

**What happens if I do not complete my goals at the end of the five year**



*An FSS participant will not lose their housing assistance if they find they cannot meet the commitments of the Contract of Participation. They may leave the program at any time and will not be penalized for making an effort to become self-sufficient.*

### Services Provided

- Referrals to various community services
- On-going staff support
- Five-year Goal Plan
- Interest Escrow Account



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### **Family Self-Sufficiency Program**



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## ▶ What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?



FSS is a program designed to assist you in identifying and reaching your educational and career goals. FSS can help locate available resources to help achieve your goals. The goal of the FSS Program is to help families become free of their need for public assistance and become wage earners.

## ▶ What requirements are needed to participate in this program?

1. You must be a Section 8 participant or HUD-funded Public Housing Participant from Imperial Valley Housing Authority.
2. Be committed to entering a job training and/or education program or currently be enrolled in such a program or have completed a program.
3. Participant has to commit to become employed after completion of job training or education.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY WORKING, YOU MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

## ▶ What are the advantages to joining the FSS program?

- Families will continue to receive housing assistance.
- As the family's rent increases due to increases in earned income, the HA matches a portion of the rental increase to establish an interest bearing escrow account for the family.
- The more earned income the family makes, the more money is deposited into the escrow account.
- After successful completion of the FSS contract, the family will receive the monies from the escrow account.
- Participation in the IDEA or WISH Program. With this program, the bank will match \$4 per \$1 up to \$22,000 which must be used towards the purchase of your home.

