

# October 2024

# Dream Big!

A Publication of Oshkosh/  
Winnebago County  
Housing Authority's  
**Family Self Sufficiency Program**



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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

**Winnebago County Housing Authority has discontinued using our (920) 424-1470 phone number. Please continue to call us at (920) 424-1450.**

**Happy October Birthday to Jennifer!** I hope your birthday is fabulous and you are finding a little time to take a step towards your goals.



While you are enjoying summer, check out these cool events in the area:

**Career EXCELeRate:** Career EXCELeRate Wisconsin is a training program offered at **no cost** to individuals who want to find a career pathway but are struggling and would benefit from individual support. At the end of the program, you would receive one of **eight certificates** to make yourself more employable and increase your take home pay. Please see page 9 for more information.

**Salvation Army Holiday sign up** is now available. Sign up for Coats and Toy Store online at [www.saoshkosh.org](http://www.saoshkosh.org). **Coats for Kids sign up ends October 24th. Toy Store sign up ends November 29th.** Please see page 4 in this newsletter for more information.

Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy October! Let's continue to strive to meet your goals and strengthen your self sufficiency. And as always, please let me know how I can help you by calling me at 920-424-1450 ext. 133 or emailing me at [kayh@ohawcha.org](mailto:kayh@ohawcha.org).

**Your success is my success.**

Warm Regards,  
Kay Hinton  
FSS Coordinator





## 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](mailto:todd.wenzel@wisc.edu) (920-232-1982)

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# Salvation Army Holiday Sign Up



The Salvation Army - Oshkosh  
Seasonal Assistance Program

Sign - Up Information

**There will be NO In-Person Sign-Up**

Coats For Kids Sign - Up

For Birth - 18 yrs. (school age)

September 9th - October 24th, 2024

To sign - up online go to: [saoshkosh.org](http://saoshkosh.org)

Go to Program & Services Page and  
click on the corresponding link

OR

Scan QR Code with phone camera & follow link



Toy Store (Toys For Tots) Sign - Up

For Birth - 18 yrs. (school age)

September 9th - November

To sign - up online go to: [saoshkosh.org](http://saoshkosh.org)

Go to Program & Services Page and click  
on the corresponding link

OR

Scan QR Code with phone camera & follow link



If no online access, call 920-232-7660 ask for:

Al Rolph, Lisa Winkler or Patty Zastrow

To Register Over The Phone



## The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities 2024 Coats for Kids and Christmas Assistance



### Coats for Kids

November 11-15 | 1 PM - 3 PM  
November 16 | 9 AM - 11 AM

Coats are available for children ages 17 and under.  
No pre-registration required for coats.

The Salvation Army Social Services Center  
130 E North St., Appleton



### Christmas Assistance Registration

Households with children ages 17 and under are eligible for:  
**Adopt a Family**

Online Registration October 14 — 18 or until program is full  
Or

Toy Shop (Toys for Tots)

Online Registration November 12 — December 4



#### TO REGISTER

Use the QR code or go to [www.safocities.org](http://www.safocities.org)  
follow the link under "Christmas Assistance Programs"



ANGEL TREE

To apply in person, call The Salvation Army front desk after November 12, 2024 at  
(920)734-3324 to set up an appointment.

# 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 11/23

## Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, October 19th, 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.




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



## **Spanish with Gonzalo** **Español con Gonzalo**

**Mondays @ 6pm | Lunes @ las 6pm**  
**Room 1319 | Salón 1319**

- Conversation Circle  
Círculo de Conversación
- In-Person Practice  
Práctica en Persona
- Guidance from Native Spanish Speaker  
Orientación de Hablante Nativo de Español



**Starts Oct. 7**  
**Inicia el 7 de Oct.**

UWO, Fox Cities campus  
1478 Midway Rd. Menasha  
[Flores@MenashaLibrary.org](mailto:Flores@MenashaLibrary.org)



# Yard Waste Clean up

## Seeking yard help?

Partners of the Oshkosh Healthy Aging Group are organizing another volunteer event to engage neighborhoods in a day of yard cleanup:

# LEAF

*no one behind*

## YARD WASTE CLEAN UP

Sunday, November 3rd  
Starting at 10 am

Oshkosh residents must pre-register for assistance by Monday, October 28th.

