

Community Partners

Community Health Centers

Provides on-site free medical / dental services from mobile units such as: blood pressure check, eye exam, general health counseling, free prescriptions, and referrals to specialists.

Food Bank of Santa Barbara County

Provides food assistance, and links to Food Stamps (Cal Fresh), Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Healthy Lunch Program for Kids, Farmer's Market and other food assistance services, including Nutrition Classes and Public Training Presentations.

Boys & Girls Club

Provides free memberships to all resident youth. Provides team and individual sports, camping and special activities. Career counseling, youth mentoring, leadership and character building.

Rabobank

Provides free FDIC Money Smart Financial Literacy Classes consisting of 10 separate training modules covering subjects such as introduction to banking services, budgeting, credit, lending, and homeownership.

Girl Scouts

Provides free memberships to all resident girls, building character and skills for success that will serve them throughout their lives, such as leadership, and self-worth.

American Red Cross

Provides free emergency and disaster preparedness training to residents which can help save lives through increased personal safety and security.

Allan Hancock College

Provides re-entry counseling, help with financial aid packets, guidance and technical assistance with admissions paperwork, educational counseling for preparation of a personal action plan, community no-credit classes such as ESL and GED preparation, and parenting classes in Spanish.

Workforce Resource Center (WIB)

Provides career assessment, workforce related training / counseling, including vocational education, job search assistance, resume preparation, life skills workshops, and links to other assistance programs.

To Participate in ROSS Services:

Please complete the
ROSS Program Enrollment Form and
Needs Assessment Survey, (attached),
or
Contact the Resident Services Center
for assistance.

All HACSB

Public Housing Residents

are eligible.



Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara

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ROSS

Resident
Opportunities
for
Self-Sufficiency

A Public Housing Program

Dedicated to improving the lives
of Public Housing Families in
Santa Barbara County

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An Introduction to: The ROSS Program

The **ROSS** Program is dedicated to improving each family's quality of life by providing educational services, financial management training, supportive health / disability services and resources to help both children and teens.

The **ROSS** Program addresses the family unit as a whole, while assessing and supporting the needs of individual family members.



A service need may fall under any or all of these four areas:

(1) Education



(2) Finance



(3) Health/Disability



(4) Child Services.



ROSS Asks:

Does your family have a need?



ROSS: Opportunities...

The ROSS Program provides a family with opportunities to create a positive change that will improve their quality of life. Under the ROSS program, the Housing Authority coordinates with local resources, such as community-based organizations, educational and banking institutions, business and other affiliates to provide services that are designed to address family needs.

Identifying a need will begin with a short survey, which will be followed by a personal interview, and a case management plan will be developed. The family's need will be addressed through supportive services within the ROSS Program, or the family will be referred to a partnering organization in the community.

There is no charge to participate in ROSS, and ROSS attempts to connect with community partners who will provide services either free of charge or at reduced rates. A family will receive ongoing case management, encouragement, support, and assistance throughout their participation in the ROSS program.



What is: Self-Sufficiency?

The term Self-Sufficiency can mean different things to different people. For some family's it will mean the opportunity to own their own home, yet other's may see Self-Sufficiency as being able to hold down a job, or pay their bills on time each month. Some families might be looking for help to keep their kids off drugs and in school, while others may see Self-Sufficiency as an opportunity to receive medical treatment, or learn English. Senior / Disabled families could be looking for help taking out the trash because they are unable to do it alone, while other families may be looking to volunteer their assistance to those in need.



Self-Sufficiency means different things to different people, but what does it mean to you?

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