### Is FSS Right For Me?

- □ I want to become economically independent.
- □ I want to further my education by earning a GED or college degree.
- □ I want to establish or repair my credit.
- □ I want to find better employment.
- □ I want to start a savings account.
- □ I want to purchase a home.
- □ I want a better future for myself and my family.

If you checked any of the boxes above, FSS may be the program for you. Get started on your plan for a better future today!

To learn more about the FSS Program, or to apply, call 602-534-7679.



Family Self-Sufficiency Program

### **APPLY TODAY**

Call: **602-534-7679** 

Or visit: Family Self-Sufficiency 810 S. 7th Avenue, #16 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Learn more at phoenix.gov



## Family Self-Sufficiency

Linking you to helpful resources and information



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### What is the FSS Program?



The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is designed to assist families and individuals in becoming financially independent. Participation in the program requires a personal commitment

by each individual. In exchange, you will receive supportive services and the opportunity to earn an escrow savings account. These services are available to assist you in transitioning from dependence on government benefits, to an improved level of financial self-sufficiency.

The FSS program is up to five (5) years in length and is available to all conventional, scattered sites and Section 8 subsidized housing residents.

# **EXERCISE Sectors**

### What are the benefits of the FSS Program?

As an FSS participant you will establish short- and long-term goals to help:

- Increase your income
- Complete your educational goals
- Establish or repair credit
- Establish a savings plan
- Improve your financial well-being

You will receive case management services to help you overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. Your FSS caseworker can assist in arranging supportive services including educational training, job training and preparation, transportation, counseling, life skills training, homeownership opportunities and budgeting and money management.

In addition, the FSS program also offers a unique opportunity to earn an escrow savings account. The Housing Department opens a savings account for each FSS participant when there is an increase in the family's rent due to an increase in earned income. Escrow account savings, based on a participant's employment success, are awarded to participants upon completion of the program.

Call today to learn more about the FSS program, and begin your journey to financial independence!



A motivating factor of the FSS program is that a portion of your rent increase is paid back to you at the end of your successful program completion!

### We are with you every step of the way

The FSS program assists participants with the following services:

- Case management services including case planning and coordination, supportive counseling and referral and advocacy.
- Access to educational resources, vocational training and employment opportunities.
- Assistance with budgeting, homeownership preparation, transportation and referrals to resources available in the community.