



# February 2018

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Valentine's  
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Dear FSS participants,

Happy Valentine's Month!

People return to restaurants, grocery stores, gyms and even churches because that establishment fills a particular need for them. Do they welcome you at the door with a smile? Do they take the time to make you feel important? Valentine's Day reminds us to reaffirm not only our level of commitment to that special someone in our personal lives, but also to others in our life. What can we do to make others feel appreciated?

Write the card. Hallmark and other card companies know that cards still work. Cards take a little effort, and that personal touch of writing your personal sentiment is still meaningful. In the age of electronic communications, cards are more appreciated now than ever. You may never know what that card will mean. Did you just make a lifelong friend? Did you just make a connection for that career you have always wanted?

This February, let's celebrate and appreciate those in our lives!

**Need help with your taxes?** Please call the Oshkosh United Way to get your taxes done free! (920) 651-3060.

**Need school supplies for next year?** See page 14 in this newsletter.

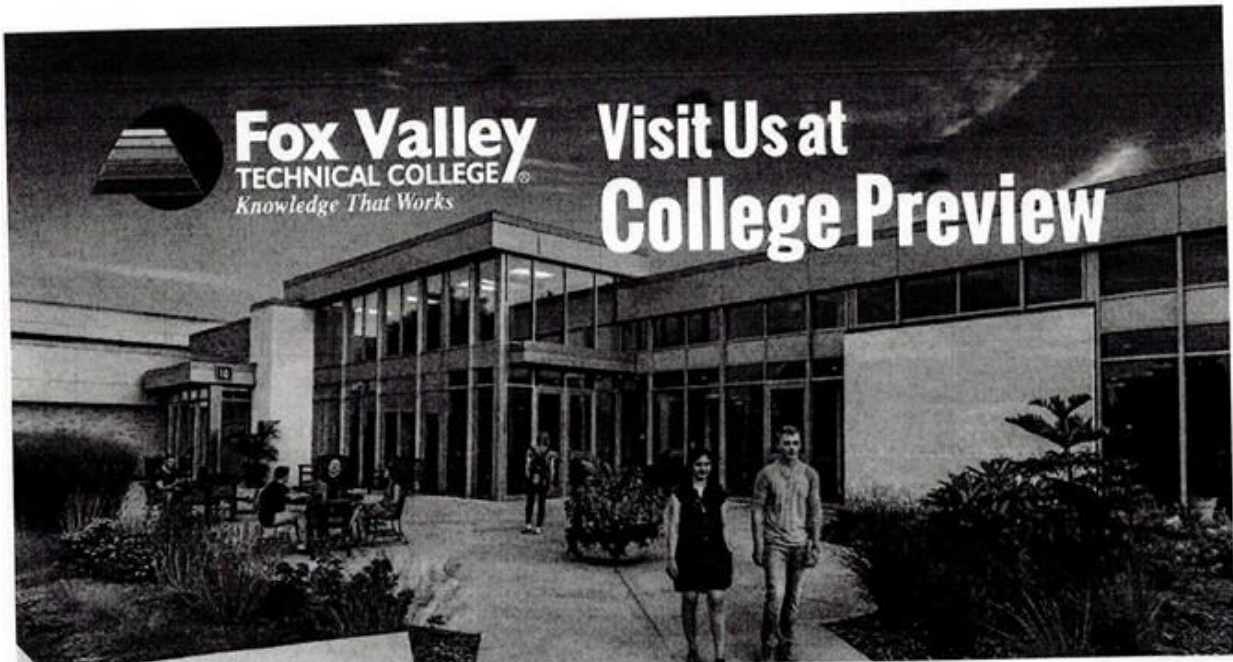
And as always, please check out the rest of this newsletter with community events, employment workshops, job openings, and so much more! If you have any questions or just want to talk, please call me at 920-424-1470 ext 133.

**Wishing you a 2018 filled with Love!**

Kay Hinton  
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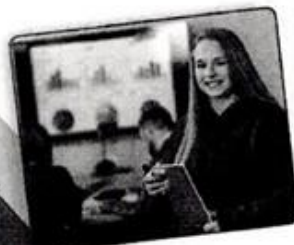
# Visit Us at College Preview

For more information, visit  
[www.fvtc.edu/CollegePreview](http://www.fvtc.edu/CollegePreview),  
call 920-735-4740 or email  
[AdmissionsSpecialist@fvtc.edu](mailto:AdmissionsSpecialist@fvtc.edu).

