

GRADUATE COMMENTS

“FSS helped me to reach my education and work goals. I can provide a better life for my family . . . they pushed me to create a plan and set goals for my future.”

“FSS helped us secure employment, build up our credit and save over \$6,000 for a down payment which helped us purchase our first home in Nanakuli.”

“My FSS Case Manager encouraged me to pursue Pearl Harbor’s Apprenticeship Program. Before Pearl Harbor I was a stay at home mom with 2 small children. It’s four years later and I finished my training. I now earn over \$50,000 in a career I love. Thank you so much FSS.”

“FSS has been many, many things to me . . . support, information, money, advocacy, and help when needed. They are my guardian angels.”

FSS IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Please contact the FSS office for the schedule of upcoming FSS briefings.

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FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



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WHAT IS FSS?

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary program designed to help families increase their household income and achieve economic independence through education, employment, and planning.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Current Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Participants who are:

- The designated Section 8 Head of Household
- Willing to seek & maintain employment
- Want to create a plan to direct goals
- Determined & committed to become free of government assistance

Participation in the program requires a commitment to become self-sufficient and a willingness to take the steps necessary to make this happen.

Self-Sufficiency is not something you wait for; It's something you plan for.

HOW DOES THE FSS PROGRAM WORK?

- The first step is to attend an FSS Briefing.
- Meet with an FSS Case Manager to develop your short and long term goals.
- Sign an FSS Contract of Participation.
- Attend workshops and receive referral services needed.
- Periodically meet with your FSS Case Manager to discuss progress and additional services needed.
- Apply for graduation after completing goals and fulfilling your FSS Contract.

WHAT IS AN FSS ESCROW SAVINGS ACCOUNT?

This unique savings opportunity is only offered to FSS Participants.

As your rent goes up due to increases in your earnings, a percentage of the increase may be placed in a savings account for you and your family. You will receive all the money in your account, plus interest, when the FSS Contract is successfully completed.

WHAT KINDS OF SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

The FSS Program provides individual case management and collaborates with other agencies and service providers to address:

- Educational Programs
- Job Training & Readiness
- Job Search & Life Skills Training
- Budgeting/Money Management
- Credit Counseling, Credit Repair
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Homeownership Preparation

HOW DO I COMPLETE FSS?

To successfully complete the FSS Program:

- All training plan goals have been achieved
- Head of Household must be employed
- All family members must be TANF free for the last (12) months of their contract

