

SWHRA Receives Regional Award

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After completing a pilot program in McNairy County in May 2015, the program was expanded to six other counties in the service area, including the introduction of a similar program for incarcerated women, entitled “How to Be a Responsible Mother”. More than one hundred fifty individuals have completed the classes since the June 2015 expansion.

In the eight counties served by Southwest HRA, seven have been involved in classes since October 2014. Thirty-two classes have been conducted for males, with 112 finishing. Thirteen classes for females have yielded 43 graduates, bringing the total number of graduates to 155. Of those who have completed the program, and of which we have knowledge, 12 have been arrested again, and are currently in custody. There are at least eight others that have been re-arrested and soon released. Currently, classes are underway in five counties, with 28 males participating and classes for females in two counties with six participating. Two groups will complete classes by October 4, 2018, bringing the total number of graduates to 167.