

## About The Program

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is designed to help low-income families, both in Section 8 and Public Housing, move up and out of the public assistance system with the cooperation of a network of committed community resources.

The program asks families to accept responsibility and move toward independence through education, vocational training, support services and finally through full-time employment (with the exception of persons with disabilities). The goal is to eliminate their need for monetary public assistance within a five year period.

Families receiving current housing subsidy assistance enter into a contract with the Housing Authority to participate in the program. That contract requires families to set specific goals with support from the FSS Program.

With counseling, coaching, and one-on-one contact with educators, trainers and community service providers, the families move through a step-by-step plan that ultimately results in self-sufficiency.



The incentives for participating in the FSS Program are both personal and monetary. Participants who successfully complete the program receive money from a Housing Authority escrow account established on their behalf. And, they gain self-respect, as well as work opportunities that they might not have otherwise had. Additionally, current and prior FSS participants may also be eligible to participate in Homeownership.

Families are held accountable for their actions or inactions and their successes are measurable and reportable. A Program Coordinating Committee monitors activity, ensuring needs are met and goals are reached.

### ***FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY:***

- Commit to a five-year program, defining short and long-term goals for personal and professional/career-oriented success.
- Work toward those goals through education, job training, vocational/career counseling and child care opportunities.
- Accept responsibility for assistance received, following established rules and regulations for housing and other services being provided.
- Communicate with program coordinators regularly, providing information

about progress, set-backs and possible solutions to problems.

- Attend the required number of annual FSS meetings.



### ***HOUSING AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITY:***

- Communicate and coordinate services with other agencies involved in FSS to ensure ample opportunities exist for program participants.
- Educate staff about FSS and its goals and make a commitment to cut through agency red tape, when possible, to allow program participants to quickly and effectively reach their intended goals.
- Provide appropriate and applicable monetary and personnel support for counseling, health care, transportation, training, education, food, clothing and child care, among other services.

## ***BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT***

- Make a commitment to a better community by participating in the FSS program. A strong, stable and viable community is good for business. Every time an unemployed person becomes trained, takes a job, gets off public assistance and starts paying taxes, the community benefits.
- Invest effort and resources, compatible with company goals, to support the program participants. In the end, businesses benefit from well-trained, highly motivated people who will work hard to do well.

## ***WAYS YOUR BUSINESS CAN SUPPORT FSS:***

- Provide jobs or job training sites
- Donate cash to pay for participant emergencies, such as medical care, car repair, moving expenses, security deposits, Etc.
- Supply equipment, products or services for participant use.
- Volunteer time to serve on the FSS Planning and Coordinating Committee in order to empower participants to obtain the keys to their success.



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