

What is MTW/FSS?

The Moving to Work/Family Self Sufficiency (MTW/FSS) program is a family assistance program offered by the Housing Authority of the City of High Point (HPHA). The program is open to all families who rent from HPHA under the public housing or Section 8 programs.

MTW/FSS helps families improve their financial situation and career opportunities through a variety of services including job training, education, escrow accounts, and career and family counseling. The goal of MTW/FSS is to empower residents to obtain economic independence, self-sufficiency and ultimately independence from government assistance programs.

With the help of skilled caseworkers, program participants set realistic goals for themselves to achieve during their time in the program. Participants then work to achieve their goals as they develop valuable skills, experience, and education.

To help participants reach their goals, HPHA partners with several social service organizations including Family Services of the Piedmont, Guilford County Department of Social Services, Guilford Technical Community College, and the High Point Chamber of Commerce.



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Helping Families Become Financially Independent



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What Services Will I Receive From MTW/FSS?

MTW/FSS offers a variety of services designed to help you gain skills, find employment, earn more money, and ultimately achieve economic self-sufficiency. These services include:

- Escrow Accounts
- Job Placement Assistance
- Case Management
- Goal Setting
- Family Advocacy
- Transportation Assistance
- Budgeting and credit counseling
- Homeownership Counseling



Participants receiving on-the-job construction training

What are My Responsibilities as an MTW/FSS Participant?

To participate in MTW/FSS, you must:

- Sign a Contract of Participation
- Execute an Individual Service Plan and set goals to accomplish during the contract term
- Obey the rules of your lease agreement
- Work toward completion of your goals
- Work or seek employment and/or go to school or job training

How Does the Escrow Account work?

The Escrow account allows you to save money as your income grows. As an MTW/FSS participant, you will continue to pay a percentage of your income towards rent, just as you did before joining the program. However, if your rental payments increase, HPHA may deposit a portion of your rent in an interest-bearing escrow account. As you continue to earn more money, your escrow account will grow!

To receive the money in your escrow account, you must complete the goals that you establish in your Individual Service Plan before your contract term expires (typically five years). You may also be eligible to receive a portion of your escrow after you reach an interim goal to pay for continued education, auto repair, or a down payment on a house.



A single-family home constructed by HPHA

How Long Does My Participation in the Program Last?

The typical contract term is for five years. However, in certain cases, you may apply for an extension.

What Can I Accomplish?

Through the MTW/FSS program, you can make great strides to improve your job skills and education, earnings and career opportunities, financial stability and overall quality of life. Common goals that participants set for themselves include:

- Get out of debt
- Purchase a car
- Purchase a home
- Attain GED and/or College Degree
- Start a private business

Your success depends on your own effort and commitment to the program. What goals will you set for yourself?



Van transportation service provided by HPHA

A daycare center founded and operated by an MTW/FSS participant



How Can I Join MTW/FSS?

To find out more about MTW/FSS or to obtain an application, call HPHA at (336) 878-2300 and ask to speak with an MTW/FSS caseworker. All inquiries are confidential.