups in collaborations and partnerships, establish a strong local advisory committee and develop good media relations. The Agent will recruit, train and utilize volunteers in building strong community programs; seek grant funds to enhance programmatic efforts and provide support for the community development and family and consumer sciences program in appropriate subject areas.

The Family and Consumer Sciences/Community Development Agent will be located in DeFuniak Springs, the county seat of Walton County and work throughout the western panhandle. The county incorporates 1,066 square miles and has more than 50,000 people. Walton County borders Alabama to the north and the beautiful gulf coast beaches to the south. Walton County and the Gulf Coast is one of the fastest growing rural counties in Florida.

A Bachelor’s degree in family and consumer sciences or related field of study in community development is required. A Master’s degree and experience is highly preferred. The successful candidate should have a strong commitment to education, be creative and innovative in educational program development and delivery. Job requirements include some evening and weekend work, and will involve travel to state, regional and national professional improvement programs related to program areas. The successful candidate must be able to obtain, before employment and maintain a valid Florida Driver’s license. The Family and Consumer Sciences / Community Development Agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by County Director and District Extension Director. Residency in Walton County is preferred upon employment. The candidate is expected to be an active member of the community.