## Real Skills for Real Jobs Tuesday, February 6 • 3-6 p.m.

FVTC Appleton Campus, 1825 N. Bluemound Drive, Use Entrance 10

- Explore your options for careers that are in-demand
- Tour the campus — get a first-hand look at high-tech labs & classrooms
- Talk with students & faculty
- Learn about dual credit, financial aid & scholarships
- Free info session: How to Pay for College — 4:30-5 p.m.
- Visit Tech Village (student housing complex)
- Apply for admission (\$30 application fee)  
*(high school seniors and older are eligible to apply)*




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FEBRUARY 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Do you get nervous at <b>JOB INTERVIEWS?</b> Let us help you <i>improve</i> your performance! Schedule a Mock Interview: 920-232-6273</p>	<p><b>DID YOU KNOW?</b> The Oshkosh Job Center staff can help you revamp the content and format of your résumé! Call us to schedule a <b>Résumé Review:</b> 920-232-6273</p>		1	2 
5	6 Navigating the Internet Workshop 10:00 - 11:00AM	7 Reemployment Services Workshop 9am – 12pm	8	9
12	13 COMPUTER BASICS 1 WORKSHOP 2:00PM	14 Reemployment Services Workshop 9am – 12pm <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>	15	16
19 <i>President's Day</i>	20 COMPUTER BASICS 2 WORKSHOP 2:00PM	21 Reemployment Services Workshop 9am – 12pm	22	23
26	27 Interview Skills Workshop 10:00 - 11:30AM	28 Reemployment Services Workshop 9am – 12pm		

## Call us today and ask about YouthBuild Oshkosh!!!

We can pay you to get your GED, get on the job work experience, and provide you many skills and trainings to help you meet your goals and needs!

### LET US HELP YOU GET TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE IN LIFE!

For more information about the program, please contact Natalie at YouthBuild Oshkosh.  
ADVOCAP, Inc.  
2929 Harrison St., Oshkosh, WI  
920-426-0150  
*We invest in People!*



## Rent Smart 2018 Provided by UW Extension Winnebago County

Rent Smart provides practical education to help people looking for rental housing to find, get and keep suitable housing. Rent Smart workshops are FREE.

Completion of the course provides you with a certificate to show your commitment to being a good tenant.

Each workshop consists of **two** sessions. Participants must attend **both** sessions to receive the certificate of completion.

Registration is required. Call 920-232-1973 to register.

### February 20 & 27

9:00 - 11:30 am

Menasha Public Library (*Activity Room*)

440 1st St.

Menasha, WI 54952

### March 6 & 8

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Father Carr's Place to B (*Mother Teresa Center*)

1062 N. Koeller St.

Oshkosh, WI 54902

### July 5 & 12

9:00 - 11:30 am

J.P. Coughlin Center (*Room B*)

625 E. County Rd. Y

Oshkosh, WI 54901

### September 17 & 19

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Father Carr's Place to B (*Mother Teresa Center*)

### November 7 & 9

9:00 - 11:30 am

Oshkosh Public Library (*Conference Room and Room B*)

106 Washington Ave.

Oshkosh, WI 54901

#### Topics Covered:

1. How Much Will it Cost? And Can I Afford it?
2. Checking out the Rental Property and the Landlord.

1. Application Process
2. Who's Responsible for Maintenance, Repairs, and Care?

1. Communications.

Rental Agreements-Moving In, Moving On.

