

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)

A program designed to provide opportunity and support to Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Holders and to address barriers to employment success



Greenfield Housing Authority (GHA)
and
Franklin County Regional Housing &
Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

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What is FSS? How does it work?

FSS is a voluntary employment and savings incentive program designed to assist families in becoming self-supporting, therefore, eliminating the need for public assistance. It is usually a five year program, although some achieve their goals in less time.

It is most beneficial for those that wish to further their employment opportunities. As your income increases, your FSS escrow account grows.

If you are interested in joining the FSS program, you will be asked to come in to give us an opportunity to explain the program in greater detail.

When you are ready to join, we will fill out an assessment application, an FSS contract and together, we will establish interim and final goals that are measurable and attainable.

Your FSS coordinator will provide direction for you by coordinating resources you need to attain your goals. We will notify you of upcoming workshops that you may find of interest and evaluate your individual service plan on an ongoing basis to ensure your needs are being met.



We're here to help you navigate the twists and turns. People with goals succeed because they know where they're going.

Why join the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program?

The FSS program is an opportunity to invest in yourself — whether you want to finish high school, attend college, find a job (or better job) — all while building up a savings escrow account.

If you are currently an HCV holder of GHA or HRA in good standing; if you are motivated to commit to obtaining self sufficiency; if you want assistance with the removal of barriers that have prevented you from accomplishing your goals, FSS may be right for you!



Your success, health, happiness, and wealth can be attributed to the choice of your attitude.

What are the benefits?

Achieve Goals: We will help you set and achieve your goals and address whatever barriers you identify to successful employment. Become Self-Sufficient! Get Your GED! Get Your Degree! Choose a career that is right for you! Reach for the Stars!

We build an escrow for you: GHA and HRA establish an interest-bearing escrow account for each participating family with earned income increase while participating. As you work toward your final goal and your families' earned income increases, contributions are deposited to this account on your behalf.

Simply put, as families' earned income increases, their rent increases. Generally, an amount equal to their increased rent goes into this account. This is how the escrow account balance grows. This account is paid out to the family upon their successful graduation from the program. These accumulated funds are now yours — to do what you want.

Prepare for homeownership: If purchasing a home has been a dream of yours, we will consult with you on the pros and cons of homeownership, address your credit and debt needs, and provide you with the area resources to help you to realize that dream.

\NOTE: The Housing Authority does not finance the property you choose to buy — A mortgage must be obtained through an independent lender.

What's the CATCH?

To complete the program, you must be in good standing with the Housing Choice Voucher program, have met your goals, obtained & maintained suitable employment, and all family members must be off public cash assistance for at least 12 months prior to graduation from FSS.

To set up an appointment for further information or to join, please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

(Circle one) GHA / HRA

Signature: _____

Please mail request to:

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