FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

“To help those we serve achieve and maintain a self-sufficient, independent lifestyle”

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a voluntary program established by HUD and Rockford Housing Authority to promote economic self-sufficiency among participating families. Tenants sign a contract of participation with RHA for a five-year term or less.

Family Self-Sufficiency Specialist assist each participant in developing a Service and Training plan that outlines their goals for the next five years. Emphasis is on full time employment, credit readiness, and independence from public assistance. While participants work toward their goals, if their rent increases due to earned income the additional rent the participant pays is set aside in a special escrow account. The escrow account may be accessed by the FSS participants upon completion of their Service and Training Plan.

This program requires preparation for homeownership and participants will be referred to Home Buying Classes that provide information on: mortgages, budgeting overview, selecting a realtor and home inspections. Also Credit/Budgeting Classes are part of the process to repair debt issues.

Participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a necessary step in preparing for the Homeownership Voucher Choice Program (Section 8).

What it requires from you: A personal commitment to make your life and the lives of your family better. The desire to set personal and employment goals and the determination to achieve them.

Call or fill the bottom portion and mail in to request detailed information about requirements and/or application

Name ___________________________ Phone # ______________________

Address __________________________ Zip Code __________

E-mail ____________________________

Best time to contact ____________________________

Living in Development__ Scattered Site__ HCV__ Most recent rent re-certification ______

Are you: Working _______ Attending school/training program _______ Unemployed _______

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RHA representative that provided this flier ____________________________

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