*Winnebago County James P. Coughlin Center*

*625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600*

*Oshkosh, WI 54901*

*711 for Wisconsin Relay (TDD)*

<http://winnebago.uwex.edu>

*Mandi Dornfeld*

*Family Living Educator*



**FOX CITIES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER** 920-997-3272  
1802 APPLETON RD., MENASHA, WI 54952

Calendar is subject to change. Please register for workshops in advance.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>2018</b>	<u><b>CENTER HOURS</b></u> MON., WED., THURS. & FRI. 8:00-4:30 PM TUESDAY 8:00-6:00 PM		1 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	2  Happy Groundhog Day
5 Career Exploration Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	6	7 	8 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	9
12	13	14 Resume, Cover Letter & Job Searching Workshop 9:00-11:00 AM  Interviewing: Sell Yourself Workshop 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	15 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	16 Opening Doors Workshop 2:00-3:30 PM
19 Build Your Resource Toolbox Workshop 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM  <i>President's Day</i>	20	21 LinkedIn/Social Media for Job Seekers Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	22 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	23 ***NEW WORKSHOP*** Team Work – Soft Skills 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
26 Researching A Company Before Your Next Interview Workshop 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	27 Over 50 & Job Searching Workshop 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	28 There, Their or They're – Which One Do I Use On My Resume? Workshop 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<u><b>FOLLOW THE CENTER</b></u> <a href="https://twitter.com/fvwda">twitter.com/fvwda</a>  <a href="https://facebook.com/fcwda">facebook.com/fcwda</a>  <a href="http://www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com">www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com</a>	

## Joy Conference

February 3, 8 am - 3 pm

Fox Valley Lutheran High School

5300 N Meade St, Appleton

"A Legacy of Joy" is what the 500+ attendees at the 43rd annual Joy Conference will be celebrating. This year's conference will feature three nationally known speakers: Brenda Elsagher, Matt Booth and Renee Rongen. Rejuvenate and renew your belief in yourself, your value system and all that you value in your life plan. The cost for this one day event is \$35 , cost includes lunch.

Register for the Joy Conference at [www.outagamie.uwex.edu/joy2018](http://www.outagamie.uwex.edu/joy2018).





## Business & Manufacturing Job Fair

Tuesday, Feb. 20

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Appleton FVTC Campus

Rooms A170 ABC & C190 ABC (use Entrance 16)

Search for full-time, part-time, and internship positions with area manufacturing companies and network with employers from the region.

Free to attend

Professional dress suggested

Open to all business & manufacturing professionals in the community

Bring resumes to share with employers



## Part-Time Job Fair

Tuesday, February 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Appleton FVTC Campus

Commons

Looking for a job while you're in school? Meet with area employers to discuss paid part-time and seasonal job opportunities.

- Part-time jobs for students from any program
- Flexible hours
- Can be performed by students pursuing any degree
- No pre-registration necessary for students



## Family Learning Day

February 17, 8 am - 12:15 pm

Fox Valley Technical College– Appleton

Fly tying, cake decorating, photography, sewing, scale models...

4-H and other community youth, parents and 4-H leaders are invited to attend Family Learning Day at Fox Valley Technical College. Learn a new skill or gain fresh ideas. It will be a fun, informative day. Parents are encouraged to spend the day with their child and to help them find their sessions. Cost is listed in each session description.



## Explore Starting a Business

Thursday, Feb. 22

5:30-8:30 p.m.

FVTC Oshkosh Riverside Campus

150 N. Campbell Road, **Oshkosh**

The complimentary Explore Starting a Business session provides an inside look at what it takes to launch a small business. Whether you want to own a part-time, home-based, micro, small or an entrepreneurial business, this session provides you with the information to get started.

Learn about resources available and why a business plan is essential to your success. You will also get a chance to meet people like you during the networking break. You will leave this energizing, uplifting workshop knowing how the FVTC Venture Center can help you





## Unsure of Your Career Path?

Attend a **FREE Career Development Workshop** and create a plan to achieve your career goals!

Assess your skills, values, and interests, and learn how they relate to different career paths. Explore occupations, job outlook information, and educational programs. Each workshop is scheduled for a total of six hours. Individual appointments with a career counselor are included as part of each workshop.

See upcoming workshop dates below!

Class #	Campus	Workshop Dates	Time	Room
34826	Appleton	Friday, January 5th & 12th	9:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.	G223
34827	Appleton	Wednesday, January 31st & February 7th & 14th	9:00—11:00 a.m.	B124
34829	Appleton	Monday, February 12th & 19th & March 5th	4:00—6:00 p.m.	A105B
34872	Appleton	Thursday, March 1st & 8th	11:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.	B124

To register for a workshop, call Enrollment Services at 920-735-5645.







# Employment Seminar

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

8:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m.

