

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS)

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WHAT IS FSS?

The **Family Self-Sufficiency** program is a great voluntary employment based escrow savings program for Public Housing and HCV tenants. Together with the FSS Coordinator, you will set up goals, work towards eliminating any barriers and collaborate with community services to guide you towards success!

Goals can include, furthering your education, career changes, credit score improvement, or working towards home ownership.

*The only **two mandatory goals** for each FSS participant are that all household members must be independent of welfare cash assistance at the time of graduation and that the established head of household must seek and maintain suitable employment.*

HOW DOES FSS WORK?

Once an eligible family is enrolled, the FSS participant will receive individualized case management and service coordination by the Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. Participation generally lasts five years, during which the participants identify professional and personal goals to complete during those five years.

As a member of the FSS program the participating family is eligible to have an interest-bearing escrow account established. After the family meets their goals and the two required goals, they graduate from the program. Once graduated, then participants access their escrow savings and use it at their discretion!

PRIMARY GOALS OF FSS

1. Participant Independency

Assist families in Public Housing and Section 8 HCV Housing, in becoming independent of welfare cash assistance and/or Housing assistance.

2. Completion of Participants Goals

Promote **completion of family goals** through resources & supportive services.

3. Elimination of Barriers

Eliminate barriers and overcome obstacles that hinder future family stability.



CAN I APPLY FOR THIS?

Yes, you can! Any individual currently in GMHA'S Public Housing & Section 8 Programs is able to apply

ESCROW SAVINGS \$\$\$

Establish your own escrow savings account! Any increases in the participants rent as a result of increased earnings may result in a savings to the participants escrow account!

BENEFITS!

- Individualized Support and Case Management
- Escrow Savings
- Help with Goal Completion
- Access to Community Services

READY TO BEGIN YOUR GROWTH?

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