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Dream Big!

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Housing Authority's
Family Self Sufficiency Program



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Rent Smart

Taught by Extension Educators

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

2024 Summer/Autumn Online Class Dates & Times

June: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Mon/Wed

August: 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 @ 1:00PM-2:00 PM; Mon/Thurs

September: 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Fri

October: 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 @ 11:00AM-12:00PM; Wed/Thur

November: 2, 9, 16 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

December: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Tue/Thurs

Location: Online, live instruction via Zoom; links will be sent after registration

To register, use this link *OR* scan the QR Code:

<https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister>



Cost: FREE!

What you will learn:

- Planning for and meeting monthly expenses
- Tips for finding and maintaining affordable housing
- How to complete an application and why landlords screen applicants
- Strategies for building positive relationships with landlords and neighbors
- Responsibilities and rights of landlords and tenants
- Participants must complete all 6 modules to earn the Rent Smart certificate
- For more information, please contact todd.wenzel@wisc.edu (920-232-1982)

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Food Truck Friday

2024 FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY



20 FOOD TRUCKS

*Variety of tasty foods
from Mexican to American
and Asian to Italian!*

RAFFLES ■ BEER ■ SODA ■ WATER

For Purchase

**LIVE
MUSIC**

Featuring



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT
AT THE PARK!
SOUTH PARK ■ OSHKOSH**

AUGUST 9

5:00 - 9:00PM

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GROCERY RAFFLE

\$100 IN GROCERIES EVERYMONTH - FOR A YEAR!

Red's Piggly Wiggly - Food Truck Friday Sponsor!

Raffle tickets available for purchase at Red's Piggly Wiggly in Oshkosh and Omro, the Oshkosh Seniors Center, and Food Truck Fridays.

DRAWING AT 7:00 PM ON AUGUST 9, 2024 - AT FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY



*These events are sponsored by
The Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors
Center and all proceeds will benefit
programs and services provided
by the Oshkosh Seniors Center.*

GetSetUp



Funded for the next year! Don't forget to join the community of active agers who want to learn new skills, connect with others, and unlock new life experiences. Access thousands of classes designed for you and taught by your peers.

These are typical classes offered every day!



Exercises for Osteoporosis
By Twyla Teitzel

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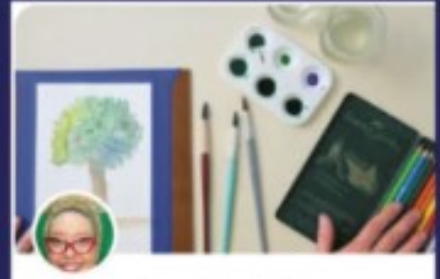
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The Mediterranean Diet: Tasty Recipes for a Healthier You
By Pam Penney

● ON NOW
8m ago

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Paint an Easy Tree With Watercolors and Watercolor...
By Deana Neibert

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Watch Now

Sign up for a free account at this link or scan the QR code.

<https://www.getsetup.io/partner/Oshkosh>

Once on the page, create an account to start booking classes. Book a Connect through Tech session if you need help.



The Oshkosh Seniors Center has partnered with GetSetUp so you can book engaging classes on travel, exercise, technology, cooking, and more. These online classes will help you stay active, stay social and stay informed.

<https://www.getsetup.io/partner/Oshkosh>

Community Resources





Parent Resource Hours

Have kids? Have questions? We're here to help!

Developmental Screenings: Our staff can help with childhood screenings that look at milestones in playing, speaking, behaving, and moving.

Nursing Expertise: Our nurses can support you to give your baby the highest level of care!

Breastfeeding: Get one-on-one support with our lactation specialist.

Safe Sleep: Learn how to create a safe sleep environment for your child.

Lead Screening:* Learn how to prevent lead poisoning and get your child screened for lead exposure.

Vaccines:* Protect your child with routine vaccines from public health.

Car Seat Checks:* Learn the correct way to install a car seat and keep your child safe.

Health and Community Resources: Learn about programs like prenatal health care, WIC, and Head Start.

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
1-4 PM
OSHKOSH
112 Otter Ave

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY
11 AM-2 PM
NEENAH
211 Commercial St



*Appointment needed for car seat checks, lead screening, and vaccines. Scan or call to schedule.

Drop in any time during Parent Resource Hours!
All are welcome. Services are FREE!

