Family Self-Sufficiency

A <u>voluntary</u> program that matches you with community resources to achieve economic self-sufficiency

Who can join the FSS program?

Anyone who holds a Section 8 Voucher is eligible to apply.

How does it work?

Each family receives one-on-one support to set goals to reach self-sufficiency. An FSS Program Coordinator will provide support and help you find the assistance needed to reach your goals.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WORKING TO SIGN UP FOR THE FSS PROGRAM; <u>BUT A DESIRE TO WORK IS REQUIRED!</u>

We can provide information on resources such as:

- Job training
- Education
- Childcare
- Home Ownership Education
- Counseling Services



We can help you:

- Set goals
- Create a Budget
- Increase your Assets
- Link you to Resources
- Create Future Outcomes

WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL BENEFITS?

After signing the Contract of Participation, when your rent goes up because of an increase in <u>earned income</u>, generally the difference between your previous rent and your new rent amount will go into an escrow savings account for you each month. When you graduate from the FSS program, you will receive the money that is set aside for you as a reward for becoming self-sufficient.

2017 STATS: We had 14 Graduates in 2017 * Graduates were awarded over \$ 83,400.00 in escrow funds * Total income increase for all 14 FSS families since enrollment was \$400,212.00 * 5 of our 2017 graduating families became homeowners * and 5 are actively saving in VIDA for homeownership * 11 out of 14 FSS Graduates moved off Housing Assistance * There are 19 additional FSS families saving for homeownership in the VIDA Program!

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