FSS PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

Goal identification

Resume & job search assistance

Career counseling

Financial counseling

Financial incentive to achieve goals

ELIGIBILITY

Head of household in *Rent Assistance* (Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher) or in *Public Housing*.

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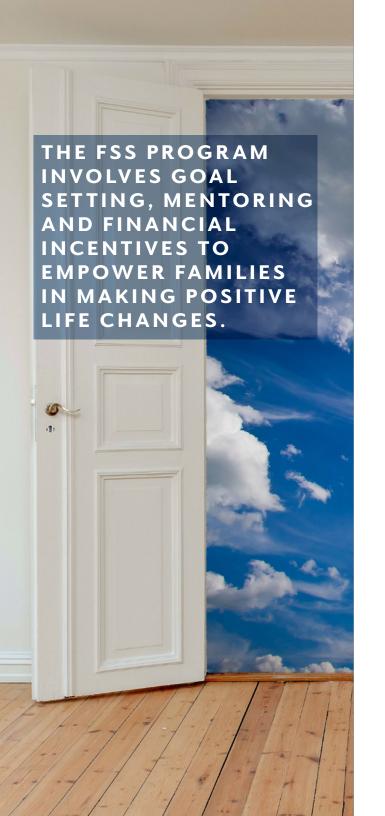
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM

FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY

The FSS Program can help you attain financial stability and independence.

ENROLL TODAY!





HOW IT WORKS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 1. Participants strategize with a case manager to identify goals, along with achievable steps to attain them. This is called a Five Year Plan.
- 2. The head of household signs a Contract of Participation (CoP) based on the details from their Five Year Plan.
- 3. An escrow bank account is created, where HACM deposits money on behalf of the resident that accumulates for five years. (See "Financial Incentive")
- 4. A case manager coaches participants through financial, career, education, and other tasks related to their goals.
- 5. The resident has *five years* from the date the CoP was signed to follow the steps in their Five Year Plan. Upon graduation, all funds which have accumulated in the escrow account are awarded to the FSS graduate.

FSS GRADUATION

Graduation requirements include completing identified goals in the Five Year plan and full-time employment (32+ hrs/wk) for the final 12 consecutive months leading up to FSS program completion date.

*Participants may end their FSS Contract at any time before graduating. Those who end their participation before graduation forfeit remaining escrow funds.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVE

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) establishes an escrow account when a resident enrolls in the FSS program. As participants increase their monthly rent due to earned income, funds are set aside and deposited into the escrow account.

Accumulated escrow funds are awarded to the participant when they successfully graduate from the FSS Program. FSS graduates may use awarded funds to purchase a car, make a down-payment on a house, or for any purpose of their choice.