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Empowering people, transforming lives

"FSS has been one of the best things that has been in my life, with the financial support for me and my children through the years. Now that I am in a new chapter in my life, I am overjoyed and grateful for being a part of your programs. Honestly, I can say that even through my lowest points in life, I have grown so much and can look back feeling proud that I am in a better situation." **~ S.F.G.** 

"Five years ago, when I walked through your doors, I had just divorced my husband of 12 years who I depended on for everything. I was a single mother of 2 little boys, with no job, and no idea how I was going to make it. I was so scared I didn't even know where to start. I was offered to take part in the Self-Sufficiency program at that time. Over those 5 years, I set goals for myself, found a part-time job working my way up, and now have a full-time job doing what I love. I have lived in the same home, managed my money, never been behind on bills, and am buying a new car! Being in the program has taught me to manage money, how to budget, and push myself to do better every day." ~ T.R.

"I can truly say that this program has indeed saved my life and given me new skills and knowledge to finally stand on my own two feet again! I have kept the same job for the past three years, I own my own car, and have been able to live with less stress. I feel that I am going in the right direction. I appreciate all that y'all have helped me with. I am so proud of myself and my progress. I am going to attempt to spread my wings and fly on my own." ~ **R.G.** 

## Housing Choice Voucher Program

Funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) this program helps very-low-income families obtain safe, affordable housing.

### Family Self-Sufficiency Program

The FSS program offers HCV families the opportunity to move from government assistance to independence and self-sufficiency. Supportive caseworkers help families set goals and work towards a better life!



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An investment in housing is an investment in family stability, children's success, and the economic health of the entire community!



#### Learn More:

For more information on applying for the HCV program, available rental properties, FSS, and other housing services, visit us online at wncsource.org or call: (828) 693-1711 (Henderson County) (828) 884-2255 (Transylvania County) and ask to speak to a Housing Specialist.

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM (by appointment)

#### **APPLY ONLINE:**

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# **Helping Families, Changing Futures!**

## WHAT WE OFFER:

#### **Housing Choice Voucher Program**

WNCSource is the local public housing agency (PHA) administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance program for Henderson and Transylvania counties. PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program. WNCSource currently assists approximately 650 households.

The HCV program helps very-low-income households to access safe and affordable housing in the private market. Families/individuals contribute 30% of their adjusted monthly income toward rent and utility expenses. A housing subsidy is paid directly to the landlord by WNCSource on behalf of the participating household. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

The HCV program offers participants the opportunity to have more control over their housing selection than other subsidized programs. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, HCV participants are able to:

- Find their own housing in the area of their choice.
- Choose any housing unit that meets program requirements, including single-family homes, apartments, or mobile homes. Housing does not have to be located in subsidized housing projects.
- Move to another eligible property or PHA tenant-based program anywhere in the country as their needs change.
- Join the Family Self-Sufficiency Program offered by WNCSource.

Every rental unit is inspected to ensure that the unit meets the minimum Housing Quality Standards established by HUD before a lease and Housing Assistance Payment contract are signed. Each unit is reinspected annually to ensure ongoing compliance.

#### Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Participants in the HCV program are also encouraged to enroll in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program offered by WNC Source. The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program offers financial literacy education, financial coaching and savings incentives designed to decrease dependency on public assistance. FSS clients can work to obtain higher levels of education or learn new job skills while they build assets and contribute to a dedicated escrow account. Upon completing the FSS program, many clients can purchase a new home, start a business, and/or progress to no longer needing public assistance. The FSS Coordinator connects clients to resources for removing barriers and/or challenges to becoming financially stable and economically self-sufficient.