

# Family Self-Sufficiency

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

The FSS Program is a five-year voluntary employment and savings incentive program for families that currently receive Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance through the Housing Authority of the City of Camden (HACC).

## **Eligibility**

### **You may participate if you:**

- Currently receive Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance through HACC.
- Are motivated, willing and able to work.

## **What are the program benefits?**

An FSS Coordinator will help you identify goals and connect you to resources in the community to help you reach those goals. You get an escrow account (savings account) that increases when your rent increases (from earning more money at work). You can reach your goals and dreams by buying your own home (**In the City of Camden only**), paying down debt, buying a car to get to work, And more!

## **Here's how it works...**

You pay rent based on a percentage of your household income. When your household income rises, the amount you must pay towards rent also rises. For FSS participants, you will still pay the new higher rent to your property owner, they will deposit an amount equal to the rent increase in rent (due to income from work) into the FSS escrow account. Upon completion of your goals, you will receive all of the funds in your escrow account.

## **What does FSS want me to achieve?**

When you work through the FSS Program, you are working towards goals that you set for yourself. However, there are a few goals FSS has for you:

- You will be employed full-time (at least 30 hours per week) by the end of the five-year contract.
- You will be completely off TANF assistance for at least one year prior to program completion. (But you may still receive Food Stamps or HEAP).
- You will complete activities that you choose to help you meet your goals.
- You will work cooperatively with the FSS Coordinator when any changes occur.

**If you are interested in joining the FSS Program, simply submit a completed application. To obtain an application.**

- Ask your HCV/Section 8 caseworker for one.
- You may print one out from [www.camdenhousing.org](http://www.camdenhousing.org)

**For more information, please contact the Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator:**

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