

What's Your Goal?

Earn a diploma or a college degree?



Start your first job or a new career?



Buy or repair a car?



Own a home or a business?



Family Self-Sufficiency Program

*Self sufficiency is not something you wait for,
it's something you PLAN for!*

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FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program is designed to help families achieve financial independence. It is an opportunity to invest in your future. The program has helped families repair credit, earn their college degree, find well paying jobs and purchase homes.

Individuals who volunteer for the program will sign a five-year contract and develop a personal plan for becoming self-sufficient. Your FSS Coordinator will help you set realistic, achievable goals and provide motivation and support.

SERVICES

Programs and services, provided through referrals to outside organizations or directly by the FSS Coordinator, to help you achieve your goals include:

- Career Planning & Counseling
- Job Readiness Workshops
- Credit Counseling
- Homeownership Preparation
- Educational Programs
- Transportation
- Child Care

ELIGIBILITY

The FSS Program is open to all Housing Choice Voucher participants. Motivation and the ability to enroll in school, vocational training or actively seek employment are required.

BENEFITS

Generally, as FSS members reach their goals, their earned income increases and so does their portion of the rent. When this happens, the CDA deposits an amount equal to the rent increase into a savings account every month for the FSS participant and family.

When the FSS contract is successfully completed, the member receives all the money in the savings account plus any interest. Graduates have used their FSS savings for the downpayment on a home, reliable transportation and repayment of student loans.

The average amount received by FSS graduates is \$10,000. Perhaps the best reason to join FSS is the built-in savings plan.

Family Self-Sufficiency Interest Form

If you are interested in attending an orientation about the Family Self Sufficiency Program, complete this form and return it to the Dakota County CDA.

What is your current income status?

- No income
 MFIP/SSI/RSDI/SS
 Employment

What is your current household status?

- Single Adult with Children
 Married or Co-adult with Children
 Adult without Children

What is your goal for the program?

- Education
 Employment
 Homeownership

Name

Family ID#

Address

City, State, ZIP

Phone

Email Address

