



THIS PROGRAM MOTIVATES AND HELPS PARTICIPANT:

Identify career goals

Identify the barriers which could prevent
achievement of goals

Identify resources & services necessary for
participant success

Develop a plan to achieve specific goals and
objectives necessary for self-sufficiency &
economic independence

Obtain support services related to career goals

Receive case management services,
encouragement, & moral support

Explore Homeownership

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HOW CAN ONE GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FSS PROGRAM?

If you are interested in obtaining more
information about the Family Self-Sufficiency
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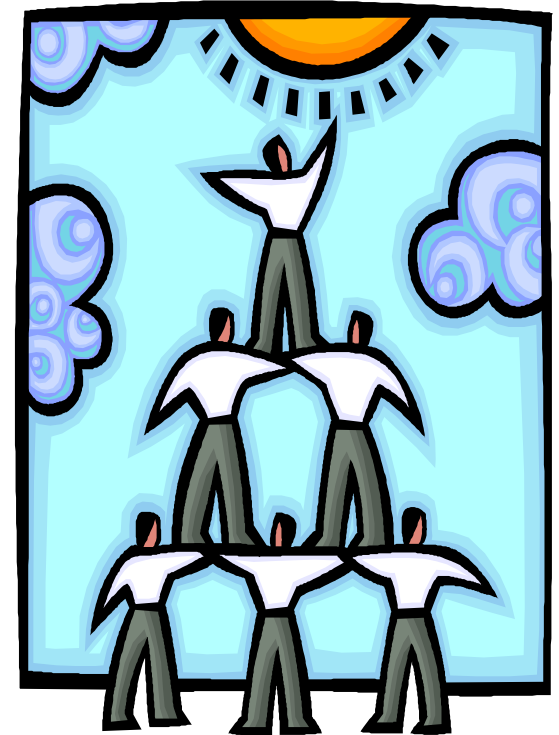
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FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



Building a brighter future

WHAT IS THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a voluntary housing program designed to assist families in utilizing community resources such as education, job training & supportive services in order to move forward.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any Head of Household who is currently a public housing resident, or a Housing Choice Voucher Program participant (Section 8)

18 years of age, or older

Motivated to change current life circumstances

Interested in obtaining more education & job training

Determined to be free from receiving public assistance

Committed to seek & maintain employment



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE FSS PROGRAM?

Obtain higher education/job training that will result in a decent living wage employment

Escrow account

Support services to assist in achieving goals

Case management

Pride in achievement

Economic independence

Self-sufficiency

Improved quality of life circumstances for you & your family

WHAT STEPS DOES THE PROGRAM INVOLVE?

Orientation to the FSS Program

Interview/needs assessment to determine barriers & needed resources

Development of an Individualized Training and Service Plan to determine objectives, goals, strategies, & timelines

5-year Contract of Participation

WHAT IS AN ESCROW ACCOUNT?

While participating in the FSS program, an increase in earned income (income from work) may result in the creation of an escrow account which provides an incentive to keep increasing your income. As your income increases, the difference between your previous and new income will be automatically deposited into this account each month, which will continue to grow while you are participating in FSS.



At the end of the program, once you have completed your goals and remain off any public assistance for 12 consecutive months, you will receive all of the money, including interest that was put into the escrow account on your behalf. Participants often use the savings in their escrow account to accomplish additional long-term goals, such as buying a home or starting a business.