

# Family Self Sufficiency Program

## *What does the Program Provide?*

- Help in setting your family's goals for the future
- Help in reaching those goals
- Connections to job enhancement skills
- Connections to family living skills
  - Budgeting
  - Parenting
  - Clearing up credit issues
  - An Escrow Account that will provide your family with the ability to buy a home, start a business, or what ever might contribute to your family's vision of self-sufficiency.

## *What is the Family's obligation?*

- Head of household who signs contract must seek, obtain and keep employment.
- Head of household must complete goals agreed to in the contract.
- By the end of 5-year contract *all family members must be off of cash public assistance for last 12 months of contract.*
- Complete a progress report twice yearly.
- Maintain terms of Section-8 or Public Housing contract.
- Remain drug free.

## *How does it work?*

- Family applies to the program (applications are available at Housing Authority office).
- Family has appointment with Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator and begins to determine goals.
- Second appointment family signs contract and agrees to ITSP (Individual Training and Services Plan).
- As the family's earned income increases so does their rent. The portion of the rent that the Housing Authority is no longer subsidizing is placed in an Escrow Account for the family.
- By the end of 5-year contract all family members must be off of cash public assistance before the last month of contract.

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