Position # 0001-4130
Family and Consumer Science 
DeSoto County (South Central District)
Application Deadline: 11/03/06 or until filled

Extension Agent I, II or III
Arcadia, FL

Job Description and Responsibilities: The position provides leadership for the development and delivery of the Family and Consumer Sciences UF/IFAS Extension program. The position functions as a team member with county, district, and state UF FCS Extension professionals. Position responsibilities include utilizing needs assessment techniques to identify and prioritize local needs, developing/implementing/delivering and evaluating a comprehensive family/personal finance and housing environment program for families and individuals, forming and convening advisory committee(s) who will advocate for UF Extension identify and prioritize local needs, and collaborating with appropriate county agencies and organizations to provide proactive educational programming for individuals and families.

The incumbent will be expected to work with agencies/organizations to acquire grants (SHARE/in-kind), assist/lead cooperative/interdisciplinary projects, provide service to schools, develop creative works (presentations, posters, website development, etc), write non-technical people-friendly publications, participate in professional societies and participate in appropriate in service trainings. The faculty member will be expected to attain promotion and permanent status per state faculty guidelines.

This faculty member will work with a client/citizen advisory committee to determine program emphasis. He or she will be expected to stay abreast of clientele needs, be familiar with county, state, and federal regulations and statutes governing the finance and housing industry.

A Bachelor’s degree in Family and Consumer Sciences or a closely related field is required; a Master’s degree is preferred. Faculty must make significant progress toward a Master’s degree within five years. Training in finance, affordable housing, house environment, etc. is desired. Previous experience with Extension or the finance/housing industry is an asset. The faculty is required to have a valid Florida Driver’s License, reliable transportation, and will be required by DeSoto County to participate in a background check and drug test.

DeSoto County is located east of I-75 in rural south central Florida. With a population of 34,892 (19% over 65) DeSoto is a large agricultural county with over 388,000 acres in farm land. The agricultural industry adds nearly $180 million to County’s economy annually.