

CASE STUDY 2
INTERVIEW INFORMATION

The Kravatz household applied on 6/25/08 and listed the following household members on the application:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Head of Household</i>	<i>Age</i>
Abner Kravatz	Head of Household	45
Gladys Kravatz	Spouse	38
Nellie Rubble	Foster Child	13

- All members share meals. The Kravatz household lives on the reservation.
- Gladys is six months pregnant with their first child. She provided an award letter showing she receives \$550 a month in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Abner is not eligible for TANF until after the baby is born. Gladys' TANF case is due for a reevaluation in October 2008 after the baby is due. Nellie is not included in the TANF assistance.
- Abner receives \$675 in SSI each month.
- Abner and Gladys are applying for FDPIR benefits because Gladys was disqualified effective 6/30/08 from the Food Stamp Program for failing to meet work requirements.
- The Kravatz' bank statements show they have \$250 in their checking account. They report zero savings.
- Nellie came to live with them in May 2008 and they provided an award letter Social Services that they will receive \$480 per month in foster care payments. The award letter states that foster care payments are not to be counted as income.

FDPIR ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Case 2

Case Name: Abner Kravatz

Date of Application: 6/25/2008

I. NONFINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY (✓ if applicable)

1. Household resides on reservation: ✓
2. Household resides in approved near/service area: _____
- a. Is at least one household member recognized as a member of a federally recognized tribe? Yes No
- b. Name of household member: _____
- c. Tribe: _____

II. NONEXCLUDED RESOURCES (✓)

Applicable Resource Standard:

\$3,000 (2 or more members & at least one is 60 or over) ✓
 \$1,750 (all other households) _____

Cash on Hand	\$ _____
Checking Account	\$250 _____
Savings Account	\$ _____
Cert of Deposit	\$ _____
I.I.M. Accounts	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$250 _____

Resources are:
 Over _____
 Under ✓ _____

III. NONEXCLUDED INCOME

To calculate gross monthly income for earned and unearned income for all household members:

- ♦ Multiply bi-weekly income by 2.15
- ♦ Multiply weekly income by 4.3
- ♦ Multiply monthly income by 1
- ♦ Multiply income received twice a month by 2

A. Earned Income: All wages, work/training allowances, etc.

Household Member	Employer	Gross Earnings	Gross Amount	Verified	Type of Verification
		\$ x	= \$		
		\$ x	= \$		
		\$ x	= \$		
		\$ x	= \$		

1. Total: \$ _____
 2. **TOTAL SECTION A** (line 1 minus 20%, or multiply line 1 by .80) **\$ N/A**

B. Unearned Income: Social Security; SSI; TANF; general assistance; foster care payments; child support; interest on savings, stocks, bonds; unemployment; veteran's benefits; per capita payments; etc.

Household Member	Type of Payment	Amount	Gross Amount	Verified	Type of Verification
Abner Kravatz	SSI	\$ 675 x 1	= \$675	Yes	SSI award letter
Gladys Kravatz	TANF	\$ 550 x 1	= \$550	Yes	TANF award ltr
		\$ x	= \$		
		\$ x	= \$		

TOTAL SECTION B **\$1,225**

C. Student Grants, Scholarships and Loans:

Household Member	Type of Payment Grant/Loan etc.	Period of Time Funds Intended to Cover (semester/ school year etc.)	Amount	Verified	Type of Verification
		to	\$		
			\$		
			\$		
			\$		
			TOTAL SECTION C*		\$ N/A

* Apply calculation above to other student grants, scholarships and loans as show on attached sheet.

D. Self-Employment: If household has self-employment income, use last year's tax records if available and complete attached self-employment worksheet. Use the following tax schedules (Sch.), as applicable: Sch. C for business income, Sch. F for farm income, Sch. E for rental income & Form 4835 for farm rental income. Otherwise use other proof of self-employment costs and income and enter amounts on attached worksheet under "Other self-employment Income". Complete Self-Employment Section D. If negative amount, enter 0.

1. Total Gross Income \$ _____
From Self-Employment Worksheet.

2. Earned Income Deduction (Multiply line 1 x .80) \$ _____

3. Net Monthly Self-Employment Income (Divide line 2 by the number of months income is intended to cover to arrive at monthly figure. # of months = _____ **TOTAL SECTION D** **\$ N/A**

IV. MONTHLY NET INCOME CALCULATION:

	Exclude Nellie	Include Nellie
1. Earned Income (Total Section A)	\$0	\$0
2. Unearned Income (Total Section B)	+ \$1,225	\$1,705
3. Student Income (Total Section C)	+ \$0	\$0
4. Self-Employment Income (Total Section D)	+ \$0	\$0
5. Total Income (Add lines 1-4)	= \$1,225	\$1,705
6. Dependent Care Paid by Household	- \$0	\$0
7. Child Support Paid by Household	- \$0	\$0
8. Medicare Part B&D Premiums Paid by Household	- \$0	\$0
9. Household's Monthly Net Income (Subtract lines 6-8 from line 5)	= \$1,225	\$1,705

V. HOUSEHOLD DETERMINATION: (√)

- DENIED - REASON: _____
- APPROVED (if Nellie is not included)
- Categorically eligible
- Expedited service
- Meets income/resource guidelines
- Household not participating in Food Stamp Program
Verified by: Ms. Jones, Jackson County FSP 6/26/08
- Application signed and dated
- Household informed of rights and responsibilities

VI. MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS:

- 1 \$985
 - 2 \$1,275
 - 3 \$1,565
 - 4 \$1,864
 - 5 \$2,178
 - 6 \$2,492
 - 7 \$2,782
 - 8 \$3,072
- For each additional member add \$290

Household Size: 2

Certification Period: July 2008 to October 2008

Certifier's Signature: *Jane Doe* 6/26/08
(date)

Notes: Foster child, Nellie Rubble, not included in household
Verified that Abner Kravatz closed FSP case effective 6/30/08 per Ms. Jones,
Jackson County FSP 6/26/08
Four month certification due to potential change in household circumstances as
result of TANF reassessment after birth of baby.

