

## FSS CAN LEAD TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

### FSS CAN HELP YOU PREPARE FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP!

If you are currently receiving rental assistance or are eligible to receive it, you can use your Voucher towards a mortgage payment for your own home! (The mortgage payment is limited to 15 years)

FSS IS YOUR KEY TO  
SUCCESS!

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community solutions

## THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



Family Self Sufficiency  
and you

### *Vision Statement*

Through a team of dedicated human service professionals, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program impacts the community and creates a culture of self-reliance and financial independence. Our FSS participants develop a sense of autonomy by pursuing higher education, living wage employment, and family stability.

# ABOUT

## WHAT IS THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM?

- The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is an employment program available to all families on housing assistance. You must be actively seeking or maintain employment to participate on the program.
- It is voluntary and designed to assist families in becoming self-sufficient
- The first step is the desire and willingness to make a change in your life.

## HOW DOES THE FSS PROGRAM WORK?

- The head of the household enters into an agreement with Integrated Community Solutions in which a goal plan is developed that identifies the family's goals. It outlines the activities and services needed to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Regular contact with an FSS coordinator is essential. Coordinators will support you while attaining your goals.
- In order to complete the program, you must meet all goals and activities you've established for your family and be free of "welfare" (as defined by the FSS program).
- Another way to complete the program is to increase your household income so that 30% of your monthly income is greater than the Fair Market Rent for your family size. This means that you are able to afford rent on your own.

## WHY JOIN FSS?

### FSS OFFERS:

#### RETREATS

#### LIFESKILLS

- Employability Skills
- Stress Management
- Time Management
- Parenting Skills
- Personal and Family Stability
- Healthy Habits

#### ESCROW ACCOUNT

- As your earned income increase, an escrow account is created in your name that accumulates interest over the course of your participation on the FSS program.
- This account will be awarded to you when you've successfully completed your FSS contract.

## REQUIREMENTS

### WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF ME?

- Commitment!
- Complete the activities that are outlined in your goal plan
- Open and honest communication with your FSS Coordinator
- Responsibility and accountability
- Attend budget and credit counseling
- 8 hours per year of community service
- Attendance to an area resource fair
- Attend meetings regularly with FSS coordinator

## RESOURCES

### WHAT TYPES OF RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- Your FSS Coordinator is knowledgeable about many supportive services in the community. They will assess your needs and refer you to any services needed.