For more information or to fill out an application please visit [wchd.pub/leafnoonebehind2024](http://wchd.pub/leafnoonebehind2024) or scan the QR code:



## TWILIGHT CONFESSIONS

at Historic Riverside Cemetery



Tickets Available Friday, Sep. 13  
for the Tours

October 18, 25, and 31 with a start  
time of 4:30 pm  
\$15.00 per person  
Must purchase tickets in advance online

Join Matilda Spikes for an entertaining stroll through the hallowed grounds of Historic Riverside Cemetery. You will hear creepy, seldom-told stories and secrets from Riverside's colorful past. This walking tour requires 90 minutes of walking and standing on grassy areas with uneven ground. The tour subject matter is not intended for young children.

For more information, please call  
Riverside Cemetery at 920-236-5092



## WISCONSIN SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



The Wisconsin Senior Employment Program (WSE) provides unemployed adults age 55+ with training opportunities and PWD 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](mailto:mbryden@fvwfb.com)  
920-229-5557

**CALL TODAY!**  
[www.foxvalleywork.org](http://www.foxvalleywork.org)



**FORWARD SERVICE CORPORATION**

## 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.

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

**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.

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

920-395-9206  
[www.fsc-corp.org/WIOA](http://www.fsc-corp.org/WIOA)  
[foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org](mailto: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](http://careerEXCEratewi.org)

Call: 920-204-7002  
Email: [careerEXCErateWI@goodwillncw.org](mailto: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

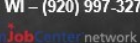
920-322-3930  
[www.fdlpl.org/jobservices](http://www.fdlpl.org/jobservices)


**Oshkosh Public Library**

- Wednesday 1PM to 4PM

920-236-5205  
[www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/events](http://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/events)

Call or go online to schedule an appointment!

1802 Appleton Rd. Menasha, WI - (920) 997-3272  
A proud partner of the  network



# Parent Connection Workshop

## Positive Solutions for Families



**For parents/caregivers of kids from pre-school through elementary age.**

This is an evidence-based workshop offering information, tips & techniques on topics such as:  
Misbehavior and how we contribute, Empower kids to be confident, capable & independent,  
Regain control & let go of guilt, Handle extreme behaviors in a positive way,  
Calm the crazies & fire up the fun, Staying strong through the ages & stages.

*This curriculum is offered in many early learning programs helping parents get their children ready for school, and to help build understanding & communication between families and teachers.*

**Join us In-Person  
in Appleton**

**Free Childcare Available  
Register Online**

**Tuesdays, Oct 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**Plan to attend all 4 dates**  
**6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$15.00**

Community Early Learning Center (CELC)  
313 S. State St., Appleton

**Register On-line:**

Family Services Website:  
[www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes)

Parent Connection Facebook Events:  
[www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI](https://www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI)



**Questions?**

Contact the Workshop Team at:  
[workshops@familyservicesnew.org](mailto:workshops@familyservicesnew.org)



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 54186 | (715) 853-0923  
[www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection)





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## 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

920-232-1982  
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[winnebago.extension.wisc.edu](http://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.



# 2024 Mini Job Fairs



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[wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/](https://wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/)

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – Menasha Job Center**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> – Waupaca Public Library**

**September Date *TBD* – Menasha Job Center**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – Menasha Job Center**

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

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – 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



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**OSHKOSH SENIOR EXPO**  
OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTER  
TUES. OCT 1, 2024 9am-1pm

- A Public Expo for Active Adults, Retirees, Veterans and Caregivers
- 450+ Attendees with 75+ Exhibitors of Senior Products & Services
- Free Admission, Health Screenings, Speakers, and Door Prizes

*Community Partners ...*



For more information: [TimeOfYourLifeExpo.com](http://TimeOfYourLifeExpo.com) | (920) 966-9199




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.



