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Upcoming Information Sessions

FSS Monthly Information Sessions - In Person/Virtual

Are you interested in learning more about the FSS program? We will be having In-Person/Virtual FSS Information Sessions so you will be able to join from your home using your smart phone or computer if you are unable to attend in person. The Virtual session will be on TEAMS.

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

Where: **In-Person/Virtual - TEAMS**
1635 Western Avenue

Date: **June 16, 2026 – In Person**
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
June 30, 2026 - Virtual
6:30 pm—8:00 pm

To register for this event, please email us at: HCVFSS@cintimha.com

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program is a voluntary HUD initiative designed to help residents in Public and Housing Choice Voucher programs increase their earnings and build financial stability over 5 years. Participants receive personalized coaching to reach goals, such as education or employment, while earning money in a special escrow savings account.

Key Features of the FSS Program

Escrow Savings Account – As a participant's earned income increases, the housing authority deposits money into an escrow account rather than taking all of it in higher rent. Upon successful completion of the program, the participant receives the full amount in the account.

Case Management & Coaching – Work with families to set obtainable goals, identify barriers to employment and assist with services like childcare, transportation and job training.

Voluntary Participation – The program is open to residents in HCV or Public Housing. Does not require participants to leave subsidized housing to graduate.

Word Search

ARMY
ASPIC
ASSASSIN
ASSESSORS
CANNON
CHASE
DIARY
DRINKS
DROLL
DURABLY
EARLOBE
FUNGALS
GATE
GAYNESS
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HUMP
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HCV Program Updates

CMHA is planning an open house for next month for external and internal partners and voucher holders to interact with the new virtual kiosks.

CMHA is committed to continuously improving services for our partners and program participants. Beginning July 1, 2026, the HCV Administrative Office will introduce automated, visitor-friendly virtual receptionist kiosks in the front lobby. These kiosks are designed to enhance customer service and streamline visitor assistance while maintaining access to CMHA staff. The kiosks are easy to use, will not replace human interaction, and will not affect the quality of service provided. Clients will have an opportunity to view and become familiar with the kiosks during demonstrations scheduled in July. Dates will be announced soon.

In addition, CMHA is implementing a new process to expedite initial inspections following approval of a Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA). Rather than waiting to coordinate scheduling with the owner or property manager before setting an appointment, CMHA will schedule the inspection and provide notification of the date and time. This change is intended to reduce delays, complete inspections more quickly, and help families move into housing sooner. Owners and property managers will continue to have the option to contact CMHA to reschedule if the assigned appointment time is not feasible.

Things to Do this Summer in Cincinnati

- Cincinnati Streetcar
- Contemporary Arts Center
- Carew Tower
- Fountain Square
- Smale Park – Carol Ann Carousel
- Roebling Suspension Bridge
- Findlay Market
- Eden Park
- Splash Pads
 - Harbin Park
 - West Chester Splash Pad at Beckett Park
 - Blue Ash Towne Square
 - Smale Riverfront Park
 - Washington Park



Preparing for Homeownership

Key Steps include setting a budget, reducing debt, getting pre-approved for a mortgage, and gathering financial documents. Aim for a total monthly payment under 30% of your gross income, and save for a down payment, typically 10-20%, plus closing costs.

Key Preparation Steps

- Assess Finances and Set a Budget
- Improve Credit Score
- Save for Upfront Costs
- Get Mortgage Pre-Approved
- Reduce Debt
- Gather Documentation
- Research First-Time Homebuyers Programs
- Find a Real Estate Agent

3-3-3 Rule

Have 3 months of Emergency Savings, 3 months of Mortgage Payments Reserved and Conduct 3 Property Evaluations and/or comparison before purchasing.

JUNE FUN FACTS

June 6: D-Day

June 14: Flag Day

June 19: Juneteenth – Freedom Day

June 21: Father's Day

June Birthstone: Pearls

June Birth Flower:

Roses/Honeysuckle



				
				
SPECIFIC	MEASURABLE	ACTIONABLE	REALISTIC	TIMEBOUND
Be clear and specific so your goals are easier to achieve. This also helps you know how and where to get started!	Measurable goals can be tracked, allowing you to see your progress. They also tell you when a goal is complete.	Are you able to take action to achieve the goal? Actionable goals ensure the steps to get there are within your control.	Avoid overwhelm and unnecessary stress and frustration by making the goal realistic.	A date helps us stay focused and motivated, inspiring us and providing something to work towards.

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CMHA's Offices will be closed:

June 19, 2026

To join Family Self-Sufficiency or, to get additional information; please contact hcvfss@cintimha.com.

