## Paying the Rent-On Time, Every Month

When using the payment calendar system, each payment should be written on the due date along with who must be paid and how much. The sample below lists the due dates and costs for rent and utilities. The calendar is also used to track income - paydays and the amount earned. As illustrated in the sample, to keep expenses throughout the month as even as possible, set aside money from each paycheck to cover the rent and spread the remaining payments for other expenses out over the month.
Tip: Write down how monthly bills will be paid before spending ANY money.
In this example, the $\$ 450$ rent divided by 4 (number of paychecks) $=\$ 112.50$. Set aside this amount from each paycheck.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 <br> Rent due \$450 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6$ <br> Payday \$240 \$112.50 for rent | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ \quad \text { Cable due } \\ \$ 45 \end{gathered}$ | 11 | 12 | 13 <br> Payday <br> \$240 <br> \$112.50 <br> for rent | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 <br> Heat and electric due \$65 | 18 | 19 | $\begin{array}{\|rr} 20 & \\ & \text { Payday } \\ & \$ 240 \\ & \$ 112.50 \\ & \text { for rent } \end{array}$ | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 <br> Phone due $\$ 40$ | 25 | 26 | $\begin{array}{\|cc} 27 & \\ & \text { Payday } \\ & \$ 240 \\ & \$ 112.50 \\ & \text { for rent } \end{array}$ | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 <br> Rent due \$450 |  |  |  |

Rent Smart Activity 4: HAndout 6-Optional

