

Family Self Sufficiency Program Impact in Miami-Dade County

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FSS Programs in Miami-Dade

- * What is the Family Self Sufficiency Program?
- * My excitement around this topic
- * The problem: FSS Programs nationally have a higher withdrawal rate (37%) than graduation rate (24%)¹. What can be done to increase the graduation rate? Can this solution be applied to other affordable housing incentive programs?

What I Learned

- * Miami Dade County has 3 active FSS Programs:
 - * Miami Dade County Housing Authority
 - * City of Miami Beach Housing Authority
 - * Hialeah Housing Authority
- * Assumptions
- * Research and Results

Research and Results

- * Spoke with:
 - * FSS Coordinators
 - * Graduated participants
 - * Current participants
 - * Withdrawn participants
- * Positives and Negatives of the programs
- * Does self sufficiency result from the programs?

Going Forward

- * I have established relationships with all three housing authorities.
- * Host a convening of FSS program coordinators
- * Present on topics at FSS monthly meetings
- * Work 1-on-1 with participants who want assistance in achieving their goals
- * Pilot program with affordable and supportive housing

Get Involved and Take Action

- * Policy updates – Section 8 & FSS
- * Help to reach affordable housing agencies open to pilot