**FVTC-Appleton Campus, 1825 N Bluemound Drive  
Room A170—Use Entrance 16**

## Sessions: (Attend any or all)

- Expectations of the Hiring Manager
- Resume & Cover Letter Development
- Interviewing for Success
- Employer Panel / Question & Answer Session
- LinkedIn

## About the Presenters:

**Sarah Rivet** has worked in a variety of management, training, sales and human resource positions for the last 10 years before joining Fox Valley Technical College as an Employment Advisor in November 2011. She completed her Masters of Science in Educational Leadership, at UW-Oshkosh, focusing on post-secondary, adult and technical education.

**Amy Hodson's** career in Human Resources has concentrated in fair employment practices, federal contract compliance, employee relations, and recruitment and staffing. She has 11 years of experience with global manufacturing organizations, Goodyear and International Paper, as well as Detroit-based law firm Dickinson Wright. She is a certified behavioral interviewer and trainer and has managed large-scale multi-phase hourly and salaried hiring processes. Amy earned her BA in History from Hope College and her JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Agenda on Back



*Attend Any or All Sessions • No Pre-registration Necessary • Open to the Community*



Appleton Campus, Room E135  
920-735-JOBS (5627)  
www.fvtc.edu/StudentJobs



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## The Power of Money Workshop

Discover proven ways to:

- Build a budget that works
- Spend less & save more
- Reduce debt
- Prepare for unexpected expenses
- Have financial peace of mind

Signing up is easy. Just call (920) 886-1000 or register online [www.fisc-cccs.org/workshops](http://www.fisc-cccs.org/workshops)  
 No Workshop Fee!

Thanks to a grant from The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America®, there is no cost to attend this workshop in 2018. Class size is limited. Register in advance.

This is a three-week series. Each class begins on a Tuesday at 6 p.m. and ends by 8:15 p.m.

January 9, 16 & 23	May 8, 15 & 22	September 11, 18 & 25
February 6, 13 & 20	June 5, 12 & 19	October 9, 16 & 23
March 6, 13 & 20	July 10, 17 & 24	November 6, 13 & 20
April 3, 10 & 17	August 7, 14 & 21	December 4, 11 & 18

Where we Meet: Goodwill Community Campus, 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha Entrance #2



## UWO 3rd Annual Free School

March 10, 2018

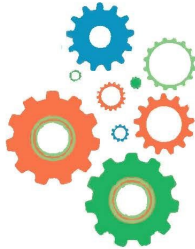
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UWO Free School, taking place March 10th, 2018, is a day of FREE learning for all people of all ages! Classes begin at 9am (registration at 8:30); they last an hour each and will go until 1pm. Topics include sustainability, health, social justice, and community building and are taught by volunteers in our community! Classes include from: Disability Awareness (roll around campus in a wheelchair!) to Greening Your Kitchen. There will be a "free room" for spontaneous classes (so bring your inspiration if you want to teach something!). Kids' workshops will be available too! And free coffee and snacks.

