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A FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

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WHAT IS THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM?

The purpose of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program is to establish relationships with local public and private agencies that can aid SMHA residents in becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. The FSS Program is a service program offered free of charge to the residents participating in SMHA Housing Choice and Public Housing Programs.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Once an eligible family is enrolled, the FSS participant will receive individualized case management and service coordination by a Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. Participation generally lasts five years, during which the participants identify educational, professional and personal goals. As a member of the FSS program the participating family is eligible to have an interest-bearing escrow account established. After the family graduates from the program, they may access the escrow and use it for any purpose.

FSS PROGRAM GOAL?

The goal of the FSS Program is to reduce the dependency of low income families on welfare assistance, voucher program assistance, and other public assistance programs. The program will assist unemployed or underemployed, low-income families who are eligible to receive assistance under the HCV, and PH programs make the transition from public assistance to productive employment and economic self-sufficiency. This goal can be accomplished by the coordination of quality, comprehensive supportive services; that include job training, mental health counseling, job skills, and educational support services. These resources can assist FSS participants in obtaining opportunities for education, job training, counseling and other social assistance that will lead to economic independence and maintenance of self-sufficiency.

Additional goals of the program include, but are not limited to:

- obtain full time employment
- obtain a higher paying job
- obtain a high school diploma or higher education
- acquiring skills in budgeting and homeownership
- acquiring reliable transportation
- saving money

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Any individual currently participating in SMHA's Public Housing & Section 8 Programs

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- *Employment Coaching
- *Financial Coaching
- *Life Coaching

\$ ESCROW SAVINGS \$

Participants in the program will be eligible to establish a Escrow savings account. Any increases in the participants rent as a result of increased earning will result in a credit to the participants escrow account.

