FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

CHA’s Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program builds on HUD’s program model by enabling participants to build financial assets while working toward educational, professional, and personal goals. FSS assists participants in increasing financial stability and moving forward in an individualized path toward self-sufficiency.

Invest In YOU!

TAKING THE NEXT STEP TO FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

OUTCOMES

Work the Program Achieve Success
The FSS graduation rate has more than doubled in the last 6 years – up from 30% of eligible participants graduating in 2013 to 65% in 2018.

Hit Goals, Save Money
In the last 6 years over 500 FSS graduates have earned more than $3.5 million in savings.

Make Progress, Get Money
Income from wages for FSS Graduates is approximately $2,000 higher than the CHA overall population.

New Path, Same Money
In 2018, CHA implemented a modified FSS savings model so participants now accrue FSS savings by achieving specific milestones or activities rather than through earned income increases. The number of participants with a savings balance increased from 45% to 91%.

FSS GOALS

- Develop positive savings habits
- Reduce debt/improve credit
- Earn a post-secondary degree
- Start a new career
- Start a business
- Become a homeowner

HOW TO ENROLL

Attendance at an FSS Information Session is required for enrollment.

Information Sessions provide applicants an overview of the program, how FSS staff support participants to develop and meet their goals, how to earn FSS savings, and the requirements for graduation.

FSS staff host regular Information Sessions at FSS, CHA, and partner program offices throughout Chicago. See http://www.thecha.org/FSS for the current schedule.

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