

Take charge of your life! If your answer is "YES" to any of the following, then FSS program is for you!

- ☞ Are you serious about earning more money?
- ☞ Are you willing to seek and maintain employment?
- ☞ Are you willing to set goals, and work hard to achieve them?
- ☞ Would you like to gain self-esteem?
- ☞ Would you like to learn new skills?
- ☞ Would you like to establish or repair your credit?
- ☞ Would you like to maintain an escrow account (without depositing money?)
- ☞ Would you like to own your own home?

Goal Setting

S ~Specific
M ~Measurable
A ~Attainable
R ~Relevant
T ~Time - Bound

Things to Think About

HAVE YOU?

- Lost your job
- Are you in a low paying job
- Do you have career goals that never happened
- Do you have bad credit

WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

- Increase your income?
- Start a savings account/escrow?
- Consider Purchasing a home?
- Get your GED or further your education?

DO YOU WANT?

- A better life for your family?
- To pursue life goals?
- Assistance with reducing bad credit?
- Pursue your education goals

*SELF-SUFFICIENCY is
Not something you wait for
it's something you PLAN*



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NEK-CAP, Inc.

We provide comprehensive education and social services to low-income community members through collaborative partnerships focused on promoting family development, empowerment, and economic security.



Brown County/ NEK-CAP, Inc. Housing Authority - Housing Choice Voucher ~ Family Self-Sufficiency Program



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What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

The FSS Program is a savings-incentive employment program for families or individuals who are currently on the **Housing Choice Voucher Program -Section 8** and would like to become financially independent within the next five years.

You and the FSS Coordinator will review your current status, where you want to be, and how to help you and your family to get there. Together we will develop personal goals and assist in connecting to community opportunities to help you succeed! Once your earned income increases; the FSS Program assists in setting up an escrow saving account.



What kind of Services are Provided?

The FSS Program Coordinator can assist you in finding the services you need to become self-sufficient. This could include:

-  Educational Programs
-  Career Assessments
-  Job Training
-  Child Care
-  Counseling
-  Case Management
-  Credit Counseling
-  Home Ownership Preparation

How does this savings account work?



Normally, when your income increase and you live in subsidized housing, your rent will increase. However, if you participate in the FSS program and your earned income increases, the Public Housing Authority will put a portion of your rent increase into an escrow savings account!

When you accomplish your goal within the period of your FSS contract, you will graduate and receive the money in your escrow savings account.

What's the Catch?

To complete the program, you must be working and all household members must be off of cash assistance through the welfare office for at least 12 months of the contract.

What can I use my escrow for?

After graduation you can use your funds for home-ownership, paying off debt, buying a car or anything you'd like!

The FSS Program serves the following counties: Atchison (except the City of Atchison), Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Marshall, and Nemaha.

How Do I Enroll?

I am interested in finding out more about the FSS program. Please schedule me for an Information Meeting. (Please Print)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone _____

Number: _____

I understand this does not enroll me in the program, but I will receive additional information. This is a voluntary program which does not affect my eligibility for housing.

Please return to:

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"Happiness belongs to the self-sufficient"

Aristotle