

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary program designed to assist families in becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. With the support of local agencies, FSS combines case management, education, job training, and ongoing support through newsletters, workshops, support group meetings, and other appropriate services to aid the family in becoming self-sufficient.

This program motivates and helps participants:

- Identify their career goals.
- Identify the barriers which could prevent achievement of their goals.
- Identify resources and services that are necessary for the participant's success.
 - Develop a service plan to outline specific goals and objectives which are needed to achieve economic independence.
 - Obtain supportive services related to their plan.
- Receive case management services, encouragement, motivation, and moral support.

What are the Benefits of Participating in the FSS Program?

- Obtaining higher education/job training that will result in living wage increases.
- Receiving an escrow check upon successful completion of the Contract of Participation.
- Support/community services to assist you in achieving your goals.
- Economic independence by freeing yourself of Public Assistance.
 - Self-Sufficiency.

Who Can Participate in the FSS Program?

If you are:

- Currently a Section 8 Voucher Participant
- Determined to make changes in your life circumstances.
- Interested in obtaining more education, job training and employment.
- Determined to free yourself from all welfare assisted programs, including TANF, food stamps and medical.

Participating FSS families are required to sign a Contract of Participation with the Section 8 Agency. An FSS family has up to five (5) years to complete specific goals and objectives, which they help to identify in their service plan. The Contract of Participation outlines the rights and responsibilities of the family and the Section 8 Agency, during participation in the FSS program.

For more information contact:

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