

Family Self-Sufficiency Newsletter

June/July 2020

What's Up at SHA?!

In accordance to the State Executive Order, which is to be enforced at 12:01 AM on July 3rd, you will be required to wear a mask when entering public facilities. Our office has continued to remain closed to the public until further notice. If you are needing to schedule an appointment, please make contact with your Program Manager/Specialist.

my mask protects you,



your mask protects me.

When attending an appointments, please follow the procedures listed on the door when you arrive.

Reporting and verifications can be sent to you by mail or email. If you are needing a verification or needing to report, please contact the office and anyone who answers can send the requested paperwork to you.

SHA Mission Statement

The Salina Housing Authority is dedicated to providing and advocating affordable, safe living environments and opportunities to become self-sufficient for persons of very low to moderate income

Changes in FSS

Not sure if you noticed, but there was no FSS newsletter sent in the month of June. I'm sure you didn't miss it but that's okay now we can make up for lost time! That was a joke. Although Covid has caused a wrench in our lives, it actually provided more time for this FSS Coordinator to reflect. These last few months have really helped me to reflect on areas where the program could use more strength, it gave additional time to write grants for more assistance for your families as well as connect with community partners to add more support and resources to our stockpile. Of course I still met with a lot of you by phone, email and a few of you scheduled to meet with me. And was very proud of all of you!

In January, we began implementing FSS Orientations as a part of our New Participant Welcome. Participants, both new and existing, were able to receive a better understanding of the purpose of the program. Also provided feedback about how the program how or could impact them. Most importantly, to me, families were able to engage in good conversation, interact with people of the like mind and learn something. So the purpose of orientation served it's purpose educate participants on the expectations of the program as well as give a chance for families to see they are not alone.

Some key points at orientation explained the new requirements.

Motivation. The key component to FSS and your success. We want you to want to be successful. That desire to do so is motivation. As much as I want to, I cannot do it for you but I will be cheering for you the entire time!

Community Activities was one of the requirement that made some of you gasp however once there was an understanding of what it meant, ease began to fill the room. Community Activities are there to help build your resource bank, finances, family and community interactions. Without knowledge and drive, we stay in the same cycle.

Knowing your Credit Score. Knowing our score and fixing your score can be a world of change in the way you perceive the financial world. Let's start there.

Budget Class. There's nothing like waiting until the last minute to find money buy school clothes for the kids and not being able to afford much. Or not being able to afford the cable bill when you know your favorite episode of Big Bang Theory is coming on this week. By budgeting, you will learn more about your finances and you will learn a lot about yourself because you will get a chance to plan and put your funds in the right places.

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There's a Change in FSS (continued)

Tiers. Tiers. We will be implementing a tiered programming into the FSS program. Tiers will be assessed by each individual before determining which is best. Those who are needing more case management, referrals to resources or who need more life skills support will be assessed for Tier II.

So, if you are new to the program or been on for a while. These changes are to address the needs of all of our FSS families and individuals. We have adjust FSS to be more inclusive.

If you have not participated in orientation or are interested in attending or even re-attending, the next orientation will be held in person on July 24th at 9 AM. RSVP is required to ensure safe social distancing.



Pioneer President's Place Tenants

We would like to invite you to enjoy coffee and donuts with Salina Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, Rachel Holt! Learn about the FSS program and its benefits!

Roosevelt Community Room

September 4, 2020

9 AM

Lincoln Community Room

September 11, 2020

9 AM

Just for You !

The following are classes or materials arranged by FSS and for attendance of FSS participants only.

Please RSVP to all Community Activities so we are able to account for space, workbooks and food!

Homeownership Class

See your future in your own home? All FSS participants are welcome to this class. This class will provide insight to Homeownership and what to expect. Presenters will include partners from real estate agencies, mortgage lenders and other homeownership related agencies.

Main Presenter:

Rodney Denholm

Consumer Credit Counseling

Location:

Consumer Credit Counseling

1201 W. Walnut St.

Date/Time:

July 16th at 5:30 PM-9 PM

Credit Repair Course

Understanding your credit and your score has an impact on the way you buy things or sometimes an impact on a job is important. This class will educate participants on Credit and Credit Repair!

