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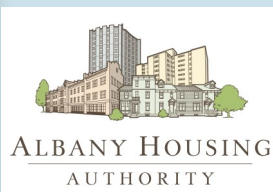
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[wagecenters.com](http://wagecenters.com)



## FSS Success



Falonda lived on Green Street as an Albany Housing Authority resident until last month, when she bought a home for her family. It was through Affordable Housing Partnership (AHP), that she learned about the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program at the WAGE Center.

When she first started home buyer programs, two and a half years ago, Falonda realized that she needed to establish credit. So, she started “getting credit cards and making on-time payments.” During that process she says, “I built my credit score up and

[started thinking about] meeting the criteria needed to take the next steps.”

Through AHP, she learned about a matched savings program. She says, “It disciplined me to save.” In addition, she enrolled in FSS, which allowed her to save more money toward owning and furnishing a home. Of the FSS program she says, “I like goals. I like challenges. Pay your rent on time...I took that and ran with it.” Paying rent on time, and earning more money, she accumulated escrow savings with FSS.

Becoming a home owner has made Falonda feel “peacefulness.” She says, that through the process of saving and working toward owning a home, she has gained, “peace of mind and [is feeling] accomplished.” She says, “My goal was to own a home. I achieved that. Now, I can achieve anything I put my mind to.”

*For more of Falonda's story visit our website:*  
[www.WageCenters.com](http://www.WageCenters.com)

## Meet Amibel

Amibel Tineo is your new FSS Coordinator. She is a graduate of State University of New York at Albany's Master in Social Work program. You may have seen her working at the WAGE Center for the last two years when you've come to visit.

An experienced case manager, Amibel can help connect FSS participants with services, help with job searching, budgeting and career development.

### *Amibel's message:*

“I'm excited to begin working with the WAGE team to help FSS participants become financially independent.”

### *Call her today:*

**518-380-5601**

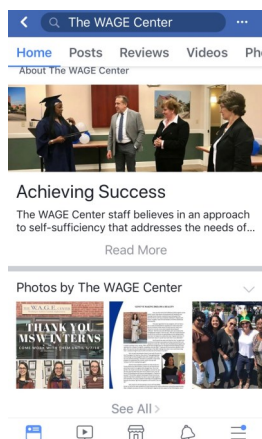


Get Ready to Attend the Times Union Job Fair  
Tuesday, July 9 from 10-4 at Albany Marriott

- ◇ Need a resume?
- ◇ Need coaching on interview questions & answers?
- ◇ Need help discussing gaps or incarceration?

Make an appointment for resume, interviewing and  
job fair preparation assistance. *518-380-5600*

#### Follow on FACEBOOK



New programs, events, WAGE Center success stories and event pictures are on our Facebook page. See what's new every day and find programs to support your FSS goals. Come visit, share and like our page



## What can you do to upgrade your career and save more money?



### What Do you need to Succeed?

*Please call 518-380-5601 to schedule an appointment for help job searching, working on a personal budget or career planning.*

#### **Don't have a resume?**

We will help you develop one.

#### **Don't have email?**

We can help you set up and use an account.

Come talk with our staff about what support you need to earn more and take steps toward a better financial future.

### Workshops

#### **Get Credit Score Advice**

*Fourth Friday of the Month*

Albany Public Library  
162 Washington Ave.

**Drop in:**  
**11:30-1:30**

*Affordable Housing Partnership*

#### **Get Homebuyer Education**

Ask at The WAGE Center  
about a voucher for  
"Money Strategies"

*Our Partners at  
Affordable Housing Partnership  
Can work with you to better your  
credit score and help with  
the home buying process.*

**Ask Amibel in person**  
**Or at: 380-5601**