

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



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Dear FSS participants,

Happy New Year!

As 2019 has arrived, I would like to thank you for being a part of the Family Self Sufficiency Program.

Last year was a challenging year for many of us. I thank you for your effort, energy, resilience and commitment.



As we start this new year with a renewed commitment to our goals, I hope just one thing from <u>all of us</u> – **Be Better**.

• Be better in your work – think creatively, efficiently and get the details right.

• Be better in your community – in how you give of your time and effort to make your town, city or neighborhood a great place to live.

- Be better with our planet in how you recycle, minimize your footprint, and how you appreciate the natural beauty around us.
- Be better in your relationships in how you communicate, encourage and support.
- Be better to yourself in your self-talk, in your personal expectations and in your commitment to being all that you can be.

You control how you approach your days. Commit to being better every day. Learn more. Be more connected. Be more aware. Be tougher. Be more resilient. Be more creative. Be more present. Just be better.

I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year and in the future we will 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.

Your success is my success.

Warm Regards, Kay Hínton

FSS Coordinator



ANUARY	Menasha Job Center 920-997-3272 1802 Appleton Rd., Menasha, WI 54952 Calendar is subject to change. Please sign-up for workshops.					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
	1 New Year's Day Menasha Job Center Closed	2	3 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	4 Job Club featuring Employer – Jack's Maintenance 9:00 AM– 11:00 AM		
7 Career Exploration Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	8	9	10 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	11 Job Club featuring Employer – Locate Staffing 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM		
14 There, Their or They're – Which One Do I Use on My Resume? Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	15 Carpenter & Millwright Apprenticeship Tour 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Contact Job Center for more details	16 Interviewing: Sell Yourself Workshop 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	17 Plumber & Steamfitter Apprenticeship Tour 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Contact Job Center for more details Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	18 Job Club featuring Employer – LSC Communications 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Opening Doors Workshop 2:00-3:30 PM		
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Career Resource Room Closed	22	23 Resume, Cover Letter & Job Searching Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	24 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	25 Job Club featuring Employer – Spectrum 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM		
28 Researching A Company Before Your Next Interview Workshop 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	29	30	31 Over 50 & Job Searching Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Orientation 2:00 PM	P		
A proud partner of the americanjobcenter network	<u>CENTER HOURS</u> Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	FOLLOW THE CENTER twitter.com/fvwda facebook.com/fcwda www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com		2019		

Menasha Job Center Computer Lab Calendar PLEASE SIGN UP FOR WORKSHOPS							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Computer Lab Closed	2 Navigating the Internet 9:00-11:00am Open Lab 12:30 -4:30pm	3 All about Email 9:00-11:00am Open Lab 12:30 -4:30pm	4 Open Lab 8:00 -4:30pm	5	
	7 Computer Basics 9:00-11:30am	8 Intro to Word 9:00-11:00am	9 Navigating the Internet 9:00-11:00am	10 All about Email 9:00-11:00am	11 Intro to Excel 9:00-11:00am	12	
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Menasha Job Center — Computer Lab Vickie @ 920.968.6835 or vmcparlon@fsc-corp.org							

Oshkosh Job Center

JOB CENTERS Oshkosh JANUARY 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR JOB CENTER CLOSED	2 Reemployment Services Workshop 9AM – 12PM	3	4 GO TO <u>foxvalleyjobcenters.com</u> FOR ONSITE RECRUITMENTS AT JOB CENTERS
7	8 RESUME REVIEW 9:30 & 10:00	9 Reemployment Services Workshop 9AM – 12PM	10 NAVIGATING the INTERNET WORKSHOP 10:00 - 11:00AM <u>MOCK INTERVIEWS</u> 10:30 - 11:30AM	11
14	15 RESUME REVIEW 9:30 & 10:00	16 Reemployment Services Workshop 9AM – 12PM	17 MOCK INTERVIEWS 10:30PM – 11:30AM COMPUTER BASICS 1 WORKSHOP 2:00PM	18
21	22 RESUME REVIEW 9:30 & 10:00	23 Reemployment Services Workshop 9AM – 12PM	24 COMPUTER BASICS 2 WORKSHOP 2:00PM	25
28 CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP 9:00 - 11:00	29	30 Reemployment Services Workshop 9AM – 12PM	31 MOCK INTERVIEWS 10:30PM – 11:30AM	



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Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh

Oshkosh Habitat is looking for two families for two Habitat Homes coming in 2019. If interested, please apply as soon as possible. They will be picking these 2 families by February 2019. Please contact Habitat for more information.





Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh 1640 South Koeller Street P.O. Box 2692 Oshkosh, WI 54903

HABITAT HOMEBUYER PROGRAM Applicant Guidelines

Thank you for expressing your interest in becoming a Habitat for Humanity homeowner. We hope that the Habitat program can help you succeed on your journey towards homeownership.

How the Habitat Homebuyer Program Works: Habitat for Humanity offers a homebuyer program to qualified low-income individuals and families in the southern Winnebago county area. Habitat extends a 0% interest mortgage loan. Monthly mortgage payments include repayment to habitat for the home (principal), as well as for property taxes and home insurance (escrow).

How to Apply

Pre-application steps to complete:

- Obtain a pre-application
- Submit the pre-application in person to the ReStore located at 1640 S. Koeller St.
- Include a \$20 pre-application fee (\$10 if only one applicant) made payable to "Habitat" (personal check, money order or cashier's check only no cash please) *pre-application fee must be submitted with pre-application and is non-refundable*

Pre-applications are available:

- At Habitat for Humanity's office at 1640 S. Koeller Street
- Request to receive by mail or email: (920) 235-3535 or apply@habitatoshkosh.org

Qualified applicants will need to meet the Selection Criteria and other requirements listed:

<u>Need:</u> Applicants must be in need of housing due to any of the following situations:

- Structurally substandard, unsafe, or unhealthy living conditions
- Temporary housing or over-crowded living conditions
- Housing costs (rent = utilities) exceeds 30% of gross monthly household income
- Housing is inaccessible
- Reside in subsidized or transitional housing

Ability to pay:

INCOME

Applicants must be comfortable with a monthly mortgage payment from \$450 to \$800 (amount depending upon income) and must have enough income through stable employment or other forms of permanent income to afford a home and all basic living expenses.

• Income includes all wages, unemployment (*only* if related to seasonal employment), social security, pension/or disability. Self employment income is defined as the "Net Profit" [line 31, Schedule C (1040)].

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PO Box 2692 Oshkosh WI, 54903

- Income can also include child support, kinship care and other types of income which is received on a regular basis and is needed to cover monthly expenses. All income sources are included when they are expected to last for 3 years or longer.
- If you are unsure about your income, use the *How do I Calculate My Income* worksheet to estimate your income. *Only the income of the applicant(s) is counted towards the income guidelines/ability to pay, not the income of children/others living in the house.*

2016 Income Guidelines are based on family size. Your gross annual income must be at or above the minimum and at or below the maximum.

Family Size	Minimum Income	Maximum Income
1	\$14,050	\$28,080
2	\$16,050	\$32,100
3	\$18,050	\$36,120
4	\$20,050	\$40,080
5	\$21,700	\$43,320
6	\$23,300	\$46,500
7	\$24,900	\$49,740
8	\$26,500	\$52,920

DEBT

Applicant's credit history does not need to be perfect. Many applicants have some debt. It is important for applicants to know how much is owed for the total amount of dept to be manageable.

- All collection debt must have proof of active payment plans or be paid in full
- Judgments for money must be satisfied [Go to CCAP Wisconsin Circuit Court Access at wcca.wicourts.gov]
- Bankruptcy or foreclosure must have been satisfied for at least 6 months
- It is recommended that applicants obtain a free copy of their credit report to ensure all credit is reported accurately [Go to <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>]

Willingness to Partner: Applicants must be willing to work in partnership with Habitat with their positive and active involvement in the Homebuyer Sweat Equity Program. Applicants must be willing to complete 250 to 500 hours of sweat equity by attending classes and workshops, working at the Habitat ReStore, participating in Habitat or ReStore events and building on other homes as well as their own.