920-232-3000 / health@winnebagoountywi.gov
WWW.WINNEBAGOPUBLICHEALTH.ORG

Updated 7/23

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, August 17th, 2024

491 Old Oregon Road,
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

DAYS AND HOURS

3rd Saturday of the Month
Registration begins at 9:30 AM
Food bundles available 9:30-11:00 AM
Hosted by: St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi. For a \$25 bundle donation, you will receive \$150+ in groceries.

Ruby's


PANTRY

UMOS & the Fox Valley Job Centers

Every Tuesday

12pm until 4pm

Fox Valley Job Center
1802 Appleton Rd.
Menasha, WI 54952



Unemployment Insurance Navigator Program

Fox Valley Job Center Event

The Fox Valley Job Center and the UMOs Unemployment Insurance Navigator Program are partnering to assist the community in a job center event.

Our Services:

- Bilingual Service
- Initial Claims
- Weekly Claims
- Appeals
- Any Questions?

Why Choose Us?


The Unemployment Insurance System is intended to provide temporary support to workers when they lose their job through no fault of their own. Our Navigators, some of whom are bilingual (English/Spanish), will be assisting clients in navigating the process of filing for unemployment.

Menomonie - Green Bay - Oshkosh - Wautoma - Milwaukee - Racine

UMOS UI Locations

Contact Us!

Oshkosh UI Office Phone:
920-366-6579
ximena.rubindecelis@umos.org



HELP

Homelessness, Evictions, & Loss Prevention

- *Are you struggling with unstable housing? Struggling to keep up on rent/mortgage payments?
- *Is your housing instability leading to a possible eviction/foreclosure?
- *Have you received a Notice to Vacate by your landlord and are having difficulty finding a new place?
- *Do you need assistance getting connected with local community resources?

If your answer is yes to any of these, please reach out as soon as possible to allow HELP time to brainstorm ways to better assist with your housing needs

Winnebago County Human Services

220 Washington Ave P.O. Box 2187
Oshkosh, WI 54903


Monday-Friday FROM 8 AM - 4:30 PM Walk-In's Welcome
***Appointment preferred**

HELPProgram@winnebagoountywi.gov

HELP On Call Phone

920-509-7629

Winnebago



County



Connect Through Tech Announcement

Funding Secured through 2025

You can expect the same great individual assistance,
and monthly classes to continue.



One on One Tech Appointments

Programs are designed to improve your digital literacy (all levels of expertise are welcome).

Meet with an instructor one-on-one to tackle a technology problem you may be experiencing. Common issues we deal with—passwords, setting up new devices, navigating Facebook or certain apps, saving pictures, exploring features on your devices, texting, talk features and more. Keep in mind it's not always a "one and done" we will work with you until you are a pro! We are even available to help you purchase and upgrade your devices.

Hours Vary—Please call for an appointment.

Cost: R \$2/NR \$2.75 per class

By Appointment Only 920.232.5301

Safe Websites with Information about Technology (including tutorials)

<https://techboomers.com/>

<https://www.aarp.org/technology/how-to-guides/>

Wi-Fi Access (S) Cost: FREE

Bring your own device to access the Oshkosh Seniors Center's WiFi. Find a cozy spot in the Great Room, M-F, 8 am to 4 pm, and enjoy the high-speed internet service. No password is required.

One on One with Sandy Toland (S)

Sandy is from the Oshkosh Public Library and can not only answer questions about the library online services, but any other technology challenges you are experiencing.

Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26

9:15 am, 10:15 am, 11:15 am, 12:15 pm

Cost: R \$2/NR \$2.75 per class

By Appointment Only 920.232.5301



Streaming TV Help



Streaming TV

Connect through Tech will share step-by-step instructions on how to sign up and share what type of Smart TV and Internet Connection is required

FREE



**Tuesday, August 27
10:00 am**

**Oasis Room, Oshkosh
Seniors Center South Bldg.
Must Register 920.232.5300**



WISCONSIN SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



The Wisconsin Senior Employment Program (WSE) provides unemployed adults age 55+ with training opportunities and PAID part time work experience in community service organizations.

EARNINGS DO NOT AFFECT FOODSHARE OR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BENEFITS!

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- 55 + YEARS OF AGE
- UNEMPLOYED AND WANT TO WORK
- LOW INCOME
- RESIDENT OF COUNTIES SERVED



TELL ME MORE

- Train with an employer in your community to learn new skills.
- Earn minimum wage, \$7.25/hour, and train up to 20 hours per week.



WHAT SKILLS CAN I LEARN?

LIBRARY AIDE
RETAIL/CASHER
JANITORIAL
CUSTOMER SERVICE
ADULT/CHILD CARE
CLERICAL/OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
AND MORE...



