

Family Self-Sufficiency—Newsletter

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program

1. The FSS Program is a voluntary five year program offered to Housing Choice Voucher and Asset Management families to help them in becoming more self-sufficient.
2. When a family enters the program, they meet with a FSS Program Coordinator to discuss their needs and to set goals.
3. Together, the FSS Coordinator and family set goals that can be achieved over a five year period. The family can set any goal they wish but the main goal for every family must be to obtain and maintain full-time employment and to be free of welfare assistance.
4. Once goals are finalized, the family signs an FSS Contract and completes and Individual Training and Services Plan.

Elevate Your Credit

Boost your financial health with programs like the Urban League's 700 Credit Club and ASAP Credit Repair Cincinnati. These services offer comprehensive strategies for credit improvement, debt management, and financial literacy.

The Urban League's 700 Credit Club is a year-long program designed to help participants build credit, manage debt, and achieve long-term financial success. The next enrollment period begins in Spring 2025, with information sessions starting soon.

ASAP Credit Repair Cincinnati, established in 2008, provides speedy and cost-effective credit repair solutions. They offer free debt-free credit consultations and tailored dispute strategies with a 73% success rate.

Both programs aim to empower individuals with essential financial knowledge and tools to improve credit scores, rebuild trust with creditors, and explore new financial opportunities.
For more information:

Urban League's 700 Credit Club: Visit ulgso.org/700credit
ASAP Credit Repair Cincinnati: Visit asapcreditrepairusa.com/cincinnati or call (513) 680-9057



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CMHA Moves to All Online Document and Application Submissions

We're excited to announce that CMHA is transitioning to a fully online system for all document and application submissions. This digital shift will bring numerous benefits to our residents:

- 24/7 Accessibility:** Submit documents and applications at any time, from anywhere with internet access.
- Immediate Confirmation:** Receive instant confirmation that your submission has been received.

For those who need assistance navigating the online process, you can call Custom Service at 513-977-5800. There is someone currently available at 1635 Western Avenue who can also help navigate the online process.

Coming Soon Online! - Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA)

CMHA is moving the Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA) online. We understand this will be a new change and CMHA will be providing training (online/in person), and resource guides to assist everyone to complete the process. More information will be coming soon. Check the website, Onecall Blasts, and communication from the HCV vice-president.



Ms. Ship Completes FSS Program

Congratulations! Ms. Ship completed the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program recently. This achievement marks a significant milestone in her journey toward financial stability and independence. Ms. Ship plans to save her escrow funds, accumulated through the program, for a future home purchase. A testament to her dedication to securing a brighter financial future.

CMHA is proud of Ms. Ship accomplishment, recognizing the program as a great opportunity to achieve her personal and financial goals.



Upcoming Events

FSS Monthly Informational Sessions

Are you interested in learning more about the FSS program? If so, join us in-person on the **Second Friday** of the month and virtually the **Fourth Monday** of the month.

Learn more about the benefits of the program and what steps you need to take to join.

Where: 1635 Western Avenue

Time: 11:00 am

Who: Housing Choice Voucher Participants
Asset Management Residents

To register for either session, send an email to
hcvfss@cintimha.com

APRIL FUN FACTS

April 6: National Pillow Fight Day

April 9: National Library Worker Day

April 10: National Siblings Day

April 15: TAX Day

Spring Cleaning is Here

Stove: Use Baking Soda Paste.

Fridge: Organize, Rotate Food.

Walls: Dust & Damp Cloth.

Laundry: Clean Lint Traps (Vent)

Trash: Empty & Disinfect

Doors: Shake Mats, Vacuum, Rinse.

FSS Connection Workshops

Join the FSS Connection Workshops at your local EnVision located at Findlater Gardens and Winton Terrace & Resource Centers located at City West and Maple Towers! Buckeye Health will share insights on their services, including health insurance, higher education, and more. Enjoy raffles, food, and themed activities each month.

Enroll for the session of your choice



What Do you need to Succeed?

Come talk with your coordinator about what support you need to earn more and take steps toward a better financial future.

Please contact your coordinator to schedule an appointment for resources for job searching, working on a personal budget or career planning.



Plan Ahead for Summer Childcare

Cincinnati Recreation Summer Day Camps

- ◇ Phone: 513-352-4028
- ◇ Ages: 6-12 years old (5-year-olds who have completed full-day kindergarten are welcome)
- ◇ Cost: \$1045 for the summer (accepts vouchers)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati Summer Camps

- ◇ Phone: 513-421-8900
- ◇ Ages: 5-12 years old
- ◇ Cost: \$50-100 per week (scholarships available)

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**CMHA will be closed
April 18, 2025
for Good Friday.**

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