

***Allegheny County  
Housing Authority***

*"Residents first and  
always."*

***Resident Services  
Department***

*"Helping families  
become whole in  
mind, body and  
spirit."*



**FAMILY SELF-  
SUFFICIENCY AND  
HOMEOWNERSHIP**



**For more information call:  
The Family Self Sufficiency  
Support Specialists  
(412) 771-0328**

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## WHAT IS THE FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY (FSS) HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM?



It is a program developed by the Resident Services Department for public housing residents living in Allegheny County Housing Authority communities. You and your family can become financially independent and self-reliant through:

- Job placement and referrals
- Credit counseling and repair
- Other supportive services

**The development of an ESCROWED SAVINGS ACCOUNT that can be used for:**

- Homeownership
- Purchasing a car
- Vocational, educational and skill training

## BENEFITS FOR THE FAMILY

There are two primary reasons for families to participate in the FSS program:

*1. Accumulation of Assets*  
FSS gives families an opportunity to realize the full benefit of increased earnings. While FSS participants still must pay increased rental charges when their income increases, but a percentage of the rent increase goes into your escrow account.



*2. Access to Services*  
The FSS Case Manager will assess the needs of each family and develop an Individual Service Plan with the head of the household. This may include identifying services such as childcare, transportation, job training, or

homeownership training and will document an action plan for attaining identified goals.



## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

1. Complete the "Application to Participate"
2. Return it to ACHA or your manager's office.
3. Have no lease violations.
4. Complete requirements outlined in your Individual Service Plans.
5. Be free from TANF (head of household and all adults) for one year prior to the end of your contract.

## WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

The FSS/Homeownership Coordinator will call you to schedule an interview.

The Program Coordinating Committee will review all applicants.

Selected applicants will be asked to sign a Contract of Participation.

\*\*Eligibility criteria is available upon request.

## WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU?

When you join the program we will help you define your goals and level of independence that you want to achieve. We will link you to services that will assist you in achieving those goals. We will assist you in finding educational opportunities. We will meet with you regularly.

**When you successfully complete the program, the money in your ESCROW ACCOUNT will be yours!**



## APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

Please check all that apply:

- ◇ I am seeking employment
- ◇ I am employed but would like a better job
- ◇ I am seeking employment
- ◇ I receive SSI/SSD but would like to work
- ◇ I can afford a mortgage payment but do not have a down payment saved
- ◇ I can afford a mortgage payment AND have a down payment saved
- ◇ I would like so explore educational opportunities

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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