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Dear Executive Director / Owner or Manager:

For 25 years, HUD's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program has helped Housing Choice Voucher holders and public housing residents make progress toward economic self-sufficiency. FSS helps participants increase their earnings and build financial capability and assets by providing them with:

- A financial incentive to increase their earnings in the form of an escrow savings account that increases as their earnings increase.
- Case management or coaching to help participants access services they may need to overcome barriers to employment, strengthen their financial capability, and address other challenges holding them back from achieving their goals.

With the publication of Housing Notice H-2016-08 (August 26, 2016), HUD made the FSS program available to owners of HUD-assisted multifamily properties with project-based Section 8 assistance, based on authority from Congress.

Today, HUD is pleased to announce the release of new resources to help public housing agencies and owners strengthen their FSS programs and accelerate residents' progress toward economic self-sufficiency. These resources include the following:

For FSS Programs Administered by PHAs:

- **Administering an Effective Family Self-Sufficiency Program** – A Guidebook Based on Evidence and Promising Practices. This in-depth guidebook provides practical hands-on guidance on how to run an effective FSS program.
- **FSS Online Training** – This training translates the key insights provided in the **Administering an Effective Family Self-Sufficiency Program** guidebook into a user-friendly online format. The self-paced training includes six modules and an online resource guide.

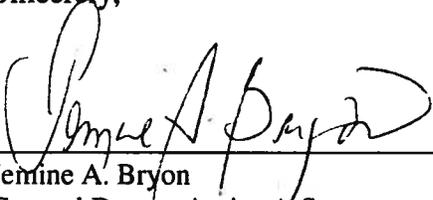
For FSS Programs Administered by Multifamily Owners:

- **Family Self-Sufficiency Program Guidebook for Owners of Project-Based Section 8 Developments** – This new guidebook provides an overview of the FSS program for owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing and outlines promising practices that can help owners establish and operate an FSS program.
- **Multifamily FSS Page on HUD Exchange** – This new website provides owners with comprehensive information on the Multifamily FSS program, including recorded webinars and applicable guidance materials.

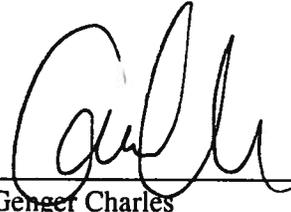
Multifamily owners may also benefit from taking the *FSS Online Training* and reviewing the *Administering an Effective Family Self-Sufficiency Program* guidebook. While those resources are tailored to PHA-run FSS programs, they include information relevant to all FSS programs.

HUD encourages PHAs and eligible multifamily owners to take advantage of the FSS program to help residents make progress toward economic self-sufficiency. The Department is excited to provide these new resources to help you realize the potential of this important program.

Sincerely,



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