PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR FSS COORDINATORS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

770-834-2046 ext. 103

The Housing Authority of the City of Carrollton does not discriminate in access to its federally assisted housing programs. If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact our Housing Manager, Tiffany Bearden, at 770-834-2046 ext. 112.

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of the City of Carrollton

Providing an opportunity for Project-Based Voucher (PBV) tenants and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants to become self-sufficient.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

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What does FSS Involve?

Help from the Coordinator

If you join the program, you will meet with your FSS Coordinator to help decide what your goals are and what will help you move toward a future of self-sufficiency. From that point, the coordinator will assist in providing and referring various resources to assist you in achieving these goals.

Resources may include:

- Employment counseling
- Job training
- Money management
- Obtaining your GED
- Enrolling in college/university
- Childcare
- Rebuilding your credit/credit repair
- Homeownership preparation
- Substance abuse treatment/counseling
- Mental health counseling
- Life skills training

The FSS Escrow Savings Account

A benefit of enrolling in FSS is the escrow savings account. As you work toward your goals and your earned income increases (such as wages from a job or self-employment), money is added into this account which gains interest every month. Normally, as your wages increase, you just pay more towards your rent. However, when you are in FSS and your wages increase, the extra amount of money you pay in rent is put into your escrow account. If you complete your contract and goals, you will graduate from the program. Upon graduation, you will receive a check equal to the amount saved in your escrow account, which can be used at your discretion. Past participants have used their escrow funds to buy a car, pay for college tuition, pay off debt, and use for a down payment toward purchasing a home.

Key Elements of FSS

1. FSS Contract of Participation
2. A plan to help lay out how to achieve your goals
3. Specialty workshops: credit repair, job search/training, budgeting, etc.
4. Escrow savings account
5. Supportive services and resource referrals

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?

The FSS Program is designed to help Carrollton Housing Authority's Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program tenants and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants work toward increasing their self-sufficiency through offering resources to help find suitable employment, establish savings (escrow) accounts, and accomplish unique personal goals that will lead toward greater self-sufficiency.

It's an opportunity for you to invest in YOUR future—whether you want to finish school, find a better job, start a business, or secure the childcare and transportation you need to stay employed.

Participating in FSS is completely voluntary. If you choose to participate, you will sign a five-year contract and develop a personal plan to help achieve your goals using resources and support from your FSS Coordinator.

Am I Eligible?

If you are living in a PBV housing property or have a housing choice voucher, you may be eligible to enroll in the FSS Program.