FDPIR SELF-EMPLOYMENT WORKSHEET
(sample form)

1. Farm Income (Schedule F)

- a. Line 36 (Net farm profit) _____
- b. Lines 7a & 7c (Loans) - _____
- ¹ c. Lines 8b & 8d (Crop insurance proceeds/disaster payments) - _____
- d. Line 10 (Federal & state gas or fuel tax credit or refund) - _____
- e. Line 16 (Depreciation) + _____
- f. **TOTAL Farm Income *** = \$ _____

2. Business Income (Schedule C)

- a. Line 31 (Net profit) _____
- b. Line 6 (Federal and state gas or fuel tax credit or refund) - _____
- c. Line 13 (Depreciation) + _____
- d. **TOTAL Business Income *** = \$ _____

3. Supplemental Income (Schedule E)

- ² a. Line 3 (Rents received) _____
- b. Line 19 (Only expenses related to rental income) - _____
- c. Line 20 (Depreciation) + _____
- d. **TOTAL Supplemental Income *** = \$ _____

4. Farm Rental Income/Expenses (Form 4835)

Note: Only refer to Form 4835 IF income is reported on Schedule E, line 39)

- a. Line 32 (Net farm rental income) _____
- b. Lines 4a & 4c (Loans) - _____
- ¹ c. Lines 5b & 5d (Crop insurance proceeds/disaster payments) - _____
- d. Line 6 (Federal and state gas or fuel tax credit or refund) - _____
- e. Line 12 (Depreciation) + _____
- f. **TOTAL Farm Rental Income *** = \$ _____

5. Other Self-Employment Income (No tax forms submitted)

- a. Gross Income _____
- b. Expenses - _____
- c. Depreciation + _____
- ³ d. Other + _____
- e. **TOTAL Other Self-Employment Income *** = \$ _____

TOTAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME

(Add lines 1f, 2d, 3d, 4f and 5e. Enter total on Section D, line 1.) \$ _____

Footnotes:

- 1 Crop insurance proceeds are excluded from income if they are paid as a nonrecurring lump-sum payment. If paid in installments, proceeds are counted as income.
- 2 If royalty income is reported on line 4, it should be considered unearned income and averaged over a 12-month period.
- 3 Other unallowable expenses include payments on principal of purchase price of income-producing real estate, capital assets, equipment etc., net losses from previous periods, federal/state/local income taxes, money set aside for retirement purposes, and other work-related personal expenses, such as transportation to and from work.

* If total is a negative amount, enter -0-

CASE STUDY 2 KRAVATZ SOLUTION NOTES

Categorical Eligibility: Yes, if Nellie is not included. Abner is receiving SSI and Gladys is receiving TANF. So, they meet the requirements of paragraph 4310 of FNS Handbook 501.

Expedited Service: No

Household Composition: 2-person household

- Failing to meet food stamp work requirements is not considered an intentional program violation. Therefore, Gladys is eligible to apply for FDPIR benefits beginning July 1, 2008. However, Abner is still included in the food stamp case and spouses living together cannot participate separately in either FDPIR or the Food Stamp Program. So, it would be necessary for Abner to close his food stamp case before he and Gladys could be eligible for FDPIR. For the purposes of this case study, the FDPIR eligibility worker verifies that Abner closed his food stamp case effective June 30, 2008.
- It is the household's choice to include or exclude Nellie as a household member. If included in the household, her monthly foster care payment must be counted as income to the household per FNS Handbook 501, paragraph 3415. In this case, if Nellie is included, the household would be over the income limit for a 3-person household.

If Nellie is not included with Gladys and Abner in the FDPIR household, can Nellie participate separately? Answer: No. Nellie is a foster child under the guardianship of Abner and Gladys. Per FNS Handbook 501, paragraph 3400, separate household status cannot be granted to children under 18 years of age that are under the parental control of a household member.

Resources:

- The household has \$250 in its checking account, but this would not be relevant if Nellie is not included in the household because Abner and Gladys would be categorically eligible. Per FNS Handbook 501, paragraph 4310, categorically eligible households automatically meet the resource eligibility requirements for FDPIR.

Income:

- Household income (without considering Nellie's foster care payment) would be \$1,225, but this would not be relevant if Nellie is not included in the household because Abner and Gladys would be categorically eligible. Per FNS Handbook 501, paragraph 4310, categorically eligible households automatically meet the income eligibility requirements for FDPIR.
- Foster care payments are counted as unearned income under FDPIR, if the foster child is included as a household member (FNS Handbook 501, paragraph 4530H). Under Internal Revenue Service rules and other assistance programs, foster care may not be counted as income. This may be the result of specific legislative authority under these programs to exclude the foster care payments as income. FDPIR does not have this same legislative authority.
- This household would not be categorically eligible if Nellie included as a household member since Nellie is not included in a public assistance or SSI grant. Also, the household's net monthly income would be \$1,705 if Nellie was included in the household, which would make the household over the income limit for a 3-person household.

Deductions:

- None

Eligibility Determination and Certification Period:

- Abner and Gladys would be eligible for FDPIR as a 2-person household only if Nellie is excluded as a household member.
- The FDPIR certification period would start July 2008 because Gladys and Abner received food stamp benefits in June 2008. Since Gladys' TANF reassessment is scheduled for October 2008, the FDPIR recertification should be coordinated with TANF.