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## Join the Family Self-Sufficiency Program!

The **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program** is a voluntary program that encourages participants of the Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program to work towards becoming financially independent of government aid and self-sufficient. FSS can help you if you are unemployed, going to school, or already working but want to increase your income.

- ⇒ FSS is an opportunity for you to improve your personal financial situation.
- ⇒ FSS will put cash into a special savings account (called an escrow account) to reward you if you increase your earned income and successfully complete the program. As your earned income increases, so does the amount that FSS deposits into the escrow account for you each month.
- ⇒ FSS provides case management support to help individuals achieve goals related to employment, education, finances, or even home ownership.

Your FSS Case Manager works with you and your family to set short and long term goals and determine the steps you need to take to achieve those goals and achieve self-sufficiency!

**CALL US TODAY! 408-993-3026**



**TIP:** For your protection, always get a receipt for money paid out by you to your landlord, whether by cash, check or money order.

## Housing Specialist Contact List Available

Contact your Housing Programs Specialist to schedule appointments or answer questions regarding your assistance. Avoid long waits and inconvenience by scheduling directly with your Housing Specialist.

To find your Housing Specialist's phone number, find the alphabetical range that includes the spelling of the head of household's last name. Your Housing Specialist's name and phone number will be listed next to that range. The roster can be found at [www.HACSC.org](http://www.HACSC.org). Click on Section 8 Current Participants, Click on Forms, then Housing Department Staff Roster.



HACSC is committed to helping low-income families become self-sufficient and independent of

government aid. The **Strive Scholarship Program** provides educational financial assistance for Section 8 tenants or tenants of rental properties owned or affiliated with HACSC.

Scholarships are awarded yearly to graduating high school seniors and college students who attend a university, community college or technical school on a full or part-time basis. Qualified applicants must complete an application, including an essay on long-term goals, a letter of recommendation and a copy of recent transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted). Transcripts requirement does not apply to applicants who have been out of school for five or more years.

Visit our website at [www.HACSC.org](http://www.HACSC.org) for more information. Application is available online beginning April 1, 2017.



### New Payment Standards

HACSC raised its payment standards effective January 1, 2017 to the dollar amounts listed below.

0 BR (Studio) .....	\$1,657
1 BR .....	\$1,950
2 BR .....	\$2,442
3 BR .....	\$3,385
4 BR .....	\$3,793
5 BR .....	\$4,362
6 BR .....	\$4,931
7 BR .....	\$5,501
8 BR .....	\$6,069
SRO (Single Room Occupancy)	\$1,243

*The Payment Standard is the maximum subsidy that HACSC can pay toward the contract rent.*

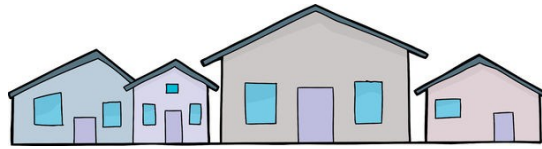
## Section 8 Program: New Subsidy Standards

Subsidy standards determine the number of bedrooms needed for families of different sizes. HACSC is legally required to give the family the smallest subsidy that they qualify for based on family size. Household member(s) pay the extra cost for any bedroom(s) above the voucher unit size. HACSC does not determine where family members may sleep, or who shares a bedroom or other room in the home.

**Effective January 1, 2017, the subsidy standards for families receiving a shopping voucher to move, for the first time or increasing their family size are as follows:**

- One (1) room for every two people.
- Approved live-in aides qualify for one (1) additional room.

*An additional room may also be provided as a reasonable accommodation of a disability.*



Unit Size	Persons in Household Minimum	Persons in Household Maximum
Single Room Occupancy (SRO)	1	1
Studio (0 Bedroom)	1	2
1 Bedroom	1	4
2 Bedroom	3	6
3 Bedroom	5	8
4 Bedroom	7	10
5 Bedroom	9	12
6 Bedroom	11	14

### ***Do YOU Have Any Changes to Report?***

- ◆ Change in family, work or income status
- ◆ New Email Address
- ◆ New Phone Number
- ◆ Notice to Move

**REMINDER:** All family members, including non-citizens in the household must be reported and approved by HACSC as part of the family makeup.

***Please report any of these changes in writing to your assigned Housing Specialist.***

**PORTABILITY** is the HUD term for the ability to move outside your housing agency's area with continued rental assistance. You can usually use your voucher anywhere in the United States that has a housing authority to accept your voucher. HACSC may limit moves under portability and other counties may have different qualifications; contact your assigned Housing Specialist for more information.

### **Housing Search Workshops**

*Helps voucher holders with the housing search process and successfully obtain housing.*

#### **Location**

505 W Julian Street, San José on:  
April 19 \* May 17 \* June 21

#### **Time & Language**

9AM English  
11AM Vietnamese  
3PM Spanish

*No reservations necessary, everyone is welcome to attend!*

### **Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, and California State Fair Housing Laws prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings and in other housing related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, medical condition, ancestry, source of income, age, genetic information, arbitrary discrimination, disability or familial status including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18).**

***If you feel you have been discriminated against, please contact:***

**HUD Hotline (800) 669-9777**



### **HACSC HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Monday - Thursday**

7:30am - 5:00pm

**Every other Friday**

7:30am - 5:00pm

***See the Agency Calendar on our website (www.HACSC.org) for Friday closures & other holidays.***