

Family Self Sufficiency Program

Are you someone who...Needs better job skills? Wants to be independent? Wishes you could afford to have a savings account? Would like to own your own home?

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants are able to participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program. If you have a voucher and answered YES to one or more of these questions, the Johnson County Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Program may be just what you are looking for!

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Who can participate?

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary program for participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Its purpose is to assist families in improving their economic situation and reduce their dependence on public assistance.

The FSS Program is for those who are unemployed or already employed but want to increase their income, and who are willing to commit to changing their lives.

How does FSS work?

Each FSS participant creates a five-year plan that includes employment goals and identifies training or educational needs. FSS staff will work with the household to identify, locate, and arrange for the services they need to accomplish their goals.

What kinds of services might be provided?

Services might include childcare, education, transportation, personal development, resume building, job training, and job placement. As FSS participants succeed in raising their family income, the portion of their monthly income contributed toward their rent also increases.

HUD regulations allow a percentage of this rent increase to be deposited into an interest bearing escrow account for the family. If the family meets its goals within five years and graduates from welfare assistance for a period of twelve consecutive months, they will receive the funds accumulated in this account. This is a great incentive for those new in the work force and for those ready to reach goals set early in life. Many participants use this escrow as a down payment in purchasing a home or to start their own business.

Is there a contract?

Each participant will enter into a five-year contract. The contract will consist of the household goals and objectives toward family self-sufficiency.

Contact your current Occupancy Specialist or Courtney Collins-FSS Coordinator, to learn more.