

What is FSS? – Transcript

You work hard every day to provide for yourself and your family. Because you have dreams, and a plan to bring them to life.

But sometimes challenges come up that get in the way. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, or FSS, can help you get ahead and reach your goals!

Maybe you want to start an emergency fund. Pay off debt or build your credit. Or maybe you want to become a homeowner. FSS can help you take steps toward your goals.

Typically, every time you or someone in your household earns more money, your rent goes up. This can make saving difficult, if not impossible. But with FSS, your rent increase is deposited into a savings account instead!

Here's how it works.

First, meet with your FSS Coach to enroll in the program and set your goals.

Then, when you find a job or increase your pay at work, you'll pay your new, higher rent and your housing provider will also make a deposit into your FSS savings account. This deposit will usually equal the amount of your rent increase.

Over time, your FSS account grows. You receive one-on-one support and coaching. You might even be able to withdraw money from your account during the program. Maybe you need a car for work. Or want to complete a certificate program. You can use your FSS savings to help make progress toward your goals.

We know what you're thinking. But it's not too good to be true! You increase your income, pay your rent as usual, and money goes directly into your FSS savings account. The program is completely voluntary and you will not lose your housing assistance by participating.

To graduate, you will need to meet the goals you set for yourself, be employed, and make sure everyone in your household has been off cash welfare assistance for 12 consecutive months.

FSS lasts five years, but you can graduate sooner. Once you've completed the program, use your savings however you see fit!

You want to give your family the life they deserve. You aren't alone. FSS can help.

Join FSS today, save part of your rent, and make your dreams a reality!