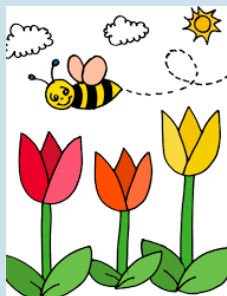




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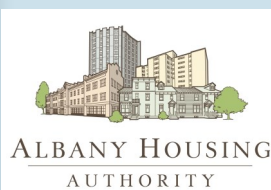
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Spring Into Your Future



Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, FSS participants have been achieving great things and graduating with sizable checks for successfully completing the program. Our partners at Affordable Housing Partnership are still helping people get ready to buy homes and Amibel is still able to offer services for anyone looking to make goal progress.

Spring is a time of new beginnings and a great time to think about goals. What are your short term goals? What is your vision for where you'd like to be a few years from now?

You've seen stories in this newsletter of FSS participants who have worked hard to escrow

money when they upgrade their income due to work. Planning for changes ahead of time has made these participants successful. Every step of the way, you can get help figuring out what the next step on your path should be.

If you are looking for new employment, please don't hesitate to reach out for help searching and applying for jobs, interview practice, resume development or with anything else that stands in the way of successful full-time employment.

If homeownership is one of your long-term goals, ask us about a referral to services that can help you improve credit, learn about qualifying for a mortgage, gain access to grants for first time homebuyers and understand everything related to the buying process.

Call Amibel at 518-380-5601 to discuss any help you need to achieve your goals.

Amibel's Answers

Q: Can I put money into my escrow account?

A: No. The escrow funds in the FSS program are an incentive granted to participants who demonstrate an increase in income from work. When the participant's rent increases, he or she still pays the new, higher rent, but that increase in rent will also be credited to the participant's account using the program's funds.

So, be sure to report any change of income to Albany Housing Authority right away. Once your rent increases, your escrow account should reflect the change as long as your rent is not past due and you do **not** have flat rate rent.





Plan Ahead for Summer Childcare

ACAP Head Start

(<https://www.albanycap.org/menus/additional->

Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp

<https://www.bgccapitalarea.org/>

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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 Homebuyer Education with Affordable Housing Partnership

Homebuyer 101 Class Dates

- ⇒ May 4, 5:30 pm
- ⇒ June 1, 2021 5:30 pm
- ⇒ July 6, 2021 5:30 pm

All sessions 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: on-line webinar until further notice.

Register:

<http://ahphome.org/homebuyer-101.html>

After Homebuyer 101...

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