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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

FSS Graduation: Please join me in congratulating Justine and her family on her FSS graduation! Justine is working full-time as a machine operator. She joined the FSS program as of 12/1/2022. While on the program, Justine increased her credit score to 708, ran her credit report, met with Habitat, and maintained employment. Justine speaks Kinyarwanda and is working with Winnebago



Pictured: Katie (WCHA Property manager), Justine, Grace

Area Literacy Council to learn English. Even though she is income eligible for public housing, she has saved \$35,000 for a down payment of a home. She is moving into her 4-bedroom Neenah home on 4/1/24. Justine graduates with \$5,952 in her FSS escrow. Congratulations on achieving the American Dream!

Please wish a **Happy April Birthday to Dominique**, **Britney and Marc!** I hope your birthdays are fabulous and you are finding some time to take a step towards your goals.

While you are waiting for spring, check out these cool events in the area:

<u>2024-2025 Oshkosh Back to School Fair</u> is August 14th & August 15th at Oshkosh North High School. If you are interested in getting school supplies for your kids, see page 10 for more information. Please register by July 22, 2024.

Fond du Lac Job Fair: Looking for a job? Check out the April 18th Fond du Lac Job Fair from 1 pm to 4 pm. See page 4 for more details.

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 920-424-1470 ext. 133 or emailing me at kayh@ohawcha.org.

Your success is my success.

Warm Regards, Kay Hinton FSS Coordinator



2024 Winter/Spring Online Class Dates & Times

February: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Wed/Fri

March: 9, 16, 23 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

April: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Mon/Fri

May: 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Thurs **June:** 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Mon/Wed

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

To register, use this link <u>OR</u> scan this 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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Fond du Lac Job Fair



Mark Your Calendar! 2024 Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 601 Martin Ave, FDL Thursday, April 18, 2024 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Personal connections are a great way to stand out as a job seeker! Use this opportunity as your way to stand out and move your search forward!



- 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:





A proud partner of the American Job Center network

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 for 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.

WISE Program

WISCONSIN SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



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!

www.foxvalleywork.org

The Wisconsin Senior Employment Program (WISE) 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



WHAT SKILLS CAN I LEARN?

LIBRARY AIDE

RETAIL/CASHIER

JANITORIAL

CUSTOMER SERVICE

ADULT /CHILD CARE

CLERICAL/OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

AND MORE...



2023 IRS Tax
Deadline is
Monday, April
15th, 2024!!
VITA and
AARP tax
service
appointments
are full.





Fox Cities Employment Fair

FOX CITIES EMPLOYMENT FAIR

10 AM – 2:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W Lawrence St, Appleton



REGISTER HERE: http://tinyurl.com/FoxCitiesFair2024

Job seekers can expect the companies attending to be searching for a wide range of talent in a number of industries and occupations. For a list of registered companies after May 1, visit http://www.foxvalleywork.org/jobfair.html (check back often as companies will still be registering!). Job seekers do not need to pre-register but if you are interested in doing so, register with the link above. Curious about how to prepare for a job fair or for more information about attending the fair, contact your local job center (for a list of job centers go to http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/).

New for 2024 - visit employers and get lunch on us! More details at registration the day of the job fair!

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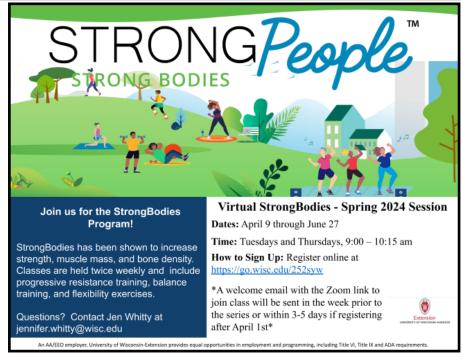






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Job Opportunities



Menasha Mini JOB FAIR

wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/

Monday, April 8, 2024

Menasha Job Center 1802 Appleton Road Menasha, WI 54952

1:00-3:00 p.m.

- Redwood Room -

- PepsiCo
- QPS Employment
- Winnebago County
- FedEx Freight
- Transport Refrigeration
- Waupaca Foundry
- UW Oshkosh

And more!



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2024 Mini **JOB FAIRS**

wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

April 8th - Menasha Job Center

June 10th - Menasha Job Center

*July 9th - Berlin Farmers Market,

Nathan Strong Park (4p - 7p)*

August 12th - Waupaca Public Library

September 9th - Fond du Lac Public Library

October 14th - Menasha Job Center

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"

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Tuesday, April 2nd 9AM-Noon

Join us at the Job Center to meet with recruiters from Express **Employment Professionals!**

- **OPEN INTERVIEWS!**
- Recruiting for multiple positions!
- Find out about compensation and benefits!
- Utilize Job Center computers for any required applications!
 Bring a friend! SEE YOU THERE!

