

# FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## An opportunity for families with Housing Choice Vouchers to become self-sufficient



### WHAT IS THE FAMILYSELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS)?

FSS is a program to help Section 8 participants develop and continue educational and career goals. Participants are encouraged to seek training or education that will enable them to work or improve their current employment situation. This program is a five-year plan.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone receiving Section 8 rental assistance is eligible to apply for the FSS program

### WHAT IS THE ESCROW ACCOUNT ?

As a participant in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, generally as your income increases, your rent will increase. When you join the FSS Program, HCDS will establish a savings account on your behalf. As a participant in FSS, as your income increases, a portion of your increased rent will be deposited into the escrow savings account. When you accomplish your goal of self-sufficiency within the period of your contract, you will graduate and receive the money in your escrow savings account.

### DOES MY RENT INCREASE BY JOINING THIS PROGRAM?

No, the only time your rent changes is when your income changes. The FSS program does not change your rental assistance.

### WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Fill out an FSS application and return it to your housing representative. An FSS team member will contact you in a few weeks to talk about your contract and goals.

### DO I LOSE MY SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WITH THIS PROGRAM?

No, whether you complete your contract or not, you still have your rental assistance as long as you are eligible.

Take charge of your future by joining the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. We help you change your life.

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