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**MHA's FSS PROGRAM**  
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- Family Self –Sufficiency Program
- Community Service
- BMR Homeownership
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- Job Training, Positive Parenting
- Mental Health Counseling
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 Lease, Policy and Procedures
- Help Navigating the System
- Help getting your 11th Grader into  
 College

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**Marin Housing Authority**

# Family Self-Sufficiency Program



## TAKE ACTION STEPS!

1. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
2. BE INFORMED
3. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING
4. MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION

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# MARIN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

## What is FSS?

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program is a voluntary program that encourages residents of Marin Housing Authority to work towards becoming financially independent of welfare systems and economically self-sufficient. Participants sign a five year contract to achieve their goals. The contract of participation can be completed early or extended for an additional two years.



You can safely stop depending on Government Aid and save money!

## Do I Qualify?

To qualify for enrollment, you must:

- 1) Be within 120 days of recertification
- 2) Be Motivated and able to enroll in school, vocational training, or actively seek employment.

## Resources Available

Case Management:

Monthly, Quarterly, Bi Annual.

Financial Assistance:

job training, credit repair, budgeting  
school payment assistance

Job Development:

Partnerships with WIB, CDC, CSD,  
CAM, & Conservation Corps.

Escrow, A Savings Account:

Savings from work& increased income.

Supportive Services:

Training, workshops, counseling as  
requested.

*RESOURCES*  
*+ OPPORTUNITIES*  
*POSSIBILITIES*

## GET STARTED!

Go to → [www.marinhousing.org](http://www.marinhousing.org)

Download, complete, and submit an application to MHA office located in Marin City or San Rafael.

A case manager will contact you to review your file, determine FSS enrollment eligibility, complete an orientation, have you sign a contract and set up a plan to help you meet your goals.

## Financial Rewards

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 Marin Housing Authority. 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:

Baseline TTP	\$50.00
TTP after income increases	<u>\$100.00</u>
Monthly Escrow Savings	\$50.00



### Withdraw of Escrow Savings:

Once you're working and free from cash assistance for a consecutive 12 months, you are entitled to 100% of your escrow balance plus interest!