

The FSS Program helped me accomplish.....

Home Ownership

Thank you FSS for making a dream come true! I am now a homeowner! (Barbara Modica, Stephanie and Steven I. to r.)



Car Purchase

FSS graduate Donna Huntzberry writes, "Thank you FSS for helping me to become self-sufficient enough to purchase my own transportation! This is the nicest vehicle I have ever owned—a dream come true."



Education – Congratulations Margaret!

"Thank you FSS for your support and guidance. One step at a time I am completing my goals and moving on with my life!"



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What is Family Self-Sufficiency?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) provides individual case management services to residents of Public Housing and Section 8. The FSS Program helps families improve credit scores, and complete education and training programs so participants can hold better paying jobs. With the assistance of a case manager, participants identify and create specific goals they wish to pursue. Goals are based on each individual's need. These goals may include education, job training and placement, budgeting, credit repair, the purchase of a vehicle, home ownership and much more.

The FSS Coordinator will provide such services as:

- √ Assistance in identifying and reaching goals within specific but realistic time frames;
- √ Referrals to community support services;
- √ Assistance with budgeting & financial planning;
- √ Informational and educational workshops.

Who is eligible for enrollment into the FSS Program?

Any individual who is a resident of Public Housing or receiving a housing subsidy through Section 8 is eligible to enroll in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Individuals must be in good standing with the local Housing Authority as well as other community support agencies.

FSS is offered to all families without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How will I benefit by enrolling in the FSS Program?

A: By enrolling in the Program, you will receive individual case management services that will assist you in establishing and accomplishing personal goals. Accomplishing goals will enable you to become self-sufficient.

Q: If I choose not to enroll into the FSS Program will it affect my living in Section 8 or Public Housing?

A: No, the FSS Program is a voluntary program offered to residents of Section 8 and Public Housing.

Q: Are all adult members of a household required to participate in the program if one decides to enroll?

A: No, only the head of household signs a Contract of Participation and develops a set of goals. Other adult household members are encouraged to participate since they also contribute to the household.

Q: What are some of the accomplishments made by FSS Participants?

A: FSS Participants have accomplished a variety of goals like improved budgeting, savings, credit history repair, further education, job training and placement, homeownership, and much, much more.

Q: How can this program help me buy a home?

A: As you increase your earned income and your rent increases, the approximate difference in rent goes into an escrow account for you. When you complete your goals and graduate from the program this money can help with a down payment on a home.

Family Self-Sufficiency Sign up

- Yes, I am interested! Please have a Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator contact me so that I can learn more about the program.
- I will contact you at a later date to learn more about the program.

Please indicate the agencies and programs you already work with

- Department of Social Services
- Community Action Council, Inc.
- Hagerstown Community College
- Western Maryland Consortium
- Other Educational, Vocational, Training or GED Programs

Head of the Household

Address

Phone

Signature
