



The FSS program can help you:

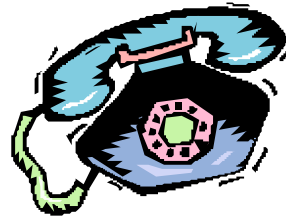
- *Find a better job*
- *Build self esteem*
- *Solve budget & credit problems*
- *Continue education and job training*
- *Explore home-ownership opportunities*
- *Plan for the future.*

***TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR
FUTURE WITH THE
FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY
PROGRAM.***

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***Don't pass up this
great opportunity! Call today!***

**FSS
is for people who:**

- *Are able and willing to seek and maintain employment*
- *Are willing to go to school or obtain training in order to increase earning potential*
- *Are willing to set five year goals*
- *Can benefit from an escrow savings account*
- *Want to become economically independent*



How Does FSS work?

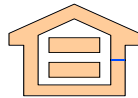
- ◆ FSS is a voluntary program available to residents of Public Housing or anyone receiving a Housing Choice Voucher. Families who presently receive DHS benefits are strongly encouraged to participate in FSS.
 - ◆ Applicants are notified and invited to an orientation as soon as their name comes to the top of the waiting list. The applicant is then ready to begin participation.
 - ◆ Participants must be willing to make a commitment to change their lives when they enter the program.
 - ◆ An FSS case manager will work with the participant to set a five-year plan that includes employment goals and identifying training or education needs, as well as addressing issues that pose barriers to self-sufficiency.
 - ◆ FSS staff will work with the participant to identify, locate and arrange for services needed to accomplish established goals. Services may include: child care, education, transportation, and resume development.
 - ◆ Many FSS participants are employed and working towards homeownership. Special first time homebuyer programs are available to FSS participants.
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Who Can Participate?

FSS is designed for people who are unemployed or for people who are employed but want to increase their income.

As FSS participants succeed in raising their family income, the portion of monthly income contributed toward their rent payment also increases. If **earned income** has increased, an escrow is calculated and deposited by SHA in an interest-bearing account on behalf of the family.

If the Participant meets the goals of the five-year plan and has not received cash welfare assistance for one year, they are eligible to receive the funds in the escrow account.



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