



Is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program for you?

The Yakima Housing Authority invites you to take advantage of a great opportunity through our Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. The FSS program is open to households, with or without children, that meet our eligibility requirements (see second page for more on requirements).

Are you currently:

- Unemployed with a desire to be employed?
- In school or a job training program?
- Receiving TANF or Unemployment Benefits?

Within two years do you plan to:

- Begin working or start your own business?
- In school or a job training program?
- Be at the end of your TANF benefits?

If you answered yes to any of the above, the FSS program could be for you!

The FSS Program is an opportunity to:

- Set education and/or employment goals and work towards accomplishing those goals.
- Obtain a savings account with deposits that are set aside for you monthly.
- Make withdrawals from the account to assist you in accomplishing your goals.
- Receive the balance in the account when you accomplish your goals.

The Benefits

- Support from an FSS Coordinator who can help you with your goals.
- Referrals to other agencies that can help you overcome barriers and accomplish your goals.
- An escrow account set-up and deposits made as your rent and wages increase.

You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain!

To Learn More: Complete the reply form below and either fax it to (509) 453-3111 or mail it to Yakima Housing Authority, 810 N 6th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902. If you have further questions, we can be reached by phone at (509) 453-3106 ext. 117 & 119.

Family Self-Sufficiency Reply Form

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I live in YHA Family Housing LLC

Language: English

I live in Nueva Primavera

Language: Spanish

I have a Section 8 Voucher

How does the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Work?

Eligibility criteria:

- Live in YHA Family Housing LLC, Nueva Primavera, or Section 8 housing within Yakima & Kittitas county
- Are in good standing (not currently default on rent or under eviction) with Yakima Housing Authority
- Have not previously graduated from the FSS Program

Goal Setting – You Will:

- Meet with an FSS Coordinator who will support you in setting goals for yourself.
- Create an individual plan with you, listing the steps needed to achieve those goals.
- Receive referrals and coordination of services for community resources.
- Meet with your FSS Coordinator regularly to review your plan/make changes if necessary.
- Work toward accomplishing your education/ employment goals and complete the program.

Escrow Accounts – How it works:

- Your rent goes up when your salary increases or you start working.
- You pay your rent as it increases as you normally would
- A portion of your rent increase is matched and deposited monthly into an account for you.
- Your account balance grows as your employment income and rent increase.
- You can withdraw funds to pay for costs that will help you accomplish your goals.
- Accomplish your goals or pay full market rent within five years and the balance is yours!

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