

The Family Self-Sufficiency Requirements

Participating FSS families are required to:

- Sign a Contract of Participation
- Develop an Action Plan
- Achieve established goals
- Attend the required workshops
- Comply with the family obligations
- Seek & retain employment

FSS families have up to five (5) years to complete specific goals and objectives they have established for themselves in their individual Action Plan. The Contract of Participation outlines the rights and responsibilities of the family during their participation in the FSS program.

Self Sufficiency & Personal Goals

- Would you like to **save a portion of your monthly rent?** YES__ NO__
- Are you currently a **NHA resident/ Section 8 Participant?** YES__ NO__
- Are you interested in **Job Skills & Job Search training?** YES__ NO__
- Are you interested in **job referrals?** YES__ NO__
- Are you interested in **Educational Opportunities such as GED Classes, Basic Computer Skills training or scholarships?** YES__ NO__
- Are you interested in receiving **Budgeting/Credit counseling?** YES__ NO__
- Are you interested in our **Homeownership Program?** YES__ NO__

If you answered YES to the questions above, you may qualify for this program. Please contact the FSS Staff at (203) 838-8471 ext 135

NOTE: Every applicant will need to attend an assessment interview.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program



Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk



Planting Seeds for Success

203-838-8471 ext 135

How can the FSS Program help me?

The **Family Self-Sufficiency Program** is designed to assist families in utilizing community resources to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency through education and job training.

The FSS collaborates with local agencies and services providers to address a wide variety of barriers to self-sufficiency, including:

- Job training referrals
- Job referrals
- Development of Resumes
- Financial Literacy & Budgeting
- Community outreach Programs
- Homeownership Programs
- Higher Education
- Parenting Skills
- Money Management Counseling
- Credit Counseling and Repair
- Transportation available to all workshops

Why should I join?

- The FSS Program can offer you many opportunities and benefits to help you succeed.
- We offer participants case management and group workshops to assist you in accomplishing your personal goals.
- Participants with a Homeownership goal may be eligible to receive mortgage assistance.
- Every participant will be required to attend monthly mandatory workshops that include: Credit Repair, Credit Building, Budgeting & Savings, Homeownership Seminar, Education and more.
- Participants will be guided and assisted by FSS staff and NHA social services partners through the entire process. This will be to ensure that the education, employment, entrepreneurship and homeownership goals are accomplished.

Who is Eligible?

- Public Housing head of household
- 18 years of age or older
- Interested in obtaining education and/or job training to earn a “living wage”
- Determined to become economically self-sufficient

What is an FSS Escrow Account?

- An escrow is based on your earned income increases, even though your rent may increase, the increased amount will be placed in a savings (escrow) account.
- The funds plus interest may be accessed once you have successfully completed your program goals or:
- A portion may be requested and disbursed upon completion of specific interim goals to be utilized towards other goals such as education, job training and transportation.

How can I apply?

Public Housing residents may contact Guillermo Bendana at 203-838-8471 ext 135
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