



# FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



## ***"DISCOVERING THE MYSTERY OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY"***

The Dallas Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a voluntary program designed to assist families in becoming economically independent and self-sufficient within a five (5) year timeframe. All Dallas Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing residents are eligible to participate in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

### Program Discovery:

- There is ***NO COST*** to participate - receive services of case management, resource assistance, problem-solving and referral services which include GED classes, training and job search assistance.
- Remain a member of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) for up to five years working toward your goals. While in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, you must be active; either in school or working at least 30 hours per week. You have five (5) years to reach your goals.
- Receive extensive case management; meet with your assigned case manager and complete a family assessment. It is the responsibility of the program participant to stay in contact with the Case Manager by phone, email, office visits or sending in progress reports.
- Enter into an agreement with the Dallas Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program. This agreement is called a Contract of Participation. This agreement explains Dallas Housing Authority's responsibility to you and it also explains your responsibility as a participant in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Develop a "Service Plan"; which is your plan of action to reach your goals. This "service plan" will have written steps of what you will do to become self-sufficient. The Case Manager will be available to you as you work to complete the goals and help with problem solving.

### Program Completion Requirements:

- Must be employed
- Household must be free of TANF (*cash benefits only*) for 12 consecutive months prior to completion
- Complete goals outlined in Individual Service Training Plan

### Program Incentive

- The program incentive or reward for successful growth and completion of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program is the ESCROW account. Reach your goals and discontinue receipt of any welfare assistance and you are eligible for your escrow funds (*if applicable*).
- During your participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency program, if you have achieved interim goals (after one year of enrollment) and need assistance with attaining goals related to education, training, and starting own business; you may request an ESCROW advancement
- The ESCROW Advancements are determined based on those items that directly impact the Family's ability to get to and from work. Can only receive advance once within a twelve (12) month timeframe.



*For more information call 214-640-6875*