# Young Women’s Initiative: Starting Point 2.0

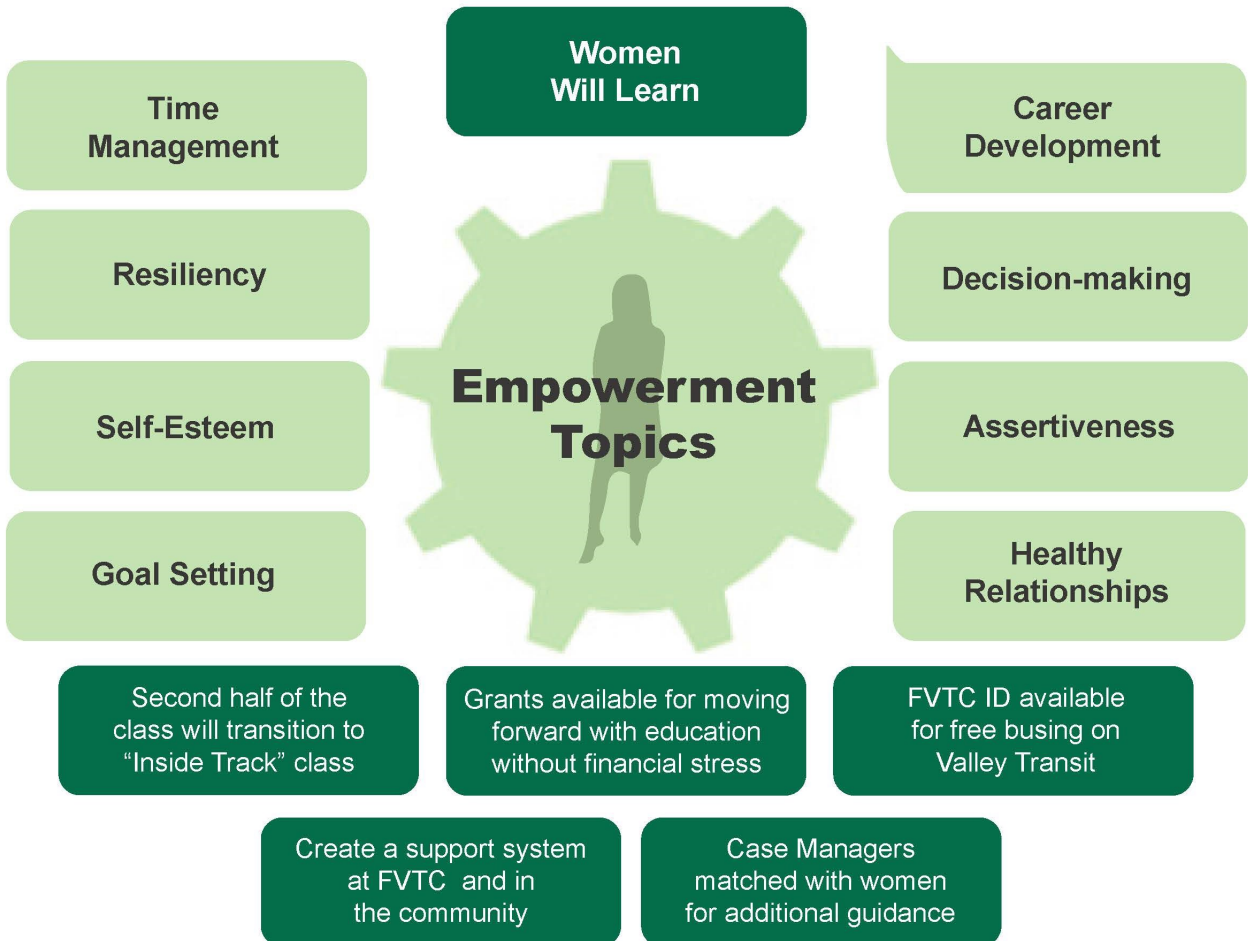
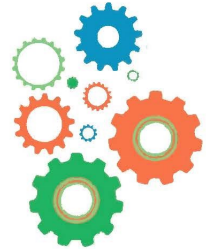
The Women’s Fund is leading a pilot project using a Two-Generation approach which will address the life-long economic security of single parent women and their children. This pilot project creates a collaboration between FVTC’s Starting Point Workshop and the college’s educational resources combined with B.A.B.E.S. Inc. and their child development/parenting programming. By serving two-generations and creating a new stable environment for single-parent families, individuals struggling to survive, will see the opportunities and potential that exist beyond their circumstances. This workshop and services provided are free to participants and children.



**Participant Criteria**

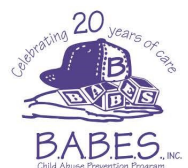
- 18-29 year old single parent woman
- Income level must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline
- Must have at least one child under the age of 5 years old
- Must reside in one of the following counties: Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, or Waupaca, Neenah and Menasha Counties

**Project Details: Parent/Child must be available February 21 to May 16  
Wednesdays 9 am to 12:15 pm**



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To see if you are eligible, fill out this survey online [www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint](http://www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint)

