### SNRHA HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER FSS PRGRAM INTEREST FORM

Dear Housing Choice Voucher Participant:

The Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) is currently recruiting heads of households who are interested in developing a personal plan for increasing their household income through a program of education, job training, job placement and/or supportive services.

You must be leased in the Housing Choice Voucher Program to actually enroll. Your name will be placed on the FSS wait list after lease-up, if you notify the FSS staff of your interest.

Please sign below and return this portion to SNRHA
FSS DEPARTMENT
340 NORTH 11TH STREET SUITE 105
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

if you are interested in this program.

I have read the FSS Brochure and I am interested in learning more about the FSS Program. Please add my name to the waiting list to be scheduled for a FSS briefing session. I understand that attending the briefing <u>DOES NOT OBLIGATE ME</u> to participate in the FSS Program.

Head of Household Name

Social Security Number

Signature Date

SNRHA does not discriminate on the basis of color, sex, religion, race, disability, familial status, age or national origin. Our agency provides reasonable accommodations to disabled applications and participants to ensure programs and services are accessible. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please submit your request in writing to SNRHA at 380 N Maryland Pkwy, LV NV 89101, Attn: ADA/504 Officer. If you feel you have a Fair Housing Complaint, please contact HUD at: 1-800-669-9777 or TTY: 1-800-927-9275. We also have forms in our lobby.

Si usted no puede leer este documento por favor pida la asistencia de nuestro personal bilingue.

# Here are some reasons for joining the FSS program! Quotes from Graduates

"You have empowered me to successfully reach my goal. I gratefully appreciate your financial assistance and inspiration in bringing about a positive change in my life"

M. W.

"The FSS program allowed me to show my kids that with hard work and a plan, anything is possible"

**G. B.** 



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FSS PROGRAM PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM THAT IS AVAILABLE IN OUR LOBBY, ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL HUD AT 1-800-669-9777

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### HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER



FAMILY
SELF-SUFFICIENCY
PROGRAM (FSS)

YOUR DREAMS Will BECOME REALITY



### What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), is a voluntary program designed to assist families in becoming economically independent. With the support of local agencies, FSS combines case management, education, job training, and ongoing support to aid the family in improving their life. The main requirements are a desire to become self-sufficient and a commitment to take the steps necessary to make this happen.



# How can the FSS program help improve your life?

- Identify goals
- Identify and remove the barriers which could prevent achievement of goals
- Identify resources and services that are necessary for success
- Develop a plan to outline specific activities and actions needed to achieve goals
- Receive case management services, encouragement, motivation, and moral support to achieve goals

## What Support Services are available?

In order for FSS participants to successfully accomplish their goals they will need to address the barriers preventing success. The FSS Program attempts to provide collaboration with local agencies and service providers to address a wide variety of family issues including:

- Career counseling
- Job Training
- Education (high school diploma, GED, college)
- Scholarships for graduating HS Seniors
- Financial planning
- Budgeting
- Legal services
- Child Care Assistance Referral
- Parenting skills
- Communication skills
- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Credit Counseling
- Home buyer education
- Referrals for Down Payment Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Self-Improvement Workshops
- Energy Assistance Intake Site
- Other relevant services

### What's the Catch?

To complete the program, you must complete all goals, be employed, and all family members must be off Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for at least 12 months prior to completion of contract.

### Who Can Participate?

You can participate in the FSS program if you are:

- Currently receiving Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance
- Head of Household 18 years of age or older
- Determined to make changes in your life circumstances
- Willing to accept challenges and take necessary steps in order to obtain better employment and/or education/job training
- Determined to free yourself from TANF



### How does the escrow account work?

An escrow account is a savings account established when your rent increases due to an increase in *earned* income.

Escrow account contributions are based on a formula established by HUD and <u>may not</u> <u>match rent increases dollar for dollar.</u>

Participants must successfully <u>achieve all</u> <u>goals</u> established in the Individual Service and Training Plan in order to be eligible to receive escrow funds upon completion of the FSS program.

All decisions on disbursements are recommended by the FSS Coordinator and approved by the Program Manager.