



FSS Newsletter

Happy Fall

Happy fall! What is your favorite thing about this time of year? Whether it's time to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee after the kids are out the door or the first time you pull your favorite sweatshirt out of the closet, we hope you are taking the time to find something good in every day. The changing of the seasons provides a great opportunity to reset your goals and check your progress. Autumn officially starts on September 22nd—a day where there is an equal number of light and dark hours. What do you want to start? What's standing in your way? Your FSS Coordinator is here to help you come up with a plan to move forward—now is the time to go ahead and start new!

Our FSS Program is Growing

The Menard County Housing Authority's FSS Program is growing! Over the summer, we recruited new participants in Coles, Livingston and Menard Counties as well as McDonough and Scott Counties. We would like to welcome those of you who took advantage of this great opportunity and joined the Family Self-Sufficiency Program!

If you know anyone with a Section 8 Voucher in any of these counties, please encourage them to contact Lindsay, FSS Coordinator and learn more about what the FSS Program has to offer. As always, if you have any questions about your participation in the program, please call, text or email Lindsay.



Reminders

MCHA Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8-4:30

Friday 8-Noon

CLOSED:

Monday, September 3rd
in observance of Labor Day

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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Serving Illinois since 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is a nonprofit social service organization. LSSI is the largest statewide social service provider, serving over 65,000 people across Illinois last year. The demographics of clients served by LSSI generally reflect those of Illinois' population, with one important exception—more than 60% of clients report an annual household income under \$15,000, compared to just 12% of all Illinois households. The organization provides critical pro-

grams for the state's most vulnerable residents including foster care, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable senior housing, residential programs for people with disabilities, and programs that help formerly incarcerated individuals integrate back into society.

If you have a question about LSSI's services or want to inquire about making a contribution, call [847.635.4600](tel:847.635.4600)

“Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities.”

Jobs Board

If you are a resident of **Menard County** and looking for a job, remember to come in to the Menard County Housing Authority office and check out our Jobs Board in the lobby.

Lindsay updates the Jobs Board every week with current, local job opportunities. If any of the posted jobs interest you, please take it to Caitlin at the front desk and ask her for a copy of it.

If you live in **Coles, Livingston, McDonough or Scott County** and need assistance in job searching, please contact Lindsay and she will help you find current, local job opportunities!

September Spot Light

Congratulations to one of our FSS Participants—Rebecca! Rebecca started the FSS Program in February. She is a single mom who was not working when she joined the program. Rebecca participated in the workshops provided by our FSS Program and Housing Counseling, including Wealth and Wellness. She also participated in the local Jobs for Life course offered by Community Action. After discussing her goals along with her strengths and weaknesses with Lindsay, Rebecca became motivated to return to work. She was able to find a job that matched her skill set and is now working full-time! One of the benefits of Rebecca's success and increase in income as an FSS participant is that she will begin escrowing in October!!



Menard County

Housing Authority

Your Provider of Affordable Housing Services!

Our mission is to promote and provide quality housing while encouraging upward mobility and a better quality of life.

Our vision is creating housing that families and communities can be proud of.

Pre-Purchase Counseling

Menard County Housing Authority offers online pre-purchase counseling. This program allows you to save time by having access to your online training 24 hours a day/7 days a week. You can start and stop at your convenience and achieve a home buying certificate that will be approved by your financial provider. Go to the website below to find out more!

<https://www.ehomeamerica.org/menardcha>

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