# **FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**NEWSLETTER** 

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### **Upcoming FSS Workshops**



### October Workshop:

 Idaho Power Winter Weatherization, presented by Russ Weeden. Thursday, October 12 at 10:00 AM in-person and available online. Please RSVP with your FSS Coordinator.

### **November Workshop:**

 Home Ownership, presented by Washington Trust Bank. Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00 PM in-person and available online. Please RSVP with your FSS Coordinator.

### **December Workshop:**

No workshop available.

## **Upcoming Community Events**

### **October Events:**

- Family Resiliency. This 10-week class is free and virtual and helps lower stress for parents and children. You can receive diapers, wipes, books, hygiene products, pajamas, and more. The first class is October 10 at 12:00 PM. Contact your FSS Coordinator to sign up.
- Reading is LIT: This class helps children of all levels learn to read. This class will be at Wahooz Family Fun Zone on October 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact your FSS Coordinator to sign up.
- Cafe Connect with Family Advocates: October 26, attend Cafe Connect on Zoom at 12 PM.

### **November Event:**

Cafe Connect with Family Advocates: November 16, attend Cafe Connect on Zoom at 12 PM.

#### **December Event:**

• Cafe Connect with Family Advocates: December 14, attend Cafe Connect on Zoom at 12 PM.

#### **FSS COORDINATORS**



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- FSS Quarterly Progress Reports are a part of your Contract of Participation (CoP), and they need be submitted on time. If you have any questions about the reports, just ask your coordinator.
- Make sure to tell your coordinator if your phone number or email changes.
- Remember to follow the rules of your Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) agreement.
- If there are any changes in your family size or income, please let us know within 10 days.
- If you plan to be away from your home for more than 30 days in a year, tell your coordinator ahead of time.
- Thinking of moving? Here's what you need to do:
  - Check your lease. You can't move if you're in a lease. Wait until the end of your lease to move.
  - Write a 30-day notice to your landlord and your FSS Coordinator before moving.
  - Once we get your notice, our team will help you with the moving process.

### **Participant Highlight**

Meet Katina. As Katina and her daughter were making their way through life, Katina discovered her passion was coffee. Not necessarily drinking coffee... Katina wanted to make coffee. Don't ask her about it, because she admits she can't stop talking about coffee!

She got a job at a local coffee shop where she worked part-time and learned how to mix wonderful coffee for her customers. This spring, Katina was named Employee of



Katina is earning escrow and is saving it toward home ownership. She continuously wears a smile and is so proud of the distance she has covered on her journey to self-sufficiency.

Congratulations, Katina!



The FSS Coordinators would like to congratulate all of the graduates from July - September 2023! Your hard work and dedication to follow through on your goals have not gone unnoticed!



Total Number of Graduates: 4 Total Escrow Awarded: \$52,360.13 Highest Check Amount Paid: \$25,381.05



