

PROJECT SELF-SUFFICIENCY AGENCY FACT SHEET

PURPOSE

Project Self-Sufficiency (PSS) is a HUD national demonstration project whose goal is to help low-income, single parent-families attain economic self-sufficiency. Your agency, in coordination with 20 other Burlington social service agencies, is working cooperatively to assist single parents by offering support services such as job training, job placement, education, personal and career counseling, day care and housing assistance. The ultimate goal of the project is to aid highly motivated single parents in finding full-time, meaningful employment at a living wage.

WHO CAN APPLY

Project Self-Sufficiency will serve up to 25 single parents with young children who have applied for subsidized housing from the Burlington Housing Authority (BHA). In order to be selected as a participant, the single parent must demonstrate a desire to be fully employed and present sufficient aptitude for employment. Given that there are many more applicants than spaces available, the task force has decided to adopt a lottery approach to selecting applicants to be considered; then only a small number of applications will be reviewed for potential selection. Given the limited number of funded slots, would you please individually hand out applications to single parents who you believe could best utilize the project.

HOW TO APPLY

The application is the attached two-page HUD form. You should be available to offer help with the application. If you have additional questions, contact your agency's PSS representative (see attached list).

SELECTION CRITERIA

In order to participate in PSS, the applicant must:

- be a single parent with children 12 years old or younger who currently reside in Burlington (single parent is defined as one adult at home at the time of application or living with parent with intention to move out).
- desire to be fully employed and show an aptitude for employment.
- must be a Burlington, Vermont resident.
- must be on the Burlington Housing Authority waiting list.
- receive or be eligible for Aid to Needy Families with Children (ANFC) for General Assistance (GA) benefits.
- participate with one of the PSS Task Force Agencies.

- priority may be given to families in emergency situations, in inadequate housing, or who pay a high percentage of their income for rent.
- PSS will not discriminate against anyone because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sexual preference, physical handicap, education or previous work experience.

DEADLINE

The deadline for applying is 3:00 p.m., December 18, 1985. Please apply to Hollie Hurewitz, Project Self-Sufficiency, c/o Chittenden Community Action, 191 North Street, Burlington, VT 05401, (863-6248).

PSS START-UP INFORMATION

The second group of participants will be interviewed and selections made by January 10, 1986. At that time, participants will identify their needs, be offered existing PSS services (i.e., support group, career counseling), and receive assistance with coordinating additional resources.

Thank you for your cooperation and help.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your PSS Task Force representative for help or call Hollie Hurewitz at 863-6248.