

# Quick Tips

## Setting Realistic Goals is KEY

### SMART GOALS

- S** Specific  
What exactly do I want to accomplish?
- M** Measureable  
How will I know when my goal has been accomplished? (*Think data!*)
- A** Actionable  
What specific steps will I need to take in order to achieve my goal?
- R** Realistic  
With hard work, is it possible for me to achieve this goal?
- T** Timely  
What is the timeframe for achieving this goal?



### Mission

It is the mission of the SCCHA to provide well-maintained and safe assisted housing to the eligible low-income residents of St. Clair County. SCCHA is committed to assisting residents in meeting their personal development goals, especially those related to achieving economic self-sufficiency and those related to senior citizens maintaining an independent lifestyle. SCCHA is committed to providing its services in an efficient, economical, and legally responsible manner.

### Top Growing Career Fields

Top Growing Career Fields with Short Term Training

- Childcare Workers
- Home Health Aides
- Commercial Drivers
- Information Technology
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Certified Nursing Assistant

## SCCHA FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

An opportunity for families to become self-sufficient by increasing their earned income.



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## What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, or FSS, is designed to help families attain self-sufficiency by leveraging community resources. This initiative focuses on empowering participants to improve their economic stability and overall well-being.

Individuals enrolled in the FSS program benefit from tailored support and a variety of services, including job training, educational resources, and financial literacy initiatives. These offerings are intended to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance their employability and financial management.

Participation in the FSS program is voluntary, requiring individuals to enter into a five-year agreement. During this period, participants work alongside their FSS Coordinator to establish and pursue personalized goals aimed at achieving self-sufficiency. The responsibility for reaching these objectives ultimately lies with the participants, supported by the resources available through the program.



## What are My Requirements?

If you are currently a participant of Housing Voucher (HCV) Section 8 program, living in Public Housing, and have the desire to become Self-Sufficient, you may be eligible.

The FSS program requires that you comply with the terms of your lease. All family members must be independent of welfare and the head of the household maintains suitable employment.

### What will you do:

Complete an application to put your name on the FSS waiting list, which can be downloaded from the SCCHA website at [www.sccha.org](http://www.sccha.org)

- Attend an orientation meeting when you receive an invitation from SCCHA
- Sign a contract with SCCHA with your self-sufficiency goals
- Work to achieve your contract goals
- Meet periodically with an FSS Coordinator to discuss progress and service needs
- Provide required documentation of goal related activities

### What SCCHA will do:

- Help develop a self-sufficiency plan
- Link programs and services to meet your goals
- Support and resources to achieve self-sufficiency
- Administer the escrow savings account

## FSS Graduation!

You graduate from FSS, and receive the escrow funds, when you meet all the following:

- Complete your contract goals within 5 years (or within 7 years if a “good cause” extension is granted by SCCHA)
- Maintain suitable employment
- Your family is off cash assistance for 1 year prior to the end of your FSS Contract of Participation
- You are in good standing with SCCHA.



**Don't wait!**  
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