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Family Self-Sufficiency  
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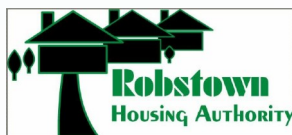
The key to unlock your future awaits  
you!

Call In and Sign Up For FSS Today!

Family Self Sufficiency  
What is it?

High School Diploma/GED  
Higher Education  
Job Training  
Jobs/Advanced Opportunities  
Counseling  
Support Groups/Services  
Escrow/Savings for a Future  
Small Loans  
Home Ownership

It's For You! You have nothing to  
lose.



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Family Self-Sufficiency is a program  
designed to reduce dependency of low  
income families on welfare assistance  
and on Section 8 or Public Housing.

The idea of the program is to assist the  
participant in obtaining education,  
employment, business and social skills  
necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

As a result of the program, many have  
obtained their first job or higher  
paying job; no longer needing benefits  
received under one or more welfare  
programs; obtained a high school  
diploma or higher education degree; or  
accomplished similar goals that assist  
the family in obtaining economic  
independence.

Another benefit that can be available  
after enrollment into the program is an  
escrow account may be set up for your  
future use as a down payment toward  
owning your own home. Small loans  
are available against this account after  
being a member for at least six  
months.

To be a member of the FSS group you must live in either Public or Section 8 Housing and be either attending school or working or planning to become employed. You are welcomed to sign up even if you don't fit these categories. Once a member you are required to attend semi-monthly meetings.

An individual Plan of Service is created for each member, setting goals that will help that member reach self-sufficiency. Each goal must be reached to become a graduate of the program. Goals are set according to each individual's needs.

Starting where you are, education or job training is decided. A High School graduate will begin with job and/or technical training or school level work would be in order. For others, some may simply want to get busy working their way up the ladder, on the job!

Assistance filling out loan or grant documents and counseling is provided. Assessment testing is available to help you discover your aptitude in different areas of study.

Semi Monthly meetings contribute to training and give support. Each member is expected to be an advocate of the others., thus providing a support group. Sharing ideas and problems with others is often an encouragement and lets you know that you are not alone. Outside speakers provide continuing education and training in life skills.



The Escrow Account is provided for those who qualify, as an added incentive to work hard and be consistent. If you rent is increased after you become a member of the FSS program, most of the increase is matched by the Housing Authority and placed into an interest bearing Escrow Account, much like a savings account. This money will be placed monthly in the account and continue to grow until you are ready to graduate the program to Self-Sufficiency.

At that time, the money can be used toward the purchase of your own home or for other assets that will assist you in remaining self-sufficient, such as a vehicle.

Sometimes we have family emergencies and it is impossible to meet all of our immediate needs without assistance. For these occasional problems, FSS has a small loan program. These loans can help pay the cost of high summer utilities, for car repairs, dental or health emergencies and various other predicaments that life may throw at you. There is no interest charged on the loans and payments are set to an individual's ability to repay.

The contract is for five years, but can be modified according to the individual's need. Sometimes to accomplish the service plan less time is needed or the contract can be extended for an additional two years to meet various needs and in case of obstacles.



***Be Self Sufficient!***