

# Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County Newsletter



## What does an Administrative Associate do in the ADRC?

The ADRC of Winnebago County and the Children's Voluntary Services Program (Family Support Team) are blessed to share two administrative associates: Dawn Gillett and Robin Schwartz. Robin primarily works with the ADRC while Dawn primarily works with the Children's Voluntary Services Program. This is a program that works with families who have a child with a disability.

Robin has been employed with Winnebago County for 12 years. She has worked in the ADRC for 11 years. Dawn has worked for Winnebago County since 2017.

Robin and Dawn are the first point of contact when someone calls or walks into the ADRC. They effectively communicate and interview the customer in order to route them to the appropriate worker. Robin and Dawn excel in customer service and are compassionate and kind when triaging the many calls that come to the ADRC every day.

Robin assists our 14 ADRC staff with a variety of tasks. One important one being that she processes paperwork for the State's long-term care programs – Family Care and IRIS. She facilitates communication regarding enrollment and disenrollment dates with the organizations that operate those programs. She also assists our Adult Protection team with paperwork related to Annual Protective Placement Reviews.

Dawn assist workers in the Children's Voluntary Services Program in gathering intake information from parents, obtaining medical records, and supports the 10 Service Coordinators on that team.

Robin and Dawn are certainly the glue that holds our Long-Term Support Division together. Thank you both for your outstanding work to our team as well as the customers and families we work with.

## MEET OUR STAFF



Hi! I'm Dawn Gillett. I have worked for Winnebago County since 2017 as an Administrative

Associate for the ADRC and Children's Voluntary Services Program. I was born in Oshkosh, but have also lived in Pickett and Ripon. I have 2 sons – 29 and one that will be 27, a great daughter-in-law, a handsome grandson - Milo (Golden Retriever), and my beautiful cat - Violet. In my free time I love to read murder mystery books, watch movies, scrapbook, take naps and spend time in Door County. I do work for Children's Voluntary Services and back-up the ADRC. My job is to take referrals from families who are requesting services for their children, and assist the social workers with their paperwork and taking calls for the ADRC and backing up their department when needed. I enjoy working with the families and getting them to the right workers to assist them with their needs. I love my job and working with a great team of people who are fun and always willing to help.

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# Dublin Coddle Recipe

## Ingredients:


- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 medium onions (thinly sliced)
- 4-ounce piece salty back bacon (weigh after the rind removed)
- 6 traditional pork sausages
- 2 carrots (peeled and finely sliced)
- 8 ounces white potatoes (finely sliced)
- Salt (to taste)
- Freshly ground pepper (to taste)
- 2 cups rich beef stock (or chicken stock)

## Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 F
2. In a large frying pan or skillet, heat the oil. Add the onions and cook over a medium heat for about 4 minutes.
3. Cut the bacon piece into 1/2-inch cubes. Add the bacon to the onions and stir well.
4. Cut the sausages in half and add these to the onion and bacon
5. Raise the heat and, constantly stirring, cook until the sausages start to brown. Take care not to burn the onions.
6. In a heat proof casserole, place a layer of the onion, bacon, and sausage mixture followed by the layer of sliced carrots and then a layer of potato. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Repeat the layering until used up, finishing with a layer of potato.
8. Carefully pour over the stock
9. Cover with a lid or a double layer of aluminum foil
10. Place in the center of the oven and cook for 45 minutes. Take a peek to make sure the coddle isn't drying out. (If necessary, top up with a little boiling water but don't flood the stew).
11. Lower the heat to 350 and cook for a further 30 minutes, until bubbling and the potatoes are thoroughly cooked.
12. Remove from the oven and rest for 10 minutes before serving.
13. Serve with hefty slices of Irish soda bread and butter to soak up all the lovely juices in the dish, as is the Irish way, and enjoy!



