



# Oxnard Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program

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## About the Family Self-Sufficiency Program

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### What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that assists Housing Assistance Families (Public Housing and Section 8) to Achieve Economic Self-Sufficiency through counseling and one-on-one case management. The Oxnard Housing Authority works with various service providers and local partners to provide FSS participants with the support services they need to become self-sufficient.

Participants in the FSS program sign a contract that includes an Individual Training and Services Plan for clients which contain specific goals. The head of household is required to complete

the goals, seek and maintain suitable employment, and become free of monetary welfare assistance by the end of the five-year term .



### What services are provided through the FSS program?

The FSS program provides referrals to resources such as child care, financial literacy, transportation, education, job search assistance, credit repair and counseling, and homeownership counseling.

### Escrow (Savings) Account:

An interest-bearing Escrow Account is created for families that are in the FSS Program. Families continue to pay rent in accordance with their incomes but if they experience an increase in family rent as a result of an increase in **earned** income during the program, the amount of the increase is placed in their escrow account. If the family completes the FSS contract by completing their goals by the end of the expiration of the contract, they receive the funds in their escrow account and can use them without limitations.

Don't wait! Call today for more information and to enroll! Call: Jaime Arellano at **(805) 385-8118**

### Sign up 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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# VCCDC Homebuyer Workshops

Are you interested in buying a home and have questions? Get the answers at VCCDC's homebuyer education workshops!

When it comes to buying and financing real estate, what you don't know *can* hurt you. After completion of the VCCDC Homebuyer Education Workshop you will be well prepared to navigate the home buying process with confidence and success. You will

have a clear understanding of what you need to qualify for a home loan, what home price you can afford, what if you have bad credit or no credit, and how can you qualify for down payment assistance.

The workshops are free (valued at \$100) and are held the 3rd Saturday of every month at the VCCDC office located at 2231 Sturgis Rd., Suite A. Oxnard, CA.

Call today to reserve your seat: 805-273-7800, or email: ContactUs@vccdc.org.

If you can't attend in person, you can take the course online at: <http://www.ehomeareica.org/vccdc> (\$99 Registration fee).

For more information about the workshops or specific dates, visit VCCDC's website: [www.vccdc.org](http://www.vccdc.org).



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### About VCCDC:

VCCDC is a HUD Approved housing counseling agency. VCCDC is a one-stop resource that provides a variety of assistance throughout the home-buying process. From education services, including workshops and counseling, to lending and realty support, including down payment assistance and consulting for first-time buyers, VCCDC ensures that you are supported from start to finish.

**"Find out how VCCDC may help you qualify for up to \$45,000 in down payment assistance!"**

# Zumba and Parenting Classes provided by El Centrito



Who's ready to dance, burn some fat, and improve your physical condition?! El Centrito teamed up with the Colonia Village Tenant Association and Oxnard Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program to provide Zumba Classes to the community near you.

The classes are held every Friday at 5:30 pm at the Colonia Senior Center located at 126B Amelia Court. The next

series of Zumba will begin October 5th and end November 13th. Come and enjoy good music and dance to exercise all your muscles and improve your physical condition and appearance.

El Centrito is also offering classes for parents and their children, "Mama y Yo." These classes educate mothers on the teaching of your child through games, support your

child as his first teacher, and learn about child development. The class of "Mama y Yo" is for children from 0-3 yrs. old. These workshops are held at various locations. To register, call Jimena Hernandez at: 805-483-8685.



# Free Financial Workshop!



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

Are you struggling financially or in need of financial advice? The Oxnard Housing Authority and FSS Program is partnering with the Ventura County Credit Union to provide a free financial workshop to the public.

The workshop will cover topics such as budget planning and financial management. Don't miss this opportunity to obtain useful financial information at no cost to you.

The workshop will be held November 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center located at 1500 Camino Del Sol, Room 21 .



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## Business Orientation to be Held at Multi-Service Center

Are you ready to become a business owner, or expand your existing small business? Afraid to do it alone, or unsure how to proceed? Join us for a free orientation in Spanish to determine your readiness for self-employment, and find out which program best fits your needs. Learn about Women's Economic Venture's (WEV) 14-week Self-Employment Training (SET) course that guides you in taking the next step, while building a network of contacts and community for your business.

Since 1991 WEV has been helping women and men in the Central California Coast area to start businesses through providing them with business training, loans, and conducting consultations of their own businesses. Step by step, WEV will guide you so that your idea is a reality and to begin working on your business.

The orientation will be held **November 4th, 6:00-7:00 pm.** at the Housing Authority's Multi-Service Center located at 1500 Camino Del Sol, Room 21. Register for the orientation at: [www.wevonline.org](http://www.wevonline.org) or call Leticia at 805-456-2341.



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## Citizenship Fair!

October 17th from 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

At parking lot behind El Concilio's office

### Requirements for citizenship:

Legal Permanent Resident with at least 5 years as a resident OR 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen.

### Required Documents:

Permanent Resident Card (green card), Social Security Card, I.D. or Driver's License, Tax report for 2014.

**Immigration:** \$680 money order, check, credit card

**El Concilio:** cash, money order, check, credit card

DISCOUNT COUPON (N-400)  
**\$75 PER CLIENT**  
FOR EL CONCILIO SERVICE FEE  
**Valid ONLY ON 10/17/2015!**  
\* This coupon cannot be combined with other discounts

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**\*The First 25 applicants that qualify will receive El Concilio's service for FREE!!**



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