FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

CHAs Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program builds on HUDs 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.

**Outcome**

**Work the Program Achieve Success**
FSS graduates number 458 over the last 6 years, 2015-2020, nearing 500 by 2021.

**Hit Goals, Save Money**
In the last 6 years over FSS graduates have earned more than $2.9 million in savings.

**Make Progress, Get Money**
Income from wages for FSS Graduates is nearly $10,000 higher on average than all other work-able CHA adults.

**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 now 86%.

**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](http://www.thecha.org/FSS) for the current schedule.

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