## Upcoming March Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Public Meeting: Winnebago County Human Services Board Meeting at 3pm	2 Virtual Memory Café 11am-12pm  Public Meeting: Oshkosh Committee on Aging at 8am	3	4	5 Virtual Memory Café 1:30pm-2:30pm	6
7	8 Public Meeting: ADRC Committee Meeting at 3pm	9 Virtual Memory Café 11am-12pm	10	11	12 Virtual Memory Café 1:30pm-2:30pm  Public Meeting: Menasha Committee on Aging at 1pm	13 Oshkosh Farmers Market Menominee Nation Arena 8am-12:30pm
14	15	16 Virtual Memory Café 11am-12pm	17 	18 Public Meeting: Neenah Committee on Aging at 9:15am	19 Virtual Memory Café 1:30pm-2:30pm	20 Oshkosh Farmers Market Menominee Nation Arena 8am-12:30pm
21	22	23 Virtual Memory Café 11am-12pm	24	25	26 Virtual Memory Café 1:30pm-2:30pm	27
28	29 Virtual Memory Café 1pm-2pm	30 Virtual Memory Café 11am-12pm	31 <b>Deadline for the Medicare General Enrollment Period!</b>			



### Contact Information:

- Winnebago County Human Services Board Meeting: [PBartelt@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:PBartelt@co.winnebago.wi.us)
- ADRC Committee Meeting: [ADRC@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:ADRC@co.winnebago.wi.us)
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- Menasha Committee on Aging: [msackett@ci.menasha.wi.us](mailto:msackett@ci.menasha.wi.us)
- Oshkosh Committee on Aging: [judy.richey@aol.com](mailto:judy.richey@aol.com)
- To get Zoom information for other events: [ARichetti@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:ARichetti@co.winnebago.wi.us) or (920) 236-1227



**March 31<sup>st</sup>** is deadline for the Medicare General Enrollment Period for people who need to enroll in Medicare Part A or B. This is also the deadline for the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period for people in Medicare Advantage plans who want to change their coverage. If you have questions on this, please call the ADRC and speak with one of our Benefit Specialists for free assistance.

## Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA)

- Offers both rent and utility assistance. WERA will be providing utility assistance for renters, including paying on arrearages.
- Effective Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Contact: Advocap at (920) 426-0150.
- Individual has to have applied for Energy Assistance (EA) first before WERA could help. They do not have to be eligible, but have to have applied and denied. This is because Advocap will use the same computer system when determining WERA assistance. The number to apply for EA is #1-800-506-5596 or [www.energybenefit.wi.gov](http://www.energybenefit.wi.gov).
- This is similar to WRAP (Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program) that was in place in 2020.
- While WERA will use the same one-month test period for income eligibility as WHEAP, WERA applicants will be asked to provide income documentation for the prior two-month period.
- WERA is able to serve ineligible non-citizens who are not eligible for WHEAP benefits.

Our ADRC is still operating! We are available for appointments via: phone conference, Zoom call, and home visits if necessary. If you feel you need to see someone in person, it is best to call ahead versus just walking into our agency at this point yet during the pandemic. We are excited to see you all soon!



## Need health insurance? We can help!

Mark your calendars!  
2nd chance to sign up for Marketplace



Coverage starts the 1st of the month after you enroll in a plan

Call Mary at Winnebago County Human Services  
at **920-236-4669** for free assistance

Medicaid / BadgerCare+?

You can apply anytime by calling 1-888-256-4563



# COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Per the Winnebago County Public Health Department, they recommend that individuals find vaccine information by:

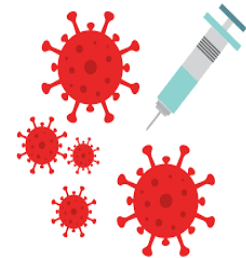
- Visiting the Department of Health Services website:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm>



- Sign up for weekly updates from the Department of Health Services and daily COVID-19 updates from the Winnebago County Health Department. You can find the sign-ups for these off the Winnebago County Public Health Website: <https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/health> and click "COVID-19 Vaccine Updates".

## Local Vaccine Clinic Information:

- **Sunnyview Expo Center Vaccine Clinic, Oshkosh**
  - NOT open right now for first doses of the vaccine.
  - They are working on getting the first batch of people their second vaccine.
  - For more information on future clinics, you can call the Winnebago County Public Health COVID-19 hotline at 920-232-3026 or visit <https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/health/>.
- **Fox Cities COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, Appleton**
  - Appleton Exhibition Center
  - Register at: <https://foxcitiescovidvaccine.com/>
- **Culver Family Welcome Center, Oshkosh**
  - UW Oshkosh
  - Register online at <https://uwosh.edu/titans-return/vaccination/> or call (920) 424-2019 if you are not able to use a computer.
  - The registration form will open around 3pm each Friday and close when capacity has been reached.
- **Prevea, Green Bay**
  - Register online at <https://www.prevea.com/For-Patients/COVID-19-Vaccine-Resources> or call (888) 277-3832.
  - Will vaccinate even if you are not patient of Prevea.
- **Contact your local Walgreens** or visit <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>
- **Omro Pharmacy** at (920) 685-5041
- **Contact your local Pick 'n Save** or visit <https://www.picknsave.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated>
- **Visit the websites for your health care system:**
  - Aurora - <https://www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019/covid19-vaccine/>
  - Ascension - <https://healthcare.ascension.org/COVID-19/Covid-Vaccine>
  - Thedacare - <https://thedacarecovid19.org/vaccinations/>



