

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) has two types of benefits:

1. FSS coordinators will help you define your employment goals and the steps you will take to achieve them. Services may include:

- Computer classes and other educational programs
- Career counseling and job search
- Homeownership classes
- Financial planning

2. Escrow Saving Accounts: (QHA FSS Participant's Bank Account)

- As your family's **earned** income goes up, the difference goes to your QHA FSS participant bank account each month.
- The money stays in the account and earns interest until you graduate from the FSS program. To date, some families have managed to accrue nearly \$40,000.00 in their escrow accounts.
- If you successfully graduate from this program, your money can be used towards such things as tuition, credit repair, or the **purchase of your own home.**
- As a participant of the FSS program, QHA may allow you to use money from your accumulated escrow account if you need financial assistance to help you reach your goals.

If you have any questions about the FSS Program or you would like an FSS escrow account of your own, please contact Akemi Barden at (617) 847-4386 or Nicole Walsh at (617) 847-4382.

You can voluntarily end your participation in the FSS Program at any time. You would not lose your Section 8 voucher or Federal tenancy if you decide to leave the FSS Program. Therefore your housing is not in jeopardy.

The FSS Program is a great way to create a better life for you and your family!