

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a voluntary program offered to all Section 8 participants who are willing and able to work.

When you increase your earned income while on the FSS Program, money will be deposited into a special account on your behalf. When you successfully complete the FSS Program, you will receive the money that was set aside for you. The average family receives around \$4,000 at the end of their FSS Contract of Participation.

So, my question for you is:

What would you do with \$4,000?



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What do I have to do to complete the FSS Program?

- > Be suitably employed
- > Not receive TANF for the year prior to completion of the Contract
- > Complete all the goals you set during your participation in the FSS Program



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You don't have to be working to get ON the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

You have to be working to get OFF!

▶ Achieve greater financial stability.

Helen McClaine, Special Programs Coordinator

► How does the program work?

Before enrolling in the program, you will complete an Intake form that will help the Special



Programs Coordinator identify any barriers you may have to achieving self-sufficiency. Together you will develop a plan of action to address those barriers and you will sign a contract stating that you will do the work required to do so.

You will meet regularly with the Special Programs Coordinator to set goals that will help you achieve greater economic independence. The Coordinator will help you identify services you may need to reach the goals and will do what she can to help you access those services.

How do I get money?

When you get a job, Promotions, or raises at work, an Interim is done by your Section 8 Housing Specialist and your rent will go up. But this will also trigger NOHA to start depositing money into the special savings account. The amount we deposit will be around 30% of the increase in your earned income. Every increase in your *earned income* will increase the amount going into the special account.



What else might I get out of the Program?

- > Improved credit
- > Improved organization
- > Greater self-esteem
- > Emergency savings
- > Increased employment skills
- > Education
- > Improved health
- > Improved money management

- > Meet standards to qualify for the Housing Choice Home Ownership Voucher.



Do I have to be employed to enroll in the program?

No! In fact, it's to your benefit to have no or very little earned income.

What's the next step?

Call the Special Programs Coordinator to request an Indication of Interest form. You can complete the process whenever there's an open enrollment window.



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