SECTION 8 FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY (FSS)

Program Description

The FSS Program is a voluntary program designed to help Section 8 families become more self-supporting and economically independent by linking the Section 8 HCV tenant-based vouchers with the help of both private and public resources, families are able to receive job training, educational services, and other much-needed assistance over a five-year period. The goal is to eliminate the clients’ need for public assistance and enhance their ability to achieve homeownership, if desired.

How it works

A five year Contract of Family Participation is tailored for each participant. This contract outlines the participant’s goals and describes the various work-related activities in which the participant agrees to participate. The participant is allowed to modify their goals as they gain more perspective on their future and gain more experience.

As the participant’s income and rent share increases, an escrow account is established by the SHA in order to set aside funds for the participant at the end of the program. Upon successful completion of the program, the participant can use these funds for any purpose.

Who is eligible?

Current SHA Section 8 HCV participants in good standing who are willing to agree to sign a five year Contract of Family Participation.