**GetSetUp** Learn and socialize online

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



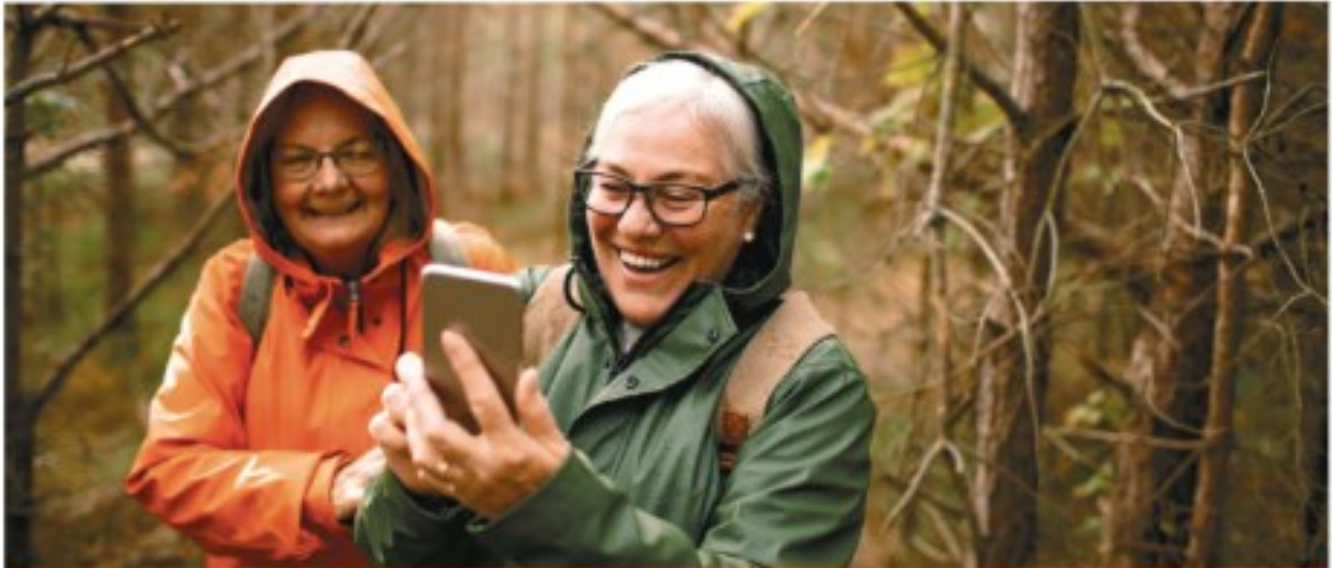
Once on the page, create an account to start booking classes. Book a Connect through Tech session if you need help.



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



# Connect Thru Tech



## Connect Through Tech

### 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, October 7, 14, 21, and 28**  
**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**





Walk with us in Nature to Unplug & Connect  
Every Sunday Evening - 6PM  
Heckrodt Wetland Preserve, 1305 Plank Road, Menasha



Everyone is welcome to beat the Sunday Scaries with an all natural Mood Boost at this inclusive & rejuvenating weekly event. Free of charge. No registration, No sign-in. Bring a friend or come on your own. Come once, come when you can, or come every week. Meet by the large stones outside the Nature Center.

Brought to you by a collaborative partnership of  
Mental Health America of Wisconsin & Heckrodt Wetland Preserve.  
Questions? Email [marybeth@mhawisconsin.org](mailto:marybeth@mhawisconsin.org) or [michael@mhawisconsin.org](mailto:michael@mhawisconsin.org)  
Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MHAofWisconsin>

# FALL FESTIVAL



**BOO AT THE BEAMING RANCH!**

**OCT. 5, 2024  
2-4 PM**

**AT BEAMING RANCH  
2692 COUNTY ROAD GG, NEENAH  
HELD RAIN OR SHINE!**

**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

**HAY WAGON RIDES (WEATHER DEPENDENT)**

**SENSORY WALKING PATH**

**SCAVENGER HUNT**

**PHOTOS WITH THE HORSES  
& MORE!**

**ADMISSION: \$10/FAMILY**



SCAN HERE

EACH  
FAMILY  
GETS A  
FREE  
PUMPKIN!