Presenter:

Debra Woods

K-State Extension Office

Location:

Salina Housing Authority

Zoom (will be available as well)

Date/Time:

August 11 at 2 PM

Or

August 13th at 5:30 PM



Celebrating A FSS Graduate

Sticking with a program is not always easy. Having someone constantly give their advice about your money or having someone hold you accountable is not a piece of cake. But for some of our participants, FSS is used 100% as a tool for resources, support and ultimately success. Rhonda Howell is one of those participants. Rhonda joined FSS as a single mother of two in August 2015. She set a basic employment goal to complete her Certified Nursing Aide certificate. Rhonda was employed part-time. With the help of her FSS Coordinator, she was able to assess further where she desired to be and continued to move within the medical field with her goal being to become a Registered Nurse! Over these 5 years, Rhonda had to overcome a lot of adversity including losing her beloved father in 2017. She continued on with her "I can" attitude. And she did! In May 2020, Rhonda graduated from Salina Area Technical College and received her degree as a Registered Nurse! In June, she was hired at Mowery Clinic. Once Rhonda receives her licensure *in the mail* she will automatically receive a raise, her salary will increase exponentially and she will take on a supervisory position!



Rhonda has used the FSS program to her advantage. She was able to acquire and utilize the resources provided to help her move into a position of success for herself and her children. Rhonda is interested in homeownership and will be attending our HOMEOWNERSHIP class on July 16th. She will be eligible for additional funding assistance through SHA following her graduation from the FSS program, which will help her increase her savings potential. Rhonda will be using her Family Savings Account Escrow as down payment toward a new home for her children! Speaking of her children, when asked how they felt about their mother's accomplishments, they responded, "So PROUD."

On behalf of the SHA and the FSS team and families, Rhonda Howell we are proud of you! We hope all the best for your future!

Just a Little FYI:

Program Specialist, Felicia Jamison, has moved on in her endeavors beyond SHA. We wish her good luck for the future!

If you are needing anything related to your Public Housing or Section 8 housing, please direct all communication about Public Housing and Section 8 to Suzanne Smith.

New Faces to Salina Housing Authority



Welcome Jennifer Craft, SHA's newest team member! Jennifer will be working as our new Finance Manager. Honestly, you probably won't see her much but she's working hard to make sure things are running smoothly for all of us. She comes to SHA with a lot of finance experience. Jennifer is a beloved mother, wife, sister, friend and now a precious member of the SHA family.

Jennifer has entered our office with her kind heart, great sense of humor and outgoing spirit! We are glad she is a part of our SHA team!

Information about July 4th! BE SAFE!

To report fireworks violations, please contact the Salina Police Department at 826-7210 - do not dial 911 unless it is an emergency situation requiring immediate response by Police, Fire, or EMS.

Saline County (Assaria & New Cambria follows the County regulations):

Dates of Sale - June 27th through July 5th from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day

Dates of Discharge - June 27th through July 5th from 8 a.m. to midnight each day

City of Salina:

Dates of Sale - June 27th through July 4th from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day

Dates of Discharge - only on July 3rd & 4th from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day

Regulations (same for both City and County):

When using approved consumer fireworks, a person shall not ignite or discharge fireworks:

1. While on public property (no parks, roadways, road shoulders, etc.);
2. While on private property without the express written consent of the property owner, including the property owner's name, address, telephone number and signature;
3. Into, under, or from a car or vehicle, whether moving or standing still, or on a public roadway or the right-of-way adjoining a public roadway;
4. Within 100 feet of any hospital, sanitarium, infirmary, nursing home, or assisted living facility



5. Within 300 feet of any consumer fireworks facility;

6. So as to throw, cast, or propel the fireworks in the direction of or into the path of any person or group of persons, whether on foot, on a bicycle, on a motorcycle, or in a vehicle;

7. So as to impact adjoining property from either direct contact from fireworks or the residue resulting from the use of fireworks.

Sky Lanterns are banned in all of Saline County

Cities of Gypsum and Solomon have been omitted from this communication please refer to the original site for more information on those communities.

<https://www.saline.org/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Fireworks>

We have masks ready for distribution! If you are needing a face mask for yourself and/or your children for the 4th of July weekend, please call Rachel at 785-827-0441 x 201!

Thank you to our friends at Gopherwood Community Foundation for the supply of cloth face masks for FSS and the Salina Community!

MASKS

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