



Oxnard Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program

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Another Successful FSS Graduate!

Esteban Salazar and his family are the newest family to complete and graduate from the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS). Not only did Mr. Salazar complete the program, but he and his family are also moving out of Public Housing and were able to purchase their own home!

Mr. Salazar enrolled in the Public Housing FSS Program in January, 2013. When he enrolled in the program, he was interested in becoming a homeowner but wasn't sure if he would be able to achieve his dream.

However, Mr. Salazar was able to complete all of his goals that he set for himself under the program, which included maintaining



his current job, improving his credit score, and learning and preparing for homeownership.

He then received a check of \$9,235.82 for completing the FSS Program in December, 2015.

Additionally, Mr. Salazar received

homeownership counseling and down payment assistance of \$45,000 from the Ventura County Community Development Corporation (VCCDC). With all of the funds Mr. Salazar received, he was able to apply them to purchase his own home and reach his dream of homeownership in January, 2016. Congratulations to the Salazar family!

If you would like to know more about VCCDC's homeownership counseling services, their lending division or down payment assistance, call: VCCDC at: (805) 273-7800.

Sign up for the FSS Program Today!

To enroll in the program, you must be 18 years old and a Public Housing or Section 8 participant. The Head of Household must execute the FSS Contract of Participation. The program is voluntary and you may end your participation at any time. You can also keep your housing assistance at the end of the program. Call now for more information or to schedule an appointment for an orientation.



Save money from your monthly rent payments during the program and use your savings for a down payment to purchase a home!

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Stop paying for tax services!
 "You can have your income taxes prepared and e-filed for free at a VITA location"



Income Tax Preparation

It's that time of the year again... Tax season!

If you earned under \$54,000 in 2015, you can have your income taxes prepared and e-filed for FREE at an Earn It! Keep It! Save It! VITA location.

Earned Income Tax Credits

Additionally, you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) when you file

your tax return. EITC's are special tax breaks for people who work full or part time. This means extra cash in your pocket.

Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment at any of the eleven VITA locations including at the Oxnard Housing Authority's Multi-Service Center: 1500 Camino Del Sol. For more information about our site location, call 805-385-7574.



About EITC:

State EITC requires filing of your state tax return (form 540 2EZ or 540) and having earned income reported on a W-2 form subject to California withholding. Self-employment income cannot be used to qualify for state credit.

Federal EITC requires filing of your federal tax return (form 1040EZ, 1040 or 1040A). You can also file amended returns for 3 years back if you did not claim your EITC in prior years. There is no late filing penalty if you do not owe any tax in the prior year.

Transformation Works- Case Management Services



City Impact and Oxnard City Corps are offering services for 15-24 year olds who are current gang members, gang affiliates and/or at high-risk for gang involvement.

Participants who qualify for the program will work with a certified case manager to set individual goals, maximize personal strengths and address barriers to success.

Services provided by the program include: *Academic Intervention-* assist those struggling and/or have academic delays. *Job-related services-* provide work readiness classes, work training, and employment opportunities. *Support groups-* Drug and alcohol, anger management, positive parenting. *Enrichment activities-* Such as trips to colleges/universities, museums, hiking, the beach.

Community referrals- Case managers will refer participants and their families to collaborative partners for supportive services. Other benefits include community service opportunities, incentives, and free tattoo removal.

For more information or to receive a confidential referral form, contact Pam Darcy at: 805-983-3636 x106 or pam@cityimpact.com.

Free Financial Credit Workshop!



Would you like to improve your credit and raise your credit score? The Oxnard Housing Authority's FSS Program and Resident Services Program is partnering with SurePath Financial Solutions to provide a free financial credit workshop to the public.

At the workshop, you will learn about credit reports, FICO scores, how to build credit, how to improve credit, and consumer warnings. Don't miss this opportunity to obtain useful financial information at no cost to you! Call now to register!

The workshop will be held February 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center located at 1500 Camino Del Sol, Room 21 .



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Call Now to Reserve your spot!
Call: Jaime Arellano, 385-8118

February is American Heart Month



Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure is responsible for one out of every three deaths. It is the No. 1 killer of American women and men, and it is a leading cause of serious illness and disability. While nearly half of all Americans have at least one major risk factor, many don't know it, and others are slow to act upon warning signs. Become more aware and protect your heart by taking advantage of the following free health services that are available to you:

Diabetes Health and Education Classes:

St. John's offers a free ongoing support group series to help those dealing with diabetes:

Adult Diabetes Education and Support Group

St. John's Regional Medical Center
1600 North Rose Avenue in Oxnard
Conference Rooms 2 & 4

*Open to the public, including people who do not have diabetes. No registration required.
For more information, please call 805.988.2865

Heart Healthy Nutrition Class & Diabetes Screenings:

The CMH Healthaware Program offers free monthly classes and screenings:

Heart Healthy Nutrition Classes:

Every 2nd Thursday, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Prediabetes & Diabetes Screenings:

Every 1st Monday, 3:00-4:00 pm by appointment

At the Healthaware office:

120 N. Ashwood Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003
Call: (805) 667-2818 (English), (805) 652-5339 (Spanish)



Thanks to our Partners that take part in our Committee!



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