

Communities Served by FSS

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Family Self-Sufficiency Program

*A program supporting
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Who Can Participate?

Families who receive housing assistance from Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs are eligible to participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program.



What is the FSS Program?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a voluntary program designed to help families achieve economic growth through education, improved employment opportunities, financial planning and home ownership. FSS staff work closely with nonprofit organizations, social service agencies and educational institutions to identify available resources to help participants overcome barriers to economic independence.

Help from FSS Coordinators

If you choose to participate in this program, you will meet with a Referral Coordinator to decide what goals you want to accomplish in the next few years and what steps you need to take to accomplish them.

The FSS staff includes specialists who can work with you one-on-one in:

Credit Counseling – ordering credit reports and scores, disputing errors, offering settlements, making payment arrangements, and creating debt reduction plans

Budget & Financial Counseling – review income, expenses, spending habits, and financial goals. Assist with budget planning and building assets

Homeownership Counseling – building your team of professionals to assist with the home search and purchase process, and providing post purchase assistance.

Other Resources:

- Child Care
- Education
- Employment
- Transportation
- Legal Assistance
- Disability and Health Care Assistance: SSI/SSD, Child Health Plus
- Emergency Assistance and Food Pantries

Financial Benefit

When you are enrolled in FSS you have the opportunity to start earning money in an escrow account.

Like all voucher holders, as you earn more income from work, your portion of the rent will increase. When you are in FSS, an amount approximate to your rent increase goes into your FSS escrow savings account, helping you build savings. Our agency automatically deposits and manages this account for you every month. We may allow interim usage of your escrow account in certain circumstances.



Graduation

You will graduate the FSS program when you are employed and complete all of the goals you set to accomplish.

