

**ORMOND BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY
Family Self-Sufficiency Program**

The goal of the Family Self-Sufficiency program is to assist participants in improving their education and job skills for the purpose of becoming gainfully employed. This is accomplished by encouraging participants to gain additional education, job training, and more.

The FSS program routinely collaborates with community agencies to provide the resources that are necessary to assist participants in reaching their goals. Resources include services such as childcare assistance, transportation, budgeting assistance, and credit repair. Existing GED programs, college courses, and local vocational and trade schools are utilized to assist participants in their educational needs.

The FSS participant will be required to establish goals such as completing educational training, resolving personal issues, and actively working towards reaching their goals. For completion of the FSS program, the participant must reach established goals, obtain and maintain employment throughout their participation in the program (ultimately securing full-time employment), and become independent of all TANF cash assistance for the last consecutive twelve months of their membership on the program.

To be eligible for the FSS program, the head-of-household must currently receive rental assistance in the Housing Choice Voucher program and a participant for at least one year. The Ormond Beach Housing Authority's FSS program is voluntary; therefore, only people who are genuinely interested in improving their life should participate!

ESCROW ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTION

Participants who become employed after signing the FSS contract will develop an escrow account when their portion of rent increases. When the participant pays an increased rent amount resulting from *earned* income (wages), the difference between what the initial rent was when the participant started the program and the increased amount will be deposited in the escrow account. This is an interest bearing savings account that receives monthly contributions based on the tenant's rent increase. Upon completion of the FSS contract, the funds in the account are given to the FSS participant.

EXAMPLE:

Client Activity

	Annual Income	Rent	Escrow Contribution
Enter the FSS Program	2,256.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Attend Training Program	2,256.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Became Employed	15,000.00	\$250.00	\$200.00

(Initial rent of \$50.00 – rent increase to \$250.00 = \$200.00. That \$200.00 is deposited into an escrow account).

Don't put your career goals on hold for another day! Get started building your future and become self-sufficient by completing the attached pre-application form and returning it to:

Tuesdae Kleppinger
Public Housing/FSS Coordinator
100 New Britain Ave.

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

T: 386 677 2069

F: 386 677 3545

E: publichousing@obha.org

Please provide us with the following information, which will be kept confidential.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt: _____

City/Town: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Do you have access to the Internet? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

1. How many people are in your household? _____ Adults _____ Children

2. Does any member of your household have a disability?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

3. What type(s) of income/benefits does your household receive? (Check all that apply)

Wages/Salary ... Full-time or part-time? _____

What is your job title? _____

Where do you work? _____

Benefits? Medical Retirement Other None

TANF SSI/SSDI Child Support Food Stamps (SNAP)

Unemployment Other _____

4. What is the best way to reach you? Phone Email

Regular Mail

If by phone, when is the best time to call?

5. Do you currently attend any educational or training programs?

Yes No

If yes, where are you studying?

When did you begin? _____

When will you finish? _____

6. Have you ever participated in a formal job training program?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

7. What kind of experience/services do you need to become self-sufficient?

(Check all that apply)

GED/High School Diploma Certificate or Associates' Degree

Computer Training

Apprenticeship/Trades Career Exploration Transportation

Financial Assistance Money Management/Credit Repair Employment

Hands-on Job Training Job Search/Interview Skills Parenting

Education

English for Speakers of Other Languages Bachelor's or Master's Degree

Other

8. How did you hear about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

9. Why do you want to participate in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

10. The FSS Program requires monthly contact with your FSS Advisor and participation in FSS events and workshops. Would this pose a problem for you?

Yes No

11. Do you have a High School Diploma/GED? Yes No

12. Are you interested in homeownership? Yes No

14. Have you been a participant for at least 1 year? :

Yes No

For Internal Use Only.

Client ID# _____

Last Re-exam Date:_____