

FSS: "The Short Version"

If you hold a Section 8 Housing Choice voucher and dream of a better future, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) may be a great choice. You will work with a Coordinator at the Housing Authority on a five-year plan to boost your earnings and savings. Your plan may include employment, training, more schooling, or other services. Your Coordinator will work with you to turn your dream into a reality.

Complete your plan and you could have enough income and savings to make a better life for yourself and your children.

Is FSS for you? Yes: If you are really motivated. If you're ready to work. If you're patient. If you're determined. Why not find out more about FSS now?



"It was hard, but with the help of my coordinator, I got a part-time job and saved enough to begin my nurse's training. Thanks FSS."

Maria T

Do More Than Dream of a Better Life



Give Your Dreams a Helping Hand

Housing Authority of the County of Alameda



Yes, I am interested in FSS: Please call me to schedule an orientation appointment.

Name: _____
Street: _____
City/Zip _____
Phone #: _____
E-mail: _____

or

Contact us at **510-727-8582**
or on the web at www.haca.net



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"I wanted to own my own home and provide a better life for my son. The FSS program helped me step-by-step to make my dream a reality." -- Sonya S.

Teamwork Makes the Difference

If you're on your own, the struggle to get ahead can seem so hard.

That's why the Family Self-Sufficiency program makes you part of a team focused on your success. You'll have a Coordinator you can turn to. To listen. To advise. To plan. To help you solve problems. To connect you to other helpful people.

You won't be alone. You'll celebrate your successes. You'll overcome problems. Together.

Are You Eligible? >>>

- You must have a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
- You must be motivated to become self-sufficient
- HACA must agree to let you enroll
- You must sign a five-year contract to participate

2014 Update >>>

The Housing Authority of Alameda County is participating in a national study of the FSS program. All applicants will be placed into a lottery where you will have a 50/50 chance of getting into FSS. Please contact an FSS staff member for more details.

Dream+Plan+Motivation+Teamwork=Your Success

What's your dream for yourself or your children? Home ownership? A better job? More money? Training or education? The free Family Self-Sufficiency Program will provide a helping hand to make your dreams real.

More than 75,000 people are enrolled in FSS. It's a voluntary program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It helps those with Section 8 vouchers turn dreams of a better life into reality.

How Does It Work>>>

You and your FSS Coordinator will turn your goals into a five-year Personal Action Plan. It's like a road map, showing you the way. It may include:

- GED classes
- College programs
- Job training
- Career counseling/job search
- Child care and transportation
- Financial planning

You will be referred to the organizations that provide these services.

Your Coordinator is there to cheer you on and help solve problems.

Earn and Save >>>

As you move forward, your income may also rise through better jobs and pay. Your Section 8 rent will rise as well. But now here's the good part. FSS will put an amount

based on your situation into an interest-paying savings account. It's called an "escrow account." Finish your Action Plan and all the

money is yours to spend or save as you wish. Buy a home. Start your own business. Go to college.

You will get personal support every step of the way to complete your Action Plan.

Earn just \$75 more a month and you may have savings of up to \$4,500 or more. And the more you earn, the more

you will save. You can do more than dream. You can take action. Ask about the FSS program today. Do it for yourself. Do it for your children.



So What's an "Escrow Account" Anyway >>>

It's a type of savings account. Normally, if your income goes up due to an increase in wages, so does your rent. But if you're in FSS, there's a difference. You still have to pay the higher rent. But an amount based on your personal situation is put into a savings account for you. The savings account earns interest. This money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. You may be surprised how fast it can grow. For example, if you get a job and your rent rises by \$75 a month, then up to \$75 a month is put into savings. Five years later, if you complete your Action Plan, you'll have \$4,500. You can spend it however you wish. Or keep saving. FSS staff will explain the details.