



ABOUT

# Families Flourish

Families Flourish empowers families to address their total needs over a 3-year period, reversing historic barriers by fostering greater inclusivity, equality, opportunity and access to housing, education, and family wellness. Families are provided with tools to improve life outcomes, including required programs, life coaching and rental support.



## What does Families Flourish offer?

- 3 years of partial rental support
- Access to safe, quality, and healthy housing in a 2 bedroom apartment to reverse historic barriers to inclusivity and opportunity; 1 bedroom units may be considered by a single parent with one young child.
- The assistance of a life coach to support you on reaching your financial, career, educational, and wellness goals for you and your family
- Assistance integrating your children into a new school and your family into a new neighborhood
- Workshops and programs for you and your family

## Why should you enroll in our program?

- Healthy housing in a safer neighborhood helps decrease stress for both you and your children
- Quality education allows your children to create a foundation for future success
- Monthly coaching and workshops will give you the tools to continue to create opportunities for you and your family for years to come
- Quality housing can decrease health issues such as asthma and the risk of lead poisoning
- Safer neighborhoods allow you and your children to play outside and go for walks, which can reduce high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity
- A new community may create new employment opportunities that decrease your daily commute and/or increase your income

## Qualification Criteria

- Are a single parent, or couple, with both adults jointly raising the child(ren)
- Adults are at least 18 years old
- Have 1-3 children, ages 13 and under (with a household size of up to 4 people)
- Have children who are eligible for Medicaid
- Are currently experiencing housing insecurity in a lower opportunity area in central Ohio
- Household income between:  
\$30,000 - \$45,485 for a family of 2,  
\$30,000 - \$51,150 for a family of 3, or  
\$31,200 - \$56,815 for a family of 4
- If applying as a couple, both adults must be working or in school
- Have personal transportation or can demonstrate ability to access a job, etc. without a car
- Willing to meet monthly with a life coach for 3 years for all adults in the household
- Willing to attend monthly evening programs, primarily virtually, on Wednesday evenings for 3 years for all adults in the household
- Willing to move to a community with a participating landlord

\*Note: A Housing Choice Voucher cannot be used with Families Flourish's rental support.

To apply, visit [www.familiesflourish.org/apply](http://www.familiesflourish.org/apply)



## WE PROVIDE

## YOU PROVIDE

### Housing

Families Flourish has relationships with participating landlords who own 2-bedroom apartments in safer and healthier communities in Central Ohio. Our program includes a private rental support fund. This private rental support only applies to the apartments from participating landlords and will only be provided as long as you and your children reside in the apartment and are participating in the Families Flourish program.

**You will receive a reduction on your rent for up to three years** in the amount of \$400-\$600 depending on which apartment community you live in. Families Flourish's rental support is \$500 per month for 18 months, then \$400 per month for the final 18 months. It is paid directly to the landlord.

**You are responsible for your moving costs, security deposits and utility hook-ups.**

**You will be responsible for timely payment of your portion of the rent, any other charges by the participating landlord, and all utilities** for the unit not otherwise included in your rent.

Upon completion of the three-year Families Flourish program, participants can continue to live in their apartment if they can afford the market rate rent without the rental support provided by the program and sign a new lease.

Otherwise, participants will be required to relocate and Families Flourish coaches will assist, if necessary, in your relocation.

### Coaching

Program coaches will assist participants in meeting their personal, educational, health, and employment goals and the social services manager will connect participants with community resources. **Each participant will be assigned a life coach.**

Each participant will be required to have Personal Goals Statements and **will meet with their assigned life coach monthly to review goal attainment** and progress toward meeting program objectives.

### Workshops

Workshops or programs will be led by experts on topics such as finances, parenting challenges, problem solving, building self-esteem, education and career planning, legal issues, healthy living, etc.

Each participant will be **required to attend monthly virtual programs on Thursday evenings during the 3 year program.** Periodically, there will be required in person meetings for the participants and their children.

### Evaluation

We gather information so we can demonstrate to the community the benefits of continuing this program in years to come. **Your participation in the evaluation enables us to create opportunities for more families** just like yours in the future. All of your private information will be kept confidential.

**Throughout the program you will participate in interviews and complete surveys** about your participation in the program; share information about your & your child's health; share your child/children/s school(s) academic & attendance record; and share information about your employment, credit score, & income.



## Apartment Locations

Two-bedroom apartments are located in the following communities and schools:

- Bexley
- Big Walnut
- Blacklick
- Columbus
- Dublin
- Gahanna
- Grandview
- Hilliard
- Licking Heights
- Lewis Center
- New Albany
- Olentangy Local
- Reynoldsburg
- Sunbury
- Upper Arlington
- Westerville
- Worthington

## Application Process: A Step-By-Step Guide

1. Apply online at;  
**[www.familiesflourish.org/apply](http://www.familiesflourish.org/apply)**
2. Come prepared with information regarding your current and previous address, current and past employment, and your annual income amount.
3. After applying, send in proof of all income to;  
[coach@familiesflourish.org](mailto:coach@familiesflourish.org)
4. If you meet initial program requirements, Families Flourish will contact you to schedule an interview.
5. Upon completion of a successful interview, you will receive a link to complete and submit a background check disclosure and authorization form.
6. If you meet program and other screening requirements you'll participate in 2 required workshops and complete a survey.
7. Next, you will receive a participation agreement to sign and pay a \$25 application fee.
8. After signing, you'll meet with a member of the coaching team to begin the process of identifying an apartment.

***NOTE: Families Flourish will review all application material in the order received.***

**Questions? Email [info@familiesflourish.org](mailto:info@familiesflourish.org) or visit [www.familiesflourish.org](http://www.familiesflourish.org)**