



## THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE

### BE A PART OF THE SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Family Independence Initiative (FII) partners with families that are working hard to make a better future for themselves and their community. We believe that families working together is the most powerful driver of social and economic mobility. FII invests in their initiative so that low-income and working families can achieve, and sustain, a better future.

**“THE FII  
NETWORK  
MAKES AN  
IMPACT ON  
YOUR LIFE  
FOREVER.”**

*- FII Boston Family*



**“WE ARE  
GRATEFUL  
THAT FII  
TRUSTED US  
AND GAVE US  
THE TOOLS,  
SUPPORT,  
AND SECURITY  
TO MOVE  
FORWARD.”**

*- FII Albuquerque Family*

## FII RESOURCES

Families who partner with FII get access to our Resource Hub—a pool of funds and other opportunities families can use to fuel their initiative. Resources\* are developed based on what we learn from families and may include:

- Laptop or technology stipend to complete online journals
- Compensation for time invested and data provided
- Matched Savings
- Loans
- Scholarships
- UpTogether community building site
- Fellowships

*\*Eligibility for each resource varies*

## FAMILY OUTCOMES

On average, during two years of engagement with FII, families report:

**▲ 20% INCREASE**  
in monthly income  
with a  
**▼ 62% DECREASE**  
in subsidies such as  
TANF and SNAP

**>\$100 → <\$2000**  
Families increase their monthly savings account balance from less than \$100 to over \$1,000 and their total liquid assets from less than \$100 to over \$2,000.

**89% INCREASE**  
in monthly  
business income

+

**67% INCREASE**  
of family-owned  
business activity since  
participating in FII

## FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attend monthly meetings with your group—share goals and experiences, knowledge and resources, and set your own agenda—this is your time!

- Submit online monthly journal
- Facilitate cohort meetings; notes and sign-in sheet
- Meet for quarterly audit with staff as requested

## ENROLLMENT PROCESS

### GET A REFERRAL

- Learn about FII from a current family member. To learn more, have them refer you to staff. (Exceptions may apply.)

### CREATE A COHORT

- Organize friends, colleagues, and community members into a group of 5 or more families with whom you want to work with every month.
- Groups can not be composed primarily of your immediate family members.

### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

- Families complete a nomination form requesting info on household income, children's ages, and personal aspirations and goals.

### CONVENE WITH YOUR GROUP AND LEARN ABOUT FII

- Meet with your group members, FII, and referring family for at least two pre-enrollment informational meetings. (All group members must be present.)

### ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE

- Complete online enrollment profile and create first journal with staff.
- Begin monthly group meetings, journal submissions, and audits with staff.

**“EVER SINCE I STARTED WITH FII, I HAVE BEEN BUDGETING AND I AM NOW MUCH MORE FINANCIALLY STABLE.”**

*- FII Detroit Family*

**“FII HAS BOOSTED MY MOTIVATION AND GIVEN ME CONNECTIONS AND INFORMATION I MAY NOT HAVE HAD.”**

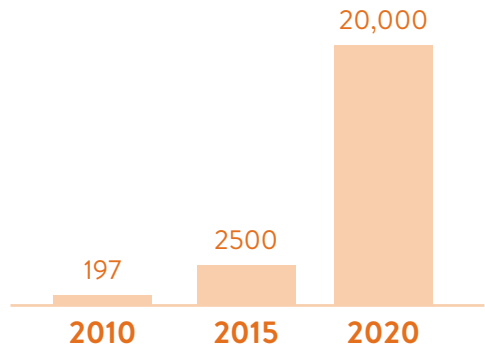
*- FII Oakland Family*

## **FII SITE LOCATIONS**

Boston, MA	San Francisco, CA
Detroit, MI	Oakland, CA
New Orleans, LA	Fresno, CA
Albuquerque, NM	

## **PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE GROWTH**

FII continues to grow as families refer others in their network to join the movement. Join us and help to transform the stereotypes, beliefs, practices, and policies that undermine low-income families' efforts to get ahead.



**CONTACT ME  
TO GET STARTED!**