1802 Appleton Rd - Menasha - 920-993-3272



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Alternatives to ACP

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) funds are projected to run out in April 2024. Here are some <u>alternative internet options</u>:

- 1. **Spectrum Internet Assist** is "an affordable, reliable Internet option for low-income households." Limited bandwidth, 50 megabytes of download (Standard is 300), and 10 of upload. Prices are estimated at **\$24.99** if you bring your own Router, or **\$32.99** with a Router provided by Spectrum. To qualify for Spectrum Internet Assist, you must be receiving at least one of the following programs:
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the NSLP
- Supplemental Security Income (for applications age 65+ only)



2. Access from AT&T is "a low cost home internet service available to eligible limited

income AT&T Internet and AT&T Fiber households". Access from AT&T has a standard cost of **\$30.00 per month**, but based on the application you may be approved for a lower price. If you already have ACP, Access from AT&T may be free. To qualify for Access from AT&T, you must be receiving at least one of the following programs*:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Have a household income below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

*All households that qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and apply the benefit to AT&T Internet or AT&T Fiber service are also eligible for Access from AT&T.

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, April 20th, 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.



Community Events



FOOD + FUN

CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH FOOD

















Food often reflects our cultures and ethnicities By sharing food and our culture with one another, we connect as humans and learn more about one another's experiences. Sharing of food provides us greater opportunities to hold space for all to explore and share at the table.

JOIN US every month with a new special guest to learn more about a culture and their traditions, customs, and recipes! Come with an appetite and open mind and leave educated and with a new cultural recipe.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



DIVERSITY + FOOD + COMMUNITY THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

- Downtown Y Teaching Kitchen 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- May 7
 June 4
 July 2 January 9

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL! Stop in any time to sample a dish

Fmail Lindsey McMullin at lindseymcmullin@oshkoshymca.org to find out what is on the menu or to present and share a cultural dish or meal of your own!

d. Sign up at the Front Desk of either location, call 920–236–3380, or register ONLINE!

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA • www.oshkoshymca.org Downtown • 236-3380 • 324 Washington Avenue



State Street Center's Spring Craft Fair

Where: 206 State Street Oshkosh WI

54901

When: Wednesday May 1st 2024

Time: 11am – 2pm

> Members will be selling their homemade crafts & gifts.

Cash Only Please





Family Self Sufficiency Back to School Fair Referrals



Hold Your Horses Teen Camp Family Self Sufficiency

HOLD YOUR HORSES TEEN CAMP



See how spending time with horses can make a huge difference in your life.

HOLD YOUR HORSES TEEN CAMP

Hold Your Horses Camp is a free, 4-day horse experience for young adults ages 12-18 that includes hands-on horse activities such as grooming, walking, saddling and riding horses; learning about horse care; barn activities such as cleaning tack; team building and life skills exercises; and educational sessions with relevant topics to teens today. We also have arts and crafts activities to allow our campers to express themselves visually.

Qualified instructors join BEAMING staff to present relevant sessions, including human service professionals, educators from local schools and youth advocates from local nonprofits.

Two sessions of Hold Your Horses Camp will be held in 2024, June 17-20 and June 24-27. Camp runs from 9am-2pm, and lunches are provided. To sign up, have a parent or guardian contact Katie Samuelson, our Center Director, at 920-851-6160 or incbeaming@gmail.com. Spaces are limited so please sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot!



At BEAMING, we embrace diversity, we promote inclusion and we celebrate those with diverse abilities. Our no-cost Hold Your Horses camps serve teens regardless of socio-economic status, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or ability. The BEAMING Barn is a safe, nonjudgmental community gathering space where all are welcome.

2692 County Road GG, Neenah, WI 54956 920-851-6160 / incbeaming@gmail.com beaminginc.org *Visits by appt only please









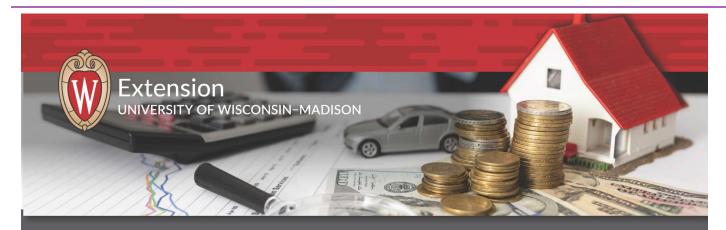








Money Matters



MONEY MATTERS



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**

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.

Todd Wenzel

Human Development & Relationships Educator

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FSET Orientation

NEW TIMES

Starting Monday April 1st 2024

Foodshare Employment and Training Program

Attend either of our weekly orientations to get started:

Tuesday

1:15 PM or

2:30 PM

Thursday

10:15 AM or

1:15 PM

CONTACT US

to learn more today!



