



Who is eligible to participate in the FSS program?

The CRHA FSS program is available to Public Housing (PH) residents, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program recipients, and recently, residents of project-based rental assistance (PBRA) projects.

The CRHA has a HUD-mandated minimum number of slots and a waiting list when it is full.

How do families enroll in the program?

Eligible families should discuss participation in the FSS program with CRHA.

Want to learn more?

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FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a multi-year work and saving program for families receiving CRHA housing assistance.

Working with a dedicated FSS Coordinator, program participants set long-term and short-term goals that will increase their ability to earn a greater income and move toward self-sufficiency.



FSS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- + Seek and ultimately maintain suitable employment or maintain full-time school enrollment
- + Set and pursue goals in collaboration with FSS Coordinator
- + Provide monthly updates to FSS Coordinator
- + Maintain a family budget

FSS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- + Ability to earn savings each month by diverting rent increases (from increased earned income) to a CRHA-managed escrow account
- + Referral to community resources like credit counseling, childcare, transportation assistance, continuing education, job training, and more
- + Dedicated FSS Coordinator who will partner with you, helping you identify and work towards your program goals

SET SMART GOALS & IDENTIFY STRATEGIES TO MEET THEM

INCREASE INCOME & PURSUE GOALS OVER THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM

GRADUATE WITH NEW SKILLS, HIGHER EARNINGS, AND A PERSONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

GROW A PERSONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Every FSS participant has the opportunity to grow a personal savings account over the 5-year program. Your current income and rent payments are recorded at the start of the program. Then, as your earned income increases, your resulting rent increase will be moved into a savings account. You can draw on your savings for job-related expenses throughout the multi-year program and then receive that savings in full upon program graduation. Some program participants have graduated with over \$10,000 in their accounts.

