

HOW TO APPLY FOR FSS



Request an application in person or by emailing FSS@mchaor.org



Complete the application and return to MCHA to be added to the waitlist

When selected off the waitlist, you'll receive a call from an FSS case manager. You'll set up an appointment to come in and discuss goals and complete an intake



Your case manager will write up a contract which outlines your goals for the program. You will sign and return this contract and officially begin your FSS journey!



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If you would like more information about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, please reach out to us!

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FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Building a Brighter Future Together:
Empowering Families through the
Self-Sufficiency Program



WHAT IS THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM?

Family Self-Sufficiency is an employment related program designed to assist families in becoming self-sufficient and not dependent on welfare assistance. Families or individuals work with their case manager to develop goals that will be achievable within a 5-year period. The goals must include seeking and maintaining employment and becoming independent of welfare assistance by graduation. Other FSS goals may include but are not limited to education, job readiness, career counseling, homeownership, and financial education. As the family meets goals and completes the contract, they become eligible to receive the funds from their escrow account.



WHAT GOALS DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE?

GET A DEGREE



LEARN BUDGETING TIPS



IMPROVE CREDIT SCORE



WORK TOWARDS HOMEOWNERSHIP



AND SO MUCH MORE!!

FAQ'S

WHAT IS "ESCROW"?

Escrow is an interest-bearing account established by the housing authority for each participating family. An escrow credit is based on increases in income from employment only. FSS families must increase their earned income in order for credits to be applied to the escrow account.

DO I HAVE TO GIVE UP MY SECTION-8 VOUCHER OR MOVE AFTER COMPLETING THE FSS PROGRAM?

No. You do not have to give up your Section-8 voucher or move out of public housing after completing the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. You can keep your subsidized housing as long as you qualify.

CAN I EARN ESCROW FROM CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS OR TANF THAT I RECEIVE?

No, you can only earn escrow credits from earned-income; that is money earned from working

HOW DO I GET MY ESCROW?

Families must meet the program goals to be eligible to receive escrow funds. The program goals are:

- Be suitably employed
- Be in good standing with MCHA and your HCV landlord
- Be free of cash welfare assistance
- Meet the goals that you have set for yourself in the Individual Training and Service Plan