2201 Oregon Street Oshkosh WI 54902



920-292-1330



jeiting@fsc-corp.org





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THURSDAY

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1:00 PM

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1050 Midway Rd Menasha WI 54952



920-886-7118 jeiting@fsc-corp.org







Parent Resource Fair



35th Annual

Parent Resource Fair

"Empowering Your Parent Journey"

FREE event for parents and parents-to-be, including information and resources from community partners. Join us for all of this event or any part you can. Pre-register to use **FREE** drop-in childcare and request transportation assistance.

May 3-4, 2024, Noon to 3:00 pm

Visit with representatives from community agencies and listen to guest speakers on topics JUST FOR YOU, including:

Parenting, Child Safety & Development, Family Legal Information, Community Assistance, Education & Employment, Advancement, and So Much More!

> ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE. **GRAB A BITE TO EAT - OUR TREAT!**

Registration Preferred, Walk-Ins Welcome

Register Online:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentResourceFair2024

Location: Fox Valley Technical College 1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton Use North Parking Lot, Entrance 16

Contact For Questions: (920) 739-4226 ext. 127 or workshops@familyservicesnew.org



Thank You Sponsors!













Positive Discipline Parenting



This course will talk about discipline as structure, routine, communication & being our children's role models. Build up your children's positive behaviors & sense of self-esteem. We will talk about how we can start Positive Discipline Parenting in our homes today.

Free Childcare Available for In-Person Sessions

Registration Required

Choose One Session from these Three Options:

Online

Thurs, Feb 29 | 12:00-2:00 pm

In-Person in Appleton Tue, March 26 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Thurs, May 30 | 12:00-2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person per session



Register Online:

Family Services Website: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Parent Connection Facebook Events: www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI

Questions?

Contact the Workshop Team at: workshops@familyservicesnew.org 920-739-4226 ext. 127



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Anger & Emotional Management for Parents



Our children bring us incredible joy. Yet there are times we find ourselves crabby, frustrated or angry with the people we love. Learn how to manage anger to improve your relationships. Learn the five stages of anger & the top ten anger producers. Get to know your own anger, anger style & how to manage it to create a more harmonious home.

Free Childcare Available

Registration Required

Choose One Session from these Three Options:

Online

Thurs, Feb 22 | 12:00-2:00 pm

In-Person in Appleton Tue, March 19 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Online

Thurs, May 23 | 12:00-2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person per session



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Parent & Caregiver Support Group



be kind



NAMI Fox Valley (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in collaboration with Parent Connection

Monthly Parent & Caregiver Support Group for parents and caregivers of school-aged children

with behavioral or mental health challenges

Our Parent & Caregiver Support Group provides participants with a relaxed, trusting and safe environment to share with and support others who can empathize with their experiences. Participants share strategies and coping skills, discover community resources and experience the benefits of mutual compassion

Join us the 2nd Monday of Every Month

In-Person - Appleton

Free Childcare Available Registration Highly Recommended Walk-Ins are Welcomed

6:00-7:30 pm | Cost: FREE Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13

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

For questions about this group

Contact Vivian Flanagan NAMI Fox Valley Family Program Coordinator vivian@namifoxvallev.org or (920) 740-3499

Register On-line: Family Services Website:

www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes Parent Connection Facebook Events:





Parent Connection Fox Cities: 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha WI 54952 | (920) 739-4226

NAMI Fox Valley: 211 E Franklin St, Appleton, WI 54911 | (920) 954-1550



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



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



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



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@winnebagocountywi.gov WWW.WINNEBAGOPUBLICHEALTH.ORG

Fox Cities Kidz Expo 2024



Fox Cities Kidz Expo 2024 Saturday, April 20th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fox Cities Exhibition Center

Downtown Appleton

www.FoxCitiesKidzExpo.com

A FREE family event filled with fun, education & adventure

Exhibitors - Activities - Drawings - Giveaways - Presentations

Fun

Interactive activities & entertainment for children and parents. Activities include face painting, photos with favorite costumed characters, crafts, hands on exhibits, selfie stations, and on-going entertainment throughout the day!

Education

Exhibitors will present engaging, interactive displays and activities, making it fun for families to participate.

Adventure

Interactive games, science projects, dinosaur experience, nature adventures and more!

Theme:

" Rock Around the World"

With "Rock Around the World", we want to create a welcoming environment that provides a combination of recreation and education while promoting family bonding and togetherness. Our vision is that "Rock Around the World" will provide us the opportunity to promote other local businesses and family resources and give back to the community.



Our Presenting Sponsor



