



## HOW THE FSS PROGRAM WORKS

The FSS Program is a voluntary five-year program offered to Section 8 families to help them become self-sufficient.

When a family enters the program, they meet with the FSS Coordinator to discuss their needs and to set goals. Together, the FSS Coordinator and family set goals that can be achieved over a 5-year period.

The family can set any goal they wish; however, the main goal for every family is to obtain and maintain full-time employment and be free of welfare assistance within 5 years.

### Examples of common goals are:

- employment, job training or obtaining a better paying job
- homeownership education
- obtaining GED or earning a college degree
- credit repair and education
- personal development
- becoming better at saving and managing a family budget

Once the goals are finalized, the family signs an FSS Contract and completes an Individual Training and Services Plan.

## THE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

- The FSS Program Coordinator works with the family to monitor progress, provide support and help with any challenges.
- FSS Program Coordinator assists families in accessing community services like homeownership counseling, job training programs, schools, etc.
- Participants will be required to attend meetings, workshops, and activities. These are designed to motivate, educate and provide a support system for families.
- Each family has the potential to establish an escrow account. This escrow account is held and managed by the housing authority. Once a family completes their contract and meets their goals, they receive the balance of funds (if any) in the escrow account!
- Knowledge and empowerment
- A sense of accomplishment and greater self-sufficiency.



## IS THE PROGRAM RIGHT FOR YOU?

- ✓ Are you a current Section 8 client?
- ✓ Are you willing and motivated to make changes in your life?
- ✓ Do you want to go the next step but just not sure how to get there?
- ✓ Are you willing to attend meetings and follow a service and training plan developed for you?
- ✓ Is becoming more self-sufficient and employed full-time a goal you would like to achieve?

## TO LEARN MORE

**For more information on the program visit:**

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