Family Self Sufficiency and you

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

The FSS Program is a goal-focused employment program available to all families on housing assistance. Participants must be actively seeking or maintaining employment.

How does FSS Work?

- The head of households enters into an agreement with the BCHA in which a goal plan is developed that identifies the family's goals and outlines the activities and services needed to work towards self-sufficiency
- You will meet with an FSS Navigator regularly to be held accountable for your progress on the FSS Program

What are some advantages of FSS?

- **Work Skills** - Improve your ability to obtain and maintain employment
- Retreats- Retreats are held 2 times per year and include fun activities and educational seminars
- **Life Skills** – Life Skills are monthly education seminars with varying topics that relate to the participants goal plans. Examples: employment, stress relief, parenting, etc.
- **Escrow Account** – FSS participants are eligible to earn money into an escrow account as their earned income increases. The amount of money that gets deposited into the escrow account each month is determined by the increase in the participant's portion of rent.
- **Immediate needs** – Access to immediate needs assistance (example: gift cards, bus passes) on case-by-case basis

What would be required of me?

- Commitment! The first step is the desire and willingness to make a change in your life
- Open and honest communication with your FSS Coordinator
- Complete all items on your goal plan
- Obtain suitable employment

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