

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Achieve Success With FSS



Some of the Services Offered Through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program:

- Set Goals Toward a Better Future
- Education Assistance
- Employment Training
- Connecting you to Employment Services
- Activate an Escrow Account
- Credit Counseling
- Become a Homeowner
- Become Independent of Public Assistance

For more information on how to get started:

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What do you dream about?

- “ I am a single parent with one child, and I would like to see something wonderful happen for her.
- “ I would like to start a business and maybe own our own home one day.
- “ My dream home is somewhere safe and nice...
- “ Getting my G.E.D. so I can go to school and earn a degree or trade so I can get a better paying job.
- “ I want to be able to take my son to neat places instead of sitting home because we can't afford it...
- “ Being financially secure...

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Moving Families Forward



What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)?

The FSS Program is designed to assist families in making the transition from public assistance to gainful employment and economic self-sufficiency. This program is a 5-year commitment that will connect you to resources and provide support as you move toward personal goal accomplishments. The resources available can assist FSS Participants in obtaining opportunities for education, job training, counseling and other forms of social assistance that leads to gaining and maintaining economic self-sufficiency.

How do I become self-sufficient?

Once you have signed your plan, you are on your way! Your plan, known as an Individual Training & Service Plan (ITSP), states your goals on paper. Your goals are determined by you and your family. In the end, as you work towards self-sufficiency, your income will increase and your rent will go up. The difference between what you were paying for rent and what you pay for rent at each increase will be placed in an escrow account. When you successfully complete all interim and final goals, including all family members being free from welfare assistance for 12 consecutive months before the contract expiration date.... the money is yours!

Getting Started with Family Self-Sufficiency

This program is a commitment. It's not always easy, but it will help you determine your strengths, skills, and other qualities to help you be successful and independent. Read on to find out more about the program, including how it works and what it can do for **you!**



Education Assistance

In this program, we can help you not only obtain an education, but also eliminate as many barriers as possible to help get you to your degree, including scholarships, applications, and even family support.



Employment Assistance

To graduate the Family Self-Sufficiency program, **you must be employed.** This program will connect you with resources, employment opportunities and agencies that can get you starting a career, not just a job. Together, we'll work to make sure you don't have to live paycheck-to-paycheck anymore, or can use your degree to its full potential.



Escrow Account

Get rewarded for progress! As a program participant, we **pay** you! When your earned income increases, we will deposit part of your rent into an escrow account each month. When you complete your goals in 5 years, the money in that account is yours!