

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Where do you imagine yourself in 5 years? A new job? A finished degree? Moving towards home ownership?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a 5-year work and saving program for families receiving housing assistance.

Working with a dedicated FSS Coordinator, program participants set long term and short term goals that will increase their ability to earn a greater income and move toward self-sufficiency.

Participants in the FSS program have earned higher education and training, built a savings account, bought a reliable vehicle, secured new work, and more! FSS Coordinators help participants identify obstacles, set targets, and move closer to where they want to be.

Want to learn more? Call us today at 540-434-7386.



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Have a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and interested in the FSS program?

Have additional questions? Contact us today!



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Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program



Earn immediate cash rewards for completing self-sufficiency goals



Learn new skills, increase earnings, and start a personal savings account



1 on 1 coaching to set SMART goals & identify strategies to meet them

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FSS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- + Adhere to the terms of the FSS contract and your lease
- + Set and pursue goals in cooperation with FSS Coordinator
- + Provide monthly updates to FSS Coordinator
- + Maintain a family budget
- + Seek and maintain suitable work
- + Become free of welfare assistance

FSS PROGRAM BENEFITS

+ **Ability to provide immediate cash incentives**

by completing a goal in the Goal Rewards program, participants are eligible to receive rewards quickly

- + **Access to program resources** such as the Free Furniture Program
- + **Referral to community resources** like credit counseling, childcare, transportation assistance, continuing education, job training, and more
- + **Dedicated FSS Coordinator** who will partner with you, helping you identify and work towards your program goals

GROW A PERSONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT!

Every FSS participant has the opportunity to grow a personal savings account over the 5-year program. The Goal Rewards program will offer a variety of financial incentives for participants in FSS that help them reach their self-sufficiency goals. Participants can choose to have awards distributed upon completion of the activity via check or to put the incentive amounts in an HRHA-managed savings account. Goal Rewards expand savings opportunities to more participants, incentivize pillars of self-sufficiency beyond earned income and help encourage goal attainment.

The maximum a participant can earn through Goal Rewards is \$14,250, and participants on average earn between \$4,000 and \$6,000 over 5 years.



Program Graduation

- + The Program Contract is for 5 years. Participants who have completed goals at the end of their term are eligible for graduation. Participants must not be receiving TANF and must be working full time. Any savings is disbursed to the graduate along with a certificate. Early graduation is possible under certain conditions.

"I really appreciate the FSS program. They helped me use my savings (escrow) to repair my vehicle and they also helped with Christmas for my daughter. It is a great program!"

- Cherie

FSS Program Participant

"FSS has helped me to believe in myself again. Their encouragement has instilled confidence back in me that now has me facing my goals instead of running from them. I'm now going back to school thanks to this program, something I never saw possible."

- Tasha

FSS Program Participant