Family Self Sufficiency Program Impact in Miami-Dade County

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  - Withdrawn participants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