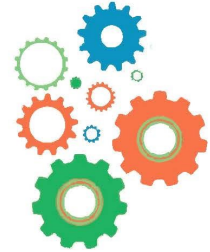


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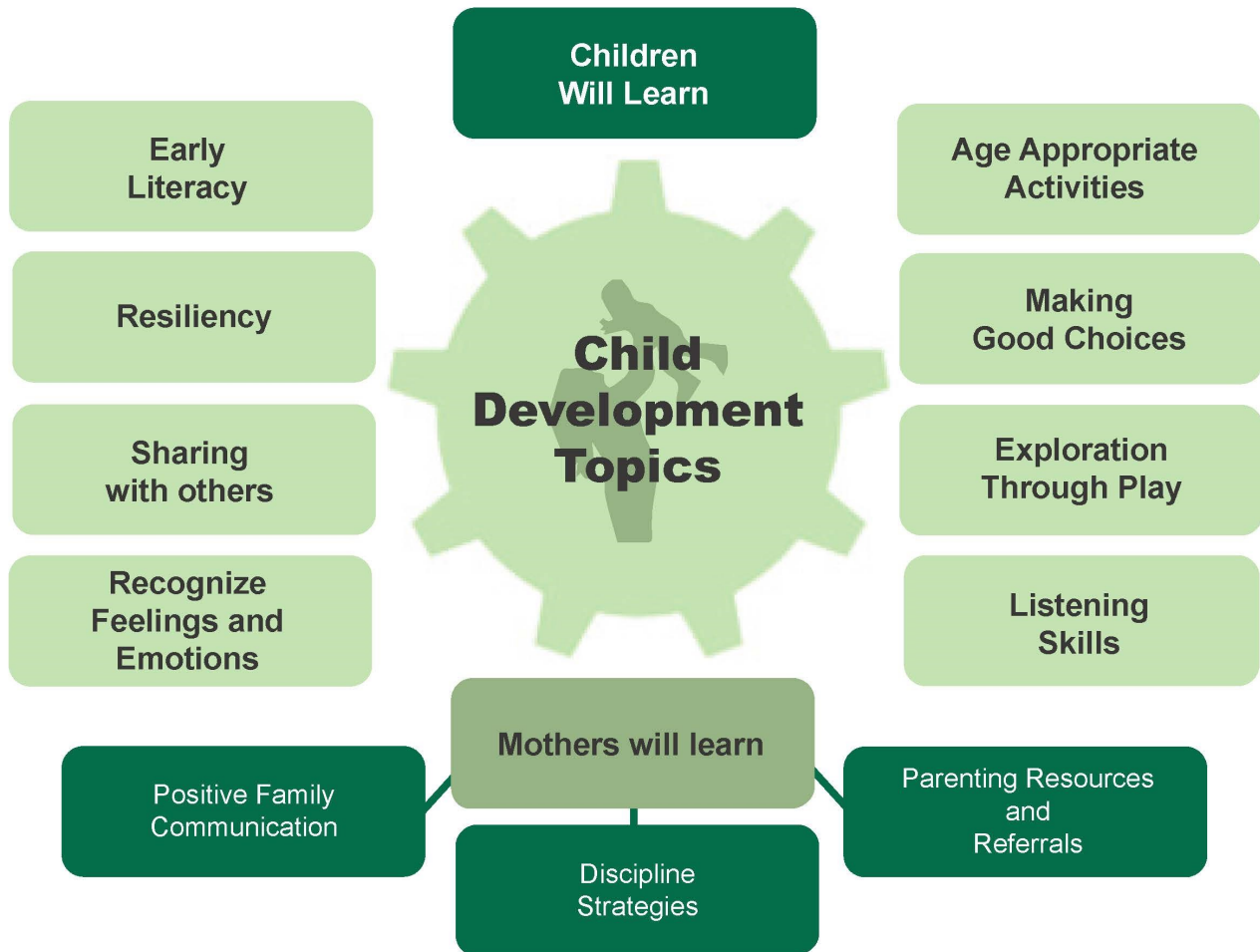


Why would I want to take this workshop?

- 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)
- Access to diapers, hygiene products, gas assistance
- Access to free family fun activities
- Give your children a healthy environment to thrive
- Gain support from other parents

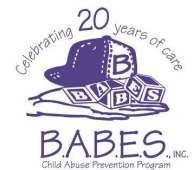


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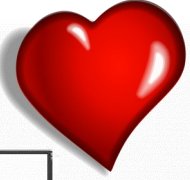
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# CB says, “Save the lives of your loved ones! Make sure your fire alarms are working!”



