

## Some of the Services Offered Through FSS:

- Set Goals Toward a Better Future
- Education Assistance
- Gain Employment
- Activate an Escrow Account
- Be Credit Ready
- Become a Homeowner
- Become Independent of Public Assistance

**AND MORE...**

Contact an FSS Coordinator :  
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## What do you dream about?

“I am a single parent with one child, and I would like to see something wonderful happen for her”

“I would like to start a business and maybe own our own home one day”

“My dream home is somewhere safe and nice...”

“To get my G.E.D and a job...”

“I want to be able to take my son to neat places instead of sitting home because we can't afford it...”

“Being financially secure...”

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*Moving Families Forward*

## Family Self-Sufficiency Program



**How High Will  
Your Dreams  
Take You?**

# Dreams...

n. A series of images, ideas, emotions, and sensations occurring involuntarily in the mind during certain stages of sleep.

They make us human. Dreams help us strive toward a better life. They help us raise ourselves to overcome the challenges presented to us by the world. They are us.

All people have dreams, but for some dreams don't always come true. Most people know what their dreams are, perhaps know exactly how to make them come true, but sometimes they need some help getting there....

....that's where PHA's Family Self-Sufficiency program can help.



*You CAN become economically self-sufficient!*

## What is Family Self-Sufficiency?

Family Self-Sufficiency is your opportunity to become independent from government assistance. With the help of your case manager, you and your family will set both short and long-term goals and enter into a time-limited, 5-year contract with the FSS program. The FSS program is an employment/education program, so you will be expected to either be employed or going to school full-time (or a combination of the two) at the end of your contract with us.

## How do I become self-sufficient?

Once you have signed your contract, you are on your way! Your contract, known as an *Individual Training & Service Plan (ITSP)*, states your goals on paper. Your goals are determined by you and your family. In the end, as you work toward self-sufficiency, your income will increase and your rent will go up. The difference between what you were paying for rent and what you are paying will be placed into the escrow. If you successfully complete your goal, which includes being free from welfare for a year.... the money is yours!



*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined!*  
—Henry David Thoreau

## YES! I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT!

### My goal is:

- Full-time Employment
- Full-time pursuit of a degree
- Part-time Educational and Part time Employment

### If selected to participate, what supports would you need?

- Child Care
- Transportation
- GED
- Job training
- Job Search Assistance
- Job Placement
- Career Counseling
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you currently

- Employed
  - Part-time
  - Full-time
- Unemployed/Seeking work
- Attending School /Training Program
  - Part-time
  - Full-time

What time of day would be best for you to attend an FSS Orientation?

- Morning (8-11:30 am)
- Afternoon (12-4:30 pm)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_