
There are many reasons that people have for joining the FSS program, just ask some of the current FSS participants.

“The FSS program helped me keep focused on the future.”

Janet

“It helped me see the difference of a career, rather than just a job.”

Liz

“The FSS program is very beneficial to single parent households preparing for self-sufficiency.”

Paula

“The program helped us prepare for home ownership while also saving money through the savings account.”

Bill and Laura

“The FSS program helped me keep motivated to complete my goals.”

Holly

To find out how the FSS Program can help you change your life, call one of the FSS Case Managers:

Susan Tatum 434-5528
Email: SusanT@L-housing.com

Elizabeth Redhage 434-5529
Email: elizabeth@L-housing.com

Family Self-Sufficiency Program
434-5500 (LHA Switchboard)

Home Ownership

Participants in the FSS program can become eligible for LHA's home ownership program which provides down payment assistance for the purchase of a home. Additional eligibility criteria apply.

Contact the FSS program for additional details and a program brochure.

If you don't like the way the world is, you change it... you just do it one step at a time.”

Maria Wright Edelman

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program...

... Can Help You Change Your Life!



Lincoln Housing Authority
5700 R Street · Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is designed to help families become self-supporting so they will no longer need public assistance. The program is voluntary and open to families who participate in the Section 8 or Housing Choice Voucher Program or who live in Public Housing through LHA. We require a desire to become self-sufficient and a willingness to take the steps necessary to make this happen. The FSS Program provides support and assistance to the entire family for up to five years.

Hundreds of families all over the country are already making better lives for themselves through this program.

How Does the FSS Program Work?

The head of the household enters into a contract with LHA. This contract contains an action plan developed by the family with staff assistance that identifies the education and employment goals of the participant and outlines the activities and services necessary to achieve this goal. The FSS case manager helps the family obtain the services listed in the plan and supports or coaches the family over the term of the contract. LHA establishes a savings account when the family increases its earned income.

Why Join FSS?

The program is designed to assist families in becoming self-sufficient.

Special features are:

- Assistance with education
- A savings account that automatically saves for you
- Help in finding child care and other services for the entire family
- Career planning

Can I Join the FSS Program If I'm Already Working or in School?

Yes. This program can give you extra support, a savings account and services to help you meet your personal goal.

What's the Catch?

To complete the program, you must be working and all household members must be off of cash welfare assistance for at least the last 12 months of the contract.



What Kinds of Services are Provided?

The FSS Case Manager can help you find the services you need to become self-sufficient.

This could include:

- Educational Program (including GED, ELL, and ABE)
- Career Assessments
- Job Training
- Child Care
- Counseling
- Case Management
- Credit Counseling
- Home Ownership Preparation

Do I Have to Give Up My Housing Assistance when the Contract is Completed?

No. You can continue to receive assistance as long as you are eligible.

How Does the Savings Account Work?

When your rent goes up due to an increase in your earnings, a percentage of the increase may be placed in a savings account for you and your family. You will receive all of the money in your account, plus interest, when the FSS Contract is successfully completed.

If you would like to learn more about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Complete the following information and mail to: LHA, 5700 R St, Lincoln, NE 68505

Head of Household: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Date: _____

Social Security #: _____

Apt #: _____

Zip Code: _____

Housing Program: _____ Housing Voucher

_____ Public Housing

_____ Other or Unknown

I understand this does not enroll me in the program but I will receive additional forms to complete. A visit by a Family Self-Sufficiency Case Manager will be scheduled to fully explain the program and at that time I can decide if my family would benefit from this program. This is a voluntary program which does not affect my eligibility for housing.