Serving Green Lake, Fond du Lac & Winnebago Counties

Maureen Bryden
Program Coordinator
mbryden@fvwfb.com
920-229-5557

CALL TODAY!
www.foxvalleywork.org



GET YOUR DREAM LIFE



Take your next steps with us to get the career you want for the *life* you want

Here's what you can get:

-  Tuition for training and school
-  A career that's right for you
-  Help with gas, rent, and other needs
-  Connections to local employers
-  Someone in your corner all the way!

OUR SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES



Support to Communities (STC)
Provides job services to people affected by substance abuse, and helps people prepare for careers to help address this crisis in the country.

QUEST
Addresses the childcare shortage with services to help people run childcare operations. It works with **dislocated workers** or those who were laid off because of the pandemic.

Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI)
Helps those who've **lost work** or otherwise had their work negatively affected because of the pandemic.

Collaboration of Wisconsin (COW)
Supports people training in the **healthcare field** that are committed to provide medical services in rural areas.

Ready to start? **Contact us to learn more:**

920-395-9206
www.fsc-corp.org/WIOA
foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please dial 7-1-1 Wisconsin Relay Service or at 800-947-3529. At no cost, you may request information in an alternate format, including language assistance or translation information to your preferred language by contacting us at (920) 594-3655.



Career EXCErate | Wisconsin

Personalized Job Training and Support Services to Transform Lives
A collaborative program from Goodwill NCW, Fox Valley Technical College and Rawhide Youth Services



Launch a lasting career!

Career EXCErate Wisconsin is a highly personalized training program offered at no cost to individuals who want to find a career pathway but are struggling and would benefit from individualized support.

Career educational certificate options:
Choose from eight certificate programs that range from approximately two months to two semesters.

Educational and Health Services

- Nursing Assistant
- Early Childhood Teacher Aide

Construction

- Woodworking Technician
- Pipe Trades

Manufacturing

- Welding Fundamentals
- Industrial Manufacturing Technician

Truck Driving and Maintenance

- Professional Truck Driving - Class A and B CDLs
- Heavy-Duty Vehicle Maintenance - Diesel Technology Assistant

Get started or refer someone today!


 Complete a short online form at careerEXCEratewi.org

Call: 920-204-7002
Email: careerEXCErateWI@goodwillncw.org



Job Tip Wednesday

Did you know? Series



Assistance available at the Public Library!

Looking for assistance with your resume? Struggling with Interview skills? Have general job searching questions?

Fond du Lac Public Library

- Tuesday 9:30AM to 4PM
- Thursday 1PM to 4PM


920-322-3930
www.fdlpl.org/jobservices


Oshkosh Public Library

- Wednesday 1PM to 4PM

920-236-5205
www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/events

Call or go online to schedule an appointment!

1802 Appleton Rd. Menasha, WI - (920) 997-3272
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Money Matters Program



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



MONEY MATTERS

FREE online program designed to improve financial habits. Gain money management skills and build knowledge to share with family and friends.

INTERESTED IN TAKING THE COURSE?

The online program can be completed in partnership with an Extension educator.



OPTION 1
Online Self Study



OPTION 2:
Online Self Study with
Financial Coaching



OPTION 3
Program Partnership
*Contact County Educator for
requirements of Program Partners*

Scan for more information



or visit your
local Extension Page



Todd Wenzel

Human Development &
Relationships Educator

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todd.wenzel@wisc.edu

winnebago.extension.wisc.edu

MONEY MATTERS CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF 14 MODULES INCLUDING:

- ▶ Your Financial Strengths
- ▶ Explore Credit Scores and Credit Reports
- ▶ When You Can't Pay Your Bills
- ▶ Making a Spending Plan
- ▶ Staying Organized
- ▶ Retirement Planning Basics
- ▶ Health Insurance Options for WI
- ▶ How Health Insurance Works
- ▶ Debt Management and Managing Student Loans
- ▶ Credit Unions, Banks, and Other Financial Institutions
- ▶ Money and Relationships
- ▶ Saving Money
- ▶ What is Credit and How to Build It

Complete all modules, or choose those most important to your needs.

Wisconsin residents can receive a certificate upon completion of program requirements.

