



Get the services and help you need through Family Self-Sufficiency Program to:

- ✓ Increase Your Income by Finding a Better Paying Job
- ✓ Enroll in School
- ✓ Start a Saving (Escrow) Account
- ✓ Grow Your Savings to Meet You and Your Family's Goals



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DO YOU WANT A CHANCE TO:

- Get a Better Paying Job?
- Have a Savings Account?
- Use Your Savings for a Down Payment on a Home of Your Own?



Then Join the Family Self Sufficiency Program
and
Improve Your Life!

You have a chance to make a difference and increase your earnings.



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary program, designed to help families who receive housing assistance from The Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office (TCHAO) **increase their income by getting better jobs, increasing skills, and doing better in the job market.**

We can work together for up to five years to help you get where you want to go. And if it takes a few months longer, you can count on us to work with you.

TCHAO works with the family, local agencies and service providers to address any barriers identified to assist the family in meeting their needs, including but not limited to:

Employment
Education (GED/College)
Credit Repair & Budgeting
Child Care
Homeownership
Job Training
Other Relevant Services

TAKE THE FIRST STEP!

- Call for an appointment to attend a FSS orientation
- Meet 1-on-1 with an FSS Coordinator
- Enroll in the FSS Program
- Develop goals and move forward

Frequently Asked Questions

1) IF I JOIN FSS, WILL I LOSE MY VOUCHER?

No. You keep your housing assistance. Even if you withdraw or do not complete the FSS program, you still get your housing assistance.

2) CAN I JOIN IF I AM CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL, UNEMPLOYED, ELDERLY OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES?

Yes. Any TCHAO voucher holder may join FSS. But you must agree to look for a job and try to keep it once you find one. So if you are interested in working and earning more income, then you can join.

3) CAN I FINISH FSS BEFORE FIVE YEARS

Yes. You can finish FSS before the five year deadline if you complete all of your goals or if you become self-sufficient (over income for continued housing assistance).

4) OTHER PROGRAM OBLIGATIONS?

FSS participants must attend a required number workshop activities and special meetings along with seeking and/or maintaining employment and allow home visits according to the Action Plan.

5) WHAT IS THE FSS ESCROW ACCOUNT?

TCHAO deposits money into a savings account for you as your income increases on the job. That savings is called an “Escrow Account.” As your income increases so will the monthly savings that TCHAO deposits into your account.

6) WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE ESCROW MONEY?

TCHAO will pay the escrow balance to the head of household when the FSS contract is complete. Then the family can use the escrow funds towards the purchase of a home or other goals.

7) IS FSS A HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM?

No. FSS is an income improvement and self-sufficiency program. If one of your goals is homeownership, we will be happy to assist you with that goal.