

Want to be independent of welfare assistance?

Want to be able to save some money to help you pursue your dreams?



Learn about Family Self Sufficiency!

What is Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)?

- A program to help families participating in Housing Choice Voucher program increase their job skills, obtain employment, and become free of welfare assistance programs.
- A case manager will be assigned to help you reach identified goals.
- As employment is obtained or earnings increase, monthly deposits are placed in an escrow account that is held by the Housing Authority. When the family completes the Contract and is free of welfare, and the head of household has been working for one year, the escrow monies are paid to the family. Families can use the money as they please – some have purchased cars, others have used the escrow to put a down payment on a home.

Do I lose my Section 8 housing assistance?

- No, although some families make enough money to finance their own housing.

How long is the contract?

The contract is five years long although many reach their goals before that time.

Who is eligible to participate?

- You must be participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program and be in good standing and in compliance with the lease and regulations.
- If receiving benefits from Department of Social Services, families may not have been sanctioned within the previous 3 months.
- If participating with the Western Maryland Consortium or the Community Action Council, families must be in good standing.
- The Head of Household must be willing and able to seek suitable employment.

If interested, please complete form on the back and return the original to:

Housing Authority of Washington County
319 E. Antietam St. 2nd Floor
Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-791-3168

YES! I am interested in learning more about the FSS Program!

Name of Head of Household: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____