**How many and where must they be installed?**

**FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY HOMES**, the owner must install at least one smoke detector on each floor level of each unit, including the basement and any finished attic. It is suggested that they first be placed between each sleeping area and the rest of the house, and then near the ceiling of each stairway on each floor level.

**FOR APARTMENTS AND MULTI-FAMILY HOMES**, the owner must install at least one detector:

- in the basement
- at the head of open stairs at each floor level
- at the door leading to enclosed stairs at each floor level
- within 6 feet of each living unit's sleeping area. Do not install any smoke detector in the kitchen. In long hallways serving bedrooms, manufacturers usually require a detector every 30 feet. If individual living units occupy several levels, it is recommended that detectors be placed on every floor level. It is also recommended that smoke detectors be installed in each bedroom if their doors are kept closed.

**How should they be installed?**

They should be installed per the manufacturer's instructions. Typical requirements for detectors include:

- Mounting on the bottom of exposed basement ceiling joists.
- If mounted on the ceiling, then at least 4 inches from the wall.



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IT'S THE LAW



Wisconsin law now requires every home and residential building to be protected by smoke detectors. Owners must install and maintain them and tenants must inform the owner of any detector problems. Additional detector requirements apply to group homes, high rise buildings, mixed use and health care occupancies. For more details, call the Building Inspection Department or Fire Department. Failure to comply may subject you to legal penalties.

**Why are smoke detectors necessary?**

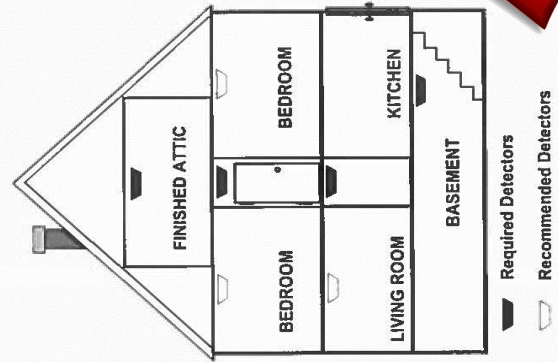
Women and children are the greatest victims in fires. Fire kills more children in the U.S. than any other disease or natural disaster. Working smoke detectors double your chances of surviving a fire. They have the secondary effect of protecting your property.

**What kind of detectors are required?**

All detectors must be listed smoke detectors, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Ionization or photo-electric types will detect smoke. (Heat detectors, which respond slower, may only be used in addition to smoke detectors.) For multi-family housing (3 or more living units) built prior to January, 1982, and all one- and two-family dwellings, the detectors may be self-contained battery-operated smoke detectors. In newer multi-family housing, the detectors, except within living units, must be permanently wired to an unswitched electrical circuit and interconnected with the fire alarm system.

It is *recommended* that all smoke detectors be interconnected and powered by both house current and batteries to ensure audible operation in all situations.

- If mounted on a wall, then between 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling. (There is usually a dead air space where the ceiling and wall meet.)
- Mounting within 3 feet of the highest part of any peaked or sloped ceiling.
- At least 3 feet away from any window, door or air conditioner where drafts could prevent smoke from reaching the detector.
- Away from kitchens where cooking could cause false alarms and subsequent disconnection. It is recommended that smoke detectors with a temporary reduced-sensitivity switch be installed near kitchens.
- Do not install detectors in areas of temperature extremes, excess humidity or heavy dust, such as in bathrooms, unheated garages or closed attics.





## Back to School Fair Referrals Available

As the school year is winding down, community partners are organizing resources for the 2018 –2019 Back to School Fair. The BTSF is August 16, 2018. To determine the quantity of school supplies, hygiene products, and clothing needed, the Oshkosh Community and Neenah/Menasha Back to School Fairs are looking for referrals to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Please submit a request in writing for assistance with school supplies and include the following questions answered:

Parent Name
Address
Phone number
Cell phone number
Email Address
Children’s Names
Genders
Grade 2018-2019 school year
Name of school attending
Clothing and shoe sizes



Upon receipt of this information, the Housing Authority will complete a referral sheet and contact you with follow up questions that you may need to answer about your household.

Please submit your written requests with information about each child you are requesting assistance for by:

**Friday, July 6th, 2018**

If you have any other questions regarding the Back to School Fair,  
please contact Kay at (920) 424-1450, ext. 133.

