



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public Housing

“Family Self-Sufficiency Programs”

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What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program

- Family self-sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help assisted families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. Public housing agencies (PHAs) work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain employment that pays a living wage.



HUD grant programs awarded to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and Non-Profit organizations to assist families to become self-sufficient

- Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Resident Opportunities and Supportive Services Program



Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Family Self-Sufficiency Program

“Individuals/Families on a PHA’s Section 8 Program who are participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.”



Services Provided (Section 8)

- Case Managers to Assist Families
- Job Training
- Educational training
- Children Services (after-school programs and summer programs)
- Childcare Assistance
- Community Referrals
- Transportation to job and educational training
- Budget and Credit Repair Counseling
- Escrow Accounts
- Homeownership Counseling and Assistance



Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program

“Individuals /Families who are living in a housing development owned by a Housing Authority and are participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program”.



Services Provided (Public Housing)

- Case Managers to Assist families
- Job Training
- Educational Training
- Children Services (Afterschool and Summer Programs)
- Childcare
- Budget and Credit Counseling
- Community Referrals
- Transportation Assistance
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Who Is Eligible

- Any family receiving Section 8 or Public Housing assistance through a participating public housing agency can participate in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.



How to Apply

Submit an application to a PHA in your community and wait for your name to come to the top of the waiting list. Some PHAs do have preferences.

- Working Families
- Homeless
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Victims of Natural Disaster

“Must submit an application and the housing assistance must be available”.



How to Get More Information

- Locate participating PHAs

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/>

- Section 8 FSS Program

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/fss.cf>

- ROSS and Public Housing FSS Program

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/ross/about.cfm#3>

- About HUD

<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD>