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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

Please wish a **Happy April Birthday** to **Marc, Dominique, and Britney**!! I hope your birthdays are fabulous and you are finding a little time to take a step towards your goals. Welcome **Kace and Athena** to the FSS program!

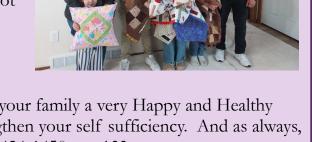
2 FSS Graduations:

Alex graduates from the FSS program with an escrow of \$17,322.91. She joined the FSS program as of 9/1/2019. While on the program, Alex increased her credit score to 744, ran her credit report, tracked her spending, maintained a budget for 3 months, met with a financial advisor, found and maintained employment, met with the ADVOCAP Business Development Program, saved money for a home and paid off small debts. Congrats to Alex! Good luck on finding the home of your dreams!

Hussein graduates from the FSS program with \$2,680. He joined the FSS program as of 4/1/2023. While on the FSS program, he worked part time, increased his credit score to 752, ran his credit report, tracked his spending, met with a financial advisor, applied for Habitat, got a promotion

as team lead, and is attending school. He will graduate 12/2025 with 2 degrees in the IT Network Program. Wow, you are a hard worker! Good luck with your goal of homeownership!

<u>Habitat Homeownership</u>: Congrats to Azhar and her family on homeownership with Habitat! Azhar was a FSS participant and graduated August 2023. They just recently got the keys to their new home! Look at these smiles!



Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy April! 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.

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!

2025 Winter/Spring Online Class Dates & Times

December 2024: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Tue/Thurs

February: 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Wed/Fri

March: 15, 22, 29 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

April: 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Tue/Thurs

May: 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Mon/Fri

June: 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Mon/Wed

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)

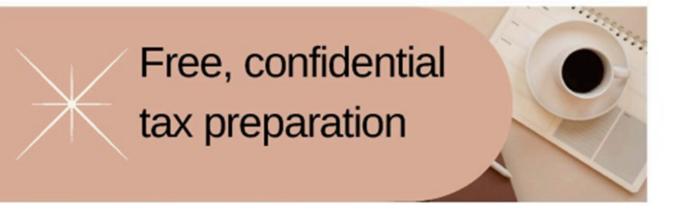
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Income Tax Assistance



Fox Cities AARP Foundation

SERVICE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Service Provided January 31st - April 11th, 2025 (Varies by Location)

Call 920-215-1040 M-F, 8:30-5:00

MENASHA GOODWILL	1800 Appleton Rd, Menasha	8:15-Noon, Monday - Friday
KAUKAUNA LIBRARY*	207 Thilmany Rd, Ste 200, Kaukauna	10:30-2:00 Thursdays
MENASHA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	600 Racine St, Menasha	9:00-2:00 Wednesdays
NEENAH LIBRARY	240 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah	9:15-2:30 Thursdays
LITTLE CHUTE CENTER	625 Grand Ave, Little Chute	8:15-1:00 Fridays
RIDGEVIEW HIGHLANDS (limited appointments)	640 Ridgeview Circle, Appleton	8:15-Noon Mondays

Volunteer appointment schedulers will return your calls as soon as possible

It is very important to obtain the pre-appointment packet, follow instructions, complete the required forms & gather tax documents prior to the appointment

Income Tax Assistance

Forms will need to be completed PRIOR to your appointments

- * Returns at the Kaukauna Library are prepared using the Same Day Drop -off method
- Photo ID <u>and Social Security Card or other proof of Social Security Number is required.</u>
- Social Security <u>Cards</u> are <u>required</u> for any dependent that will be shown on the return.

<u>VITA UWO</u>

(Geared toward working people and those with families)

SERVICE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - Call 920-424-1454 and leave a message with your name & number.

Please only leave ONE message and someone will get back to you.

Appointment line opens mid-January; Appointments scheduled from 2/3/25 - 3/21/25

Oshkosh AARP Foundation

(Geared toward retired people with low to medium income)

SERVICE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - Call 920-385-6756, M-F, 8 am - 12 pm to schedule. Appointments are for DAYTIME only held at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd on Tuesdays and Fridays.

2 step process - Pick up envelope the week BEFORE the appointment & fill out forms at home. (No help available on day of appointment to do that)

Appointment line opens 1/6/25; Appointments scheduled from 1/28/25 - 3/28/25



Community Resources



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.









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.





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

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 1-4 PM

1-4 PM OSHKOSH 112 Otter Ave

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



car seat checks, lead screening, and vaccine Scan or call to schedule

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

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

lated 11/23

UMOS & the Fox Valley Job Centers

Every Tuesday 12pm until 4pm

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

UMOS

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



Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is

Saturday, April 19th, 2025

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.



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 - U 4:30 PM

Walk-In's Welcome
*Appointment
preferred

HELPProgram@winnebagocountywi.gov

HELP On Call Phone 920-509-7629

Winnebago



County

Small changes, Big differences.





Join us for Triple P FEAR-less to help as you raise kids with anxiety

- Learn & practice the Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) FEAR-less strategies available for parents/caregivers of children ages 6 to 14.
- Increase competence in promoting healthy development & managing common behavior problems related to anxiety.

Plan to attend all 6 dates Mondays | 6:00-8:00 pm April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12

- Understanding Anxiety
- Promoting Emotional Resilience
- Setting a Good Example & Encouraging Realistic Thinking
- Overcoming Avoidance
- Responding to Children's Anxiety
- Constructive Problem Solving & Maintaining Gains

Register Online:

www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Contact Us:

workshops@familyservicesnew.org (920) 739-4226 ext. 127



IN-PERSON IN APPLETON



For Parents/Caregivers of Children with Anxiety Ages 6-14

Cost: FREE

Free Onsite Childcare

Limited spots so register soon

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Registration Closes ONE Week before the first session.
- Plan to complete an Online Assessment for your facilitator.
- We will contact you to schedule a phone or video call with your facilitator before the first session.







Positive Parenting Program



Managing Fighting & Aggression Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Virtual Class

Saturday, April 5 | 10:00am-noon

Managing Fighting & Aggression teaches practical parenting strategies that will help you teach the skills children need to get along with others in a positive & supportive way.

Upcoming Virtual Triple P Classes

Saturday April 5 | 10:00am-noon Managing Fighting and Aggression

Saturday April 12 | 10:00am-noon Dealing with Disobedience

Saturday April 19 | 10:00am-noon Hassle-Free Mealtimes with Children

Saturday April 26 | 10:00am-noon Hassle-Free Shopping with Children

Saturday May 10 | 10:00am-noon Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Register Online:

www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/ PPPManageFightingApril2025

For Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-12

Cost: FREE

Free Onsite Childcare

Limited spots so register soon

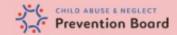
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See All Workshops on Our Website: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes









Job Assistance

WISCONSIN SENIOR **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**



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

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.



Serving Green Lake, Fond du Lac & Winnebago Counties

Maureen Bryden

Program Coordinator mbryden@fvwdb.com

920-229-5557

CALL TODAY!

Job Tip

Tuesday

Did you know?

www.foxvalleywork.org

WHAT SKILLS CAN I LEARN?

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







A collaborative program from Goodwill NCW, Fox Valley Technical College and Rawhide Youth Services



Launch a lasting career!

Career EXCELerate 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.



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!



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



Fox Valley RAWHIDE







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

- ***Appointments are required***

 NEW! Monday 9:30 to NOON

 Tuesday 9:30AM to 4PM
- NEW! Thursday 9:30 to NOON 920-322-3930

Oshkosh Public Library

Wednesday 1PM to 4PM 920-236-5205

Call or go online to schedule an appointment!

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

Fond du Lac Job Fair



Mark Your Calendar! 2025 Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
1:00 - 4:00 PM



- Look for a job; find a better job
- Meet in-person with area companies
- Determine your fit for a company
- Apply immediately for open positions
- Discover apprenticeship opportunities
- Improve your job searching skills

Find your future at the Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair.

Are you ready to re-enter the workforce?

Do you need a new opportunity?

Put your best foot forward at the Job Fair. Contact your local job center to get assistance with:

- Resume Preparation
- Interviewing Tips

- Making a Great First Impression
- · Researching Job Fair Employers

Several ways to get assistance – in person, phone, email, virtual.

Call to schedule an appointment (920) 404.6801 or visit JobCenterofWisconisn.com.

Sponsors Include:





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Connect Through Tech

Building North (N) South (S)



Connect Through Tech is offering drop-in hours for people who need simple answers or help with "quick fix" issues. Time slots are 15 minutes max. If issues cannot be resolved in 15 minutes, a tech appointment can be booked.

<u>Drop-In Hours</u>
Tuesdays, 11 am-12 pm
Thursdays, 11 am-12 pm
or when sign is posted outside tech room 1 & 2

Drop-In is free, but please consider a donation when using the drop-in service.



One-on-one tech sessions are available Monday through Friday with Stephanie and Christie by appointment! Call 920.232.5301 to schedule.

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

Stephanie and Christie welcome all levels of expertise. Meet with an instructor oneon-one to tackle any technology problem you may be experlencing. Common Issues we deal with—passwords, setting up new devices, email issues, voice features, navigating social media, texting, camera questions or more! Keep in mind it's not always a "one and done" appointment but we will work with you until you are a pro!

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

By Appointment Only 920.232.5301

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.

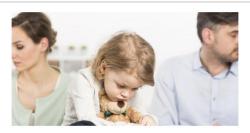
Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 9:15 am, 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 1 pm

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

By Appointment Only 920.232.5301



Parenting and Fun Events!



Anger & Emotion Management for Parents & Caregivers

- · When we learn healthy emotional management for ourselves
- * We are better prepared to teach it to our children
- · Join us to talk about both Ourselves & Our Kids

Two dates to choose from Registration is Required

Tuesday, January 13 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 16 6:00-8:00 pm



Parent Connection is a program of Family Services of Northeast Wisc 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI 54952 36 Broad Street, Suite 150, Oshkosh, WI 54901 607 E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano, WI 54166

IN-PERSON IN APPLETON

For Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-12

Cost: FREE

Free Onsite Childcare

Limited spots so register soon

Register Online:

w.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Contact Us:

workshops@familyservicesnew.org (920) 739-4226 ext. 127





Positive Discipline Parenting



- · Help show up as the parent you want to be
- · Create a home where respect is the norm
- · Practical tips and ideas that are easy to put into practice today

Two dates to choose from Registration is Required

Tuesday, January 28 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 30 6:00-8:00 pm





For Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-12

Cost: FRFF

Free Onsite Childcare

Limited spots so register soon

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Parent & Caregiver Support Group NAMI Fox Valley (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

- · Relaxed, trusting & safe environment
- · Share with & support others who empathize
- · Share strategies & coping skills
- · Discover community resources

Registration Requested Walk-Ins are Welcomed

Join Usl 2nd Monday of Every Month 6:00-7:30 pm

Feb 10 Mar 10 Apr 14 May 12 Jun 9

Community Early Learning Center 313 S. State St, Appleton



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IN-PERSON IN APPLETON

For Parents/Caregivers of school-aged children with behavioral or mental health challenges

Cost: FREE

Free Onsite Childcare

Register Online: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Contact Us: Vivian Flanagan NAMI Fox Valley Program Coordinator

Vivian@namifoxvalley.org (920) 740-3499





program is unique and is designed to allow mothers to relax, learn, connect and engage with other like-minded moms. STRONG MOMS also provides resources for mothers and gives them a chance to engage, ask questions, and discuss topics that they can relate to. With barriers like cost and childcare removed, any mom can participate and enjoy this amazing program.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Register online, or call 920-230-8439.

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA www.oshkoshymca.org

DOWNTOWN 920-236-3380 324 Washington Ave. 20TH AVENUE 920-230-8439 3303 W. 20th Ave.

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FOR ALL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE.



Love working with kids?



Join the

Road to Success Program

to start your career in early childhood education!

Contact Forward Service to determine if you qualify for this FREE early childhood education program through QUEST funding!

- Attend in-person early childhood education classes with Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) from April 15th-July 17th, 2025 at the United Way in Oshkosh
- Program graduates will have the educational qualifications to be a lead teacher or family child care provider in just 14 weeks
- Participants may be eligible for financial support to meet child care or transportation needs during classes





Scan the QR code to learn more about the program!

Road to Success is a collaborative program between Child Care Resource & Referral, Forward Service, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, and the Oshkosh Area United Way





FOR MORE INFORMATION

Forward Service: <u>920-278-9264</u>
or email <u>foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org</u>

Child Care Resource & Referral: <u>920-886-1211</u> or email <u>lize@ccrrfoxvalley.org</u>

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Oshkosh Job Fair



Join us at the
Oshkosh Area Employment Fair
10 am – 1pm, Wednesday, May 7
Sunnyview Expo
500 East County Y, Oshkosh, WI

Companies will be searching for a wide range of talent in a number of industries and occupations. For a list of registered companies after April 15, visit http://www.foxvalleywork.org/jobfair.html. Registration is not required but available at https://tinyurl.com/2025OshJF. Stop by sponsor booths to be entered into a drawing to win debit cards!

Need help to prepare for a job fair? Contact your local job center http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/.





















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Mental Health First Aid Training

Sponsored by NAMI Oshkosh

April 5, 2025 9am-5pm NAMI Oshkosh 525 N. Main Street, Oshkosh

NAMI Oshkosh is sponsoring Mental Health First Aid training. This skills-based course gives people the tools to identify, understand and respond to someone who might be struggling with a mental health or substance use challenge - and connect them with the appropriate support and resources when necessary.

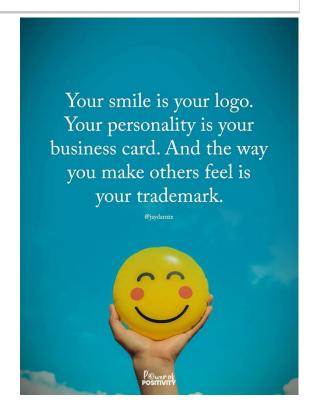
The training will be taught by Anita Kinsley, a certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor. Anita has spent 44 years working in behavioral health, both in service as well as university based education. While Anita loves providing service and administering programs, her passion is teaching and behavioral health advocacy. She recently moved to Oshkosh from Pennsylvania.

Training materials lunch, snacks and beverages are provided by NAMI Oshkosh. Register by email info@namioshkosh.org or call 920-651-1148



FIRST AID







2025 Mini JOB FAIRS

wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

January 27th - Oshkosh Public Library

February 10th - Fond du Lac Public Library

March 10th - Waupaca Public Library

April 14th - Menasha Job Center

May 12th - Chilton Fox Valley Technical College

June 9th - Oshkosh Public Library

June 16th - Menasha Job Center

July 14th - Berlin Public Library

August 11th - Wautoma WWII Memorial Building

September 15th - Menasha Job Center

October 20th - TBD in Fond du Lac

October 27th - Menasha Job Center

November 10th - Oshkosh Public Library

Participating employers are subject to change

Employers Register here:

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

- 1. Select "Events" tab.
- 2. Click "Mini Job Fairs."
- Select date(s) and location(s) you'd like to have Employer/Recruitment table.

Employer Registration is \$50.00





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Family Self Sufficiency Breakfast with the Bunny

