

The Resident Advisory Board needs you

If you're a tenant interested in joining the Resident Advisory Board, Lincoln Housing Authority wants to hear from you. The board reviews, plans and influences LHA programs and policies. Board members meet two or three times from October through December. Meetings typically last up to two hours, and LHA assists board members with transportation and child care costs if needed.



Participants in any LHA rental assistance program are eligible to become Resident Advisory Board members. If interested, contact Sarah Jackson as soon as possible at 402-434-5530 for an application or more information.

Mentors available for foreign-trained professionals

Eligible foreign-trained professionals looking to re-enter their field of expertise in Nebraska can find assistance through CareerLadder's new Connectors' Program. The program brings professional mentors and clients together for guidance about job applications, resume development, interviewing techniques and networking resource navigation.

During the three-month mentorship, clients and mentors will meet at least three times to gain necessary career skills. Clients will receive three to five professional connections, including prospective employers and strategic professionals to help expand their network.

Accounting, education, engineering, law and nursing are among the many professional fields included in the program.

For more information about how to become a client or mentor, visit careerladderne.org/ConnectorsProgram.

FSS, LHA helps Al Bawee thrive

A few years ago, Thaer and Yousra Al Bawee started their journey with the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program through Lincoln Housing Authority. Having four children, they set goals to both complete their schooling.

"I went to college because I want to be able to support my family," Thaer said.

He graduated in 2019 with his associate degree in computer information technology and will complete an IT technician certification class soon. Yousra is studying business administration and will graduate this summer.

They appreciate the support from Courtney, FSS coordinator.

"If we have any issues, we call and she helps us," Thaer said. "She's provided resources, sent job openings and just called to check in and see how we are doing."

In January, Thaer began at LHA as an IT intern. He is thankful for the experience.

"I am learning new things and gaining experience," he said. "This will help me be able to apply for a job."

The most valuable thing Thaer has learned during his internship and time in the FSS program is time management.

"If I help with a task, I need to be sure I finish them before the deadline," he said. "I really appreciate all the help I've gotten from the FSS program and LHA employees."

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency program?

If you need help creating an emergency fund, paying off debt, becoming a homeowner or earning a degree, the Family

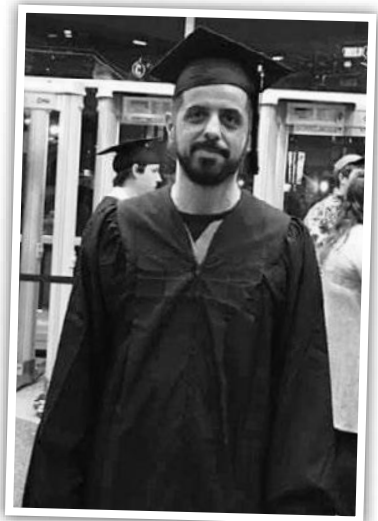
Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program can help you take steps toward your goals.

Typically, when you or someone in your household earns more money, rent goes up. That can make it difficult; but with FSS, your rent increase is deposited into a FSS savings account instead. Your savings gradually increases while you receive one-on-one support and coaching.

FSS is a voluntary, no-cost program that can last up to five years. You won't lose your housing assistance by participating.

Once you graduate, you can use your savings however you want. For more information about FSS and to see a video explaining the program, newsletters and more, visit L-housing.com/FamilySelfSufficiency.html. LHA also has a Facebook page, which can be found by searching "Lincoln Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency," with resources and more information.

To apply for FSS, contact Courtney at Courtney@L-housing.com, 402-434- 5529, or Amy Wagner, AWagner@Lhousing.com, 402-434-5527.



The Family Self-Sufficiency program helped Thaer Al Bawee graduate with a degree and gain real-world experience by interning at LHA.