



## FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS)

### What is it?

A HUD program that helps you get off of government assistance and become self-sufficient (financially independent). Your FSS Coordinator will help you set goals, connect you with community resources that will help you reach these goals, and be someone in your corner encouraging you to succeed. Go to school, get a better paying job, find childcare providers, learn parenting and social skills, build your self-confidence, personal counseling, buy a house – these are some of the goals your community could help you to achieve.

### How does it work?

The FSS Coordinator works with you to locate the services you need to become employable. You will sign an agreement between yourself and KMHA outlining our joint responsibilities. The contract is for 5 years. During the time you participate in FSS the housing authority will begin making deposits into an escrow (savings) account for you as your earned income increases. Over a period of five years this could add up to a substantial amount of money; but it will all depend on you and your desire to succeed and increase your earnings. After you have successfully achieved your goals and have completed the FSS program – the money is yours! You could have enough saved for a down payment on a home!

### What do I have to do to get on the program?

You must be receiving KMHA rental assistance. You must apply for the program. You must have a desire to change your life. You must be willing to accept support and guidance. You must be willing to work hard to help yourself. If you are interested in learning more about FSS fill out the form below and return it to KMHA. If you have any questions please contact Margaret Walter at 397-8787, ext. 24.

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### Family Self-Sufficiency Interest Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Message Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years on Metro? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you owe money to Metro? \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently working? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in/registered for school? \_\_\_\_\_

On a waiting list for schooling or job training? \_\_\_\_\_

Best time for you to come to an informational meeting: morning \_\_\_ afternoon \_\_\_ evening \_\_\_

**Return to: Knox Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Attention: FSS Coordinator  
201A West High Street  
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050**