Family Self-Sufficiency - Newsletter

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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: **September 8, 2026** – In Person
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
September 22, 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



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 next month, 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 upcoming demonstrations scheduled for September.

Dates will be announced soon.

Build your Future, Change your Life

CMHA has partnered with Cincinnati Works. Beginning September, there will be two sessions. Every third Thursday – 11:00 am (in Person – 1635 Western Ave) and 6:00 pm (Virtual). The sessions will address the following:

2026
September – Financial Success
October – Career Foundation
November – Professional Success
December – Career Advancement

2027
January – Entrepreneurship
February – Family Stability
March – Career Growth & Celebration

Additional information will be sent via email or check our website for sign up information.

Homeownership Fair

CMHA is partnering with several organizations that can provide information on the following:

- Ready for Homeownership
- Improve Credit Score
- Get Mortgage Pre-Approved
- Reduce Debt
- Gather Documentation
- Research First-Time Homebuyers Programs
- Find a Real Estate Agent

Additional information will be sent to your email address. The Homeownership Fair will be held this fall. There will be individual breakout sessions to learn more about various Homeownership topics.

September Fun Facts

September 7: Labor Day

September 11: Patriot Day

September 11: Rosh Hashanah

September 13: Grandparents Day

September 22: First Day of Fall

September Birthstone: Sapphire



September Birthflower: Aster





REMINDER: If you have a change in income/family composition, you have 30 days to report. Also, if you are planning on moving, remember to submit your TNT to both Landlord and CMHA 30 days in advance (check your lease) to ensure compliance with the HCV program.



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

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CMHA's Offices will be closed:

September 7, 2026