# ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT...

Furthering your education?

Owning your own house?

Starting your own business?

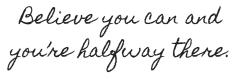
Bettering your employment?

Improving your credit?

Having a better future for you and your family?



may be for you!



# **INTERESTED?**

Call the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority at 225-923-8100 and ask to speak with the THRIVE/FSS Program Coordinator!



Don't let your fear decide your future.



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A Family Self Sufficiency Program



Put your plan into action.



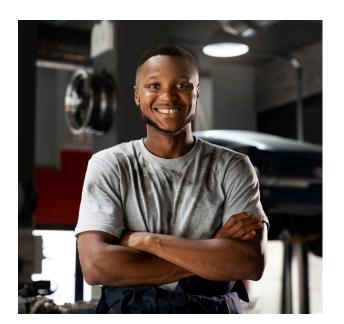
## WHAT IS THE THRIVE PROGRAM?

It is a voluntary program that helps people pursue their employment and financial goals to reach self-sufficiency within 5 years.

It also puts money in a savings account to be used when participants successfully graduate from the program.

#### Who is Eligible? You must...

- Be an EBRPHA Section 8/Housing ChoiceVoucher Holder
- Be at least 18 years of age and willing and able to seek and maintain employment
- Want to have established long- and short-term goals
- Be willing to meet and work on your goals-onyour schedule



# T H R I V E

## HOW DOES THRIVE WORK?

- The participant and **THRIVE** coordinator meet to develop their **THRIVE** plan
- Families are provided with the resources and referrals needed to reach the goals in their **THRIVE** plan.

Resources include but are not limited to:

- Job Training & Education
- Budgeting, Credit Repair and Asset Building
- Homeownership
- Health Care Services
- Legal Services
- Counseling
- Youth Enrichment
- Quarterly Newsletter with Valuable Resources & Articles

These services may help families eliminate barriers to financial stability.





### SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACCRUAL

	Rent	Renter's portion of Rent	Funds in Savings Account
Start of Program	\$700	\$100	\$o
4 months later	\$700	\$200	\$100

\*This is an example. Your savings may differ.

as your earnings increase, so does your benefit potential!

During program participation, as a participant increases his or her earned income and the family's rent is increased as a result, money is set aside in an "escrow" account. When the participant achieves his or her goals, they are eligible to graduate from the program and receive their funds. Participants MUST be free of cash welfare assistance (TANF) by graduation to complete the program.