

You Can



Depending
On
Government
Aid.

YOU can support your family
free of welfare.

STOP struggling to make ends
meet month-to-month.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY
can open the necessary doors to
opportunity and independence.

SIGN UP NOW!

**Mission Statement
Of the
Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Administrative Agency for the Phelps County PHA**

*The mission of MRPC is to enhance the
quality of life for residents of the
Meramec Region.*



Fair Housing Hotline
1-800-669-9777



**Equal Opportunity Housing
Agency**

Serving Crawford, Dent, Gasconade,
Maries, Phelps and Washington Counties

For More Information Contact:

PHELPS COUNTY PHA

#4 Industrial Drive
St. James, MO 65559
Phone: 573-265-4200
Fax: 573-265-3550
Online at:
www.meramecregion.org/phelpscopha

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FSS

**F · A · M · I · L · Y
SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

*Helping You
Choose the
Right Direction*

INDEPENDENCE

FINANCIAL REWARDS

YOUR JOURNEY

THE DESTINATION:

Self-Sufficiency The ability to support yourself and your family without the aid of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from Family Services.

DIRECTIONS:

With your help, the FSS coordinator will determine where you stand now, where you want to be and how to get there. The coordinator will help you set realistic, achievable goals and provide motivation and support.

You will be referred to needed services, agencies and available programs, such as continuing education, financial assistance, child care, transportation and career search. The FSS coordinator will also help you to identify potential barriers and ways to avoid them.

QUALIFYING:

To qualify, you must receive HUD Section 8 rental assistance. You must be motivated and able to enroll in school, vocational training or actively seek employment.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- Case management
- Personal counseling
- Career counseling
- Child care assistance
- Health services
- Continuing education
- Financial incentives
- Transportation
- Job training
- Support Groups

TO GET STARTED:

If you are willing to take the first step, the coordinator will help guide you. The first step is to make an appointment with the FSS coordinator by calling 573-265-4200. Your FSS coordinator will visit with you and, if you qualify, help set up a plan suited to your needs.

FSS can provide the kind of support necessary for you to reach your goals and become self-sufficient.

By participating in the FSS program, you become eligible for an escrow account. This is a savings account set up in your name by the Public Housing Agency. Monthly deposits are made when you report an increase in earned income.

The portion of rental assistance that you pay is called total tenant payment (TTP). This dollar amount is recorded on your FSS contract. As your income increases, so does your TTP. In most cases, your escrow deposit will be the difference between your original TTP and your current TTP.



Example:

TTP after income increase	\$100.00
Original TTP	<u>-50.00</u>
Monthly escrow deposit	50.00

Once you're self-sufficient (free from government assistance for 12 months), you are entitled to 100 percent of your escrow balance.

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