### Vaccine Distribution in Winnebago County

33,580 doses administered as of 2/22/21 at 8:30am  
(Includes 9,156 second doses)

Current Distribution: Phase 1A, Fire and Police Personnel,  
Correctional Staff & Adults Aged 65 and Older

53.7% of Winnebago County residents aged 65-74 have  
received at least one dose

65.5% of Winnebago County residents aged 75+ have  
received at least one dose

### Scam Alert:

The Better Business Bureau warned U.S. citizens against sharing any pictures of their CDC vaccination card as it has personal information. Additionally, scammers could use the pictures to create and sell fake cards as has occurred in the U.K.

## Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic

Several Winnebago County Human Service staff worked at the vaccination site at the Sunnyview Expo Center in February. The ADRC was excited to help! Staff were assisting the public, prepping supplies, and on sanitation duty. Thank you to the Winnebago County Health Dept and the National Guard for a well-organized clinic.



ADRC Admin Staff, Dawn Gillett (L)  
Adult Protective Service Worker, Shelley Swanson (R)

Information & Assistance Specialist, Melissa Sell



Elder Benefit Specialist, Joan Jaworski (L)  
Adult Protective Service Worker, Linda Carder (R)

Family Support Team Service Coordinator, Claudia Lennop (L)  
Information & Assistance Specialist, Beth Biesinger (R)



# FREE TAX HELP!

**AARP:** AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) assists with free, simple tax preparation every year. If you have a complex tax situation, they may ask you to seek aid from an accountant or tax preparer. Per the AARP website: "AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and remote tax assistance free of charge to anyone, with a special focus on taxpayers who are 50 or older or who have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are located nationwide, and are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code."

## Neenah/Menasha area

- AARP is not coming to the Neenah Library this year, but will be helping with tax prep at other locations
- Call (920) 215-1040 to make an appointment
- Leave a message and someone will call back to schedule the appointment

## Oshkosh area

- Appointment times are full.

**VITA:** VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) helps with free, simple tax preparation every year. If you have a complex tax situation, they may ask you to seek aid from an accountant or tax preparer. This is available for low-moderate income individuals; the maximum income level is \$56,000/ year.

- 100% Virtual Option
  - You need internet connection, an email address and images of your documents
  - Go to website [www.filetaxes4free.org](http://www.filetaxes4free.org)
- Valet Option
  - Meet with an intake specialist and their volunteers prepare your return
  - Pick up return when ready (5-7 business days)
- Do-It-Yourself Option
  - Online service if you confidently feel you can do on your own

## Neenah/Menasha area

- Menasha GoodWill
- Call (920) 968-6044 to make an appointment

## Oshkosh area

- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- Call (920) 424-3486 to make an appointment



# St Patricks Day

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- RAINBOW
- IRISH
- LEPRECHAUN
- MARCH
- SHAMROCK
- LUCKY



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## Did you know?

**St. Patrick's Day** observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green!



In partnership with the City of Oshkosh, the ADRC of Winnebago County in the Long-Term Support Division has worked to install safety beacons. Flashing lights have been installed at the Washburn and 9th Street roundabout in Oshkosh to allow pedestrians to cross safely. In recognition of their collaborative efforts, the ADRC will be awarded with the Community Partner Award by the City of Oshkosh. The award will be presented as part of the "State of the City" event scheduled virtually for March 22.

AARP Wisconsin is to announce that the City of Oshkosh & Surrounding Areas have been officially accepted as the seventh Wisconsin member of the "AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities". The Age Friendly Network is an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program, an international effort launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization. The program has participating communities in more than 20 nations. An age-friendly community is livable for people of all ages. WINNEBAGO COUNTY RESIDENTS: To have your voices heard, please look for the AARP survey set to launch in March of 2021.