Parent Education Summer Schedule



**Parent & Caregiver Support Group
with NAMI Fox Valley**
Second Monday of every month
In-person in Appleton
Mondays July 8 & August 12

Anger & Emotion Management for Parents
Thursday, August 15 | Online

Positive Discipline Parenting
Thursday, August 22 | Online

Managing Meltdowns
Monday, July 29 | In-Person in Appleton

Baby Basics for New & Expectant Dads
Monday, August 26 | In-person in Appleton

Active Parenting: First Five Years
Four-Session Workshop
Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 | Online

**Watch for our next workshop schedule
from September through December!**

Questions? Contact us
workshops@familyservicesnew.org



**Free Onsite Childcare
for Most In-Person
Workshops**

Stay up to date with our workshops & events!

Visit our website & Subscribe to our monthly newsletter
@ www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Follow us @ www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI



Parent Connection is a program of Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.
Fox Cities: 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha WI 54952 | (920) 739-4226
Oshkosh: 36 Broad Street, Suite 150, Oshkosh 54901 | (920) 233-6630
Shawano: 607 E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano, WI 54166 | (715) 853-0923
www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection



2024 Mini Job Fairs



2024 Mini JOB FAIRS

wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

July 15th – Menasha Job Center

August 12th – Waupaca Public Library

September Date *TBD* – Menasha Job Center

October 14th – Menasha Job Center

October Date *TBD* – Fond du Lac – Location *TBD*

November 13th – Oshkosh Public Library

Participating employers are subject to change

Employers Register here:

<https://www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/FVJ6DX>

Select "Classes" tab, then click on the location "Mini Job Fair"

Employer Registration is \$50.00




A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter® network

Save the Date!

Family
Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

FSS
CONNECTION
GROUP

A program coordinating committee
for Winnebago County Housing
Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency
Program.



Family
Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.— 10:30 a.m.

FSS Connection Group Meeting is on Monday, September 9th at 9:00 am. Kay O'Neil, Store Manager of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, and Jeremy Pingel, Director SVDP Neenah, will be giving a presentation on SVDP and what they are doing! Everyone is welcome to attend! **Let's also share agency updates. Link will be coming soon.**

Mark your calendars!

Home Buyer Program Applications

Habitat Oshkosh
has moved the
pre-application
timeline from
spring to summer.

Pre-Applications
Accepted
July 15 - August 30



Habitat for Humanity[®]
of Oshkosh, Inc.

Interested in becoming a Habitat Oshkosh Homeowner? Pre-Applications will be available July 15 - August 30th! In the meantime, check out our Home Buyer page on our website for more information:

<https://www.habitatoshkosh.org/home-buyer-program> .

Starting Point

Starting Point is designed to help women ages 18 and older in the areas of financial planning skills, empowerment, and career planning that will lead to further education and/or a new career. Women will gain the necessary skills to go to college, learn how to network and access available resources, meet other women with similar life experiences, gain confidence and build self-esteem, and learn how to manage finances and relationships. This program is open to mothers and women without children. Women must be a resident of Outagamie, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca, or Winnebago County.

Fall 2024 Dates & Times

Appleton: 9/11/24 to 12/4/24, Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Childcare Provided

Oshkosh: 9/14/24 to 12/4/24, Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Childcare Provided

Virtual: 9/11/24 to 12/4/24, Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, No Childcare

Spring 2025 Dates & Times

Appleton: 2/12/25 to 5/14/25, Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Childcare Provided

Oshkosh: 2/15/25 to 5/14/25, Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Childcare Provided

Virtual: 2/12/25 to 5/14/25, Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, No Childcare

"Starting Point has helped me build skills I didn't have and to sharpen skills I already had."

Women Will Learn

"I felt like I had some control over my life and where it was going."

Time Management

Self-Esteem

Goal Setting

Community Resources

Empowerment Topics

Career Development

Study Skills

Assertiveness

Healthy Relationships



Grants available for moving forward with education without financial stress.



FVTC ID available for free busing on GO Transit.

Starting Point



"Starting Point has helped me plan a way to go back to school and provide for our family."

"This program has helped me learn all the resources within FVTC, to help as I go back to school. It has even given me the help I need in my personal life."

Why would I want to take this workshop?

- Free, no cost educational opportunity
- Support System for you and your child
- Direct access to one on one support with FVTC
- All school fees for admission are waived (\$45 value)
- Give your children a healthy environment to thrive
- Gain support from other parents

"I have really bad anxiety and self-doubt. This program made me feel more comfortable entering a new transition. I wanted to go back to school but did not know where to start or who to ask for help. I feel that now I have a better view on where I want to see my future go."



Contact Information: Kara Nowak | (920) 735-5722 | kara.nowak7593@fvtc.edu
 To find out if you are eligible and have a staff member contact you, fill out this survey: www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint