

MISSION:

To empower people to take control of their lives by becoming independent, productive members of the community. ***FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY*** does not simply attack the symptoms of poverty; it tackles dependency on all fronts and replaces powerlessness with the opportunity for a better future.

GOAL:

To assist families in becoming and remaining independent of government assistance.



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FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

A Doorway to Opportunity



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~ FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ~

What is it?

- A program established by the Springfield Housing Authority to promote economic self-sufficiency among residents.

Who can participate?

- **ANY** Public Housing resident or Section 8 client.

HOW CAN THIS PROGRAM HELP?

- Earn your GED
- Scholarship opportunities
- Earn an Associate and/or Bachelor degree
- Learn necessary job skills
- Educational workshops and seminars
- Job placement opportunities
- On-the-job training
- Obtain a job
- Obtain a better job
- Own your own business
- Own your own home
- Establish an escrow account



RESPONSIBILITIES

What are the Family Self-Sufficiency Participant's obligations?

- Participate in an assessment of present skills and explore career options.
- Agree to pursue education and/or job skills by participating in a program as needed.
- Participate in recommended assessments, interviews, tests, evaluations and workshops.
- Play an active role in developing and implementing an Individual Action Plan.
- Seek and maintain suitable employment.
- Comply with the terms of the lease agreement with the Springfield Housing Authority.
- Provide information concerning wage increase in order to begin escrow account.



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH . . .

Community Childcare Connection

Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions

Illinois Department of Human Services

Illinois WorkNET Center

Lawrence Education Center

Lee Resource Center

Lincoln Land Community College

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery

Robert Morris College

Sangamon County Department of
Community Resources

Springfield Urban League

AND

MANY, MANY MORE!

