

Amsterdam Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a voluntary program designed to assist families in achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency through education and job training.

Are you:

- A current Section 8 Program participant through The Amsterdam Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Program?
- At least 18 years old?
- Motivated to change your current life circumstances?
- Interested in obtaining more education and/or job training?
- Determined to free yourself from having to depend on public assistance?
- Willing to receive case management and sign an FSS Contract of Participation?
- Willing to obtain and/or maintain suitable employment?

If the answers are YES to all questions, you may be a candidate for The FSS Program:

FSS participants sign a "Contract of Participation" with the Amsterdam Housing Authority which outlines their rights and responsibilities during their participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. FSS participants initially have up to five (5) years to complete the specific goals and objectives established by them in their "Individual Training and Service Plan".

Referral To Support Services Available During the Program:

- Homeownership Counseling
- Education and Training
- Career Counseling: Career exploration / Job Search / Resume Writing / Interviewing Skills
- Child Care and Transportation
- Parenting Skills: Workshops / Classes / One-on-one Training
- Financial Planning and Budgeting
- Counseling Services: One-on-one / Family / Support Groups
- Communication Skills
- Substance Abuse Counseling/Treatment

Steps in the Program

- Complete the FSS Interest Form
- If selected as a potential candidate for the program, an Intake Assessment will be scheduled to determine program eligibility. This is typically done over the telephone and takes approximately ½ hour.
- If admitted to the program, an "Individual Training and Service Plan" to establish goals, strategies and timelines towards self-sufficiency will be set up.
- Sign the "FSS Contract of Participation"
- Periodically review your progress with the Case Manager
- Successfully complete your "Contract of Participation" and graduate from the Program!

Complete the areas below if you would like to be added to the list of potential future FSS Program participants and return the completed form to The Amsterdam Housing Authority 52 Division St, NY 12010, Attention: Section 8 or via email at: section8@amsterdamhousingauthority.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Reasonable Accommodation Statement: Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (42U.S.C. 3601-3619), if you are a federally funded assisted housing program applicant or resident with a disability, you may request an exception, change or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice or service that may be necessary to afford you an equal opportunity to participate in the program.