*Accommodations for health and employment issues will be made on a case by case basis

Additional Applicant Requirements:

- Applicant(s) must have a median credit score of 526 or higher
- Divorce proceedings must have known finalization date
- Applicant(s) must be US Citizen or permanent resident
- Applicant must clear a criminal background check
 - Habitat is unable to serve applicants if any household member is a registered sex offender
 - Any conviction(s) which are recent and/or severe in nature will be evaluated on a case by case basis

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Christine Ann Workshops

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAI	MONDAI	1 1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Stepping Stones 6 - 7:30pm	8 Self-Care Group: 6-7:30pm	9 Family Dynamics 3:30-5 pm	10 African American Women's Group 4-5:30 pm Step Sisters 6-7:30pm		12
13	14 Stepping Stones 6 - 7:30pm	15 Self-Care Group 6-7:30pm	16 Family Dynamics 3:30-5 pm	17 Step Sisters 6-7:30pm	18	19
20	21 Stepping Stones 6 - 7:30pm	22 Self-Care Group: 6-7:30pm	23 Family Dynamics 3:30-5 pm	24 Educational Workshop: Job Seeking Strategies- Resume Writing Guest: Tara (Oshkosh Job Center) 11:30am-12:30pm Native American Women's Circle 4-5:30 pm Step Sisters 6-7:30pm	25	26
27	28 Stepping Stones 6 - 7:30pm	29 Self-Care Group: 6-7:30pm	30 Family Dynamics 3:30-5 pm	31 Step Sisters 6-7:30pm		

** Childcare is available for many of our groups. Please call 920-235-5998 or email to volunteers@christineann.net by noon on the day of group if you need childcare.

Revised 12/14/18

These groups are available to clients of Christine Ann. If interested in attending our support groups, please contact us at 235-5998 to set up an initial options appointment.

GALE COURSES





Available now at the Oshkosh Public library. How do you sign up to learn? Go to this link: https://education.gale.com/l-winnefox/, pick your course you want to learn more about , and create an account and password. Then attend your free online class. Join us for the launch of the brand-new Explorers Grove at Oshkosh Public Library, an interactive learning space where our community's children and families can connect through play and begin to lay a solid foundation for early learning.

When: Friday, Januar

Friday, January 25 from 1 – 2 p.m. **Where:** Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Avenue, Children's Department, Lower Level **Schedule:** Opening remarks | Refreshments to follow

Meet us under the tree for the exciting reveal.

Career Development Workshops



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Unsure of Your Career Path?

Attend a <u>FREE</u> Career Development Workshop and create a plan to achieve your career goals!

Assess your skills, values, and interests while learning 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.

Day	Workshop Dates	Time	Class Number & Location
Thursday	November 29 December 6	12:00–3:00 p.m.	54595 Appleton Rm B126
Thursday	November 29 December 6, 13	5:00—7:00 p.m.	55443 Appleton 55444 Chilton 55445 Clintonville 55448 Oshkosh 55446 Waupaca 55447 Wautoma This is an ONLINE Collaborate Workshop. Please see your class schedule for details.
Saturday	January 26 February 2	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	64693 Appleton Room G227
Monday	February 4, 11, 18	9:00—11:00 a.m.	64695 Appleton Room B123
Thursday	February 14, 21, 28	9:00—11:00 a.m.	64696 Appleton Room B126
Wednesday	February 27 March 6	1:00—4:00 p.m.	64738 Appleton Room B123

Upcoming workshops are listed below.

To register for a workshop, call (920) 735-5645.

Career Exploration Workshops

Career Exploration Workshop



Looking for new career ideas and opportunities? Explore your possibilities.

Topics include:



Funding is partially made possible through Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Title I Funds from the Dept of Workforce Development-Employment & Training and administered through Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB). FVWDB is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you need assistance to access the material in an alternate format or require an accommodation to participate in this event, please contact Anthony Snyder at 920.720.5600x302, 1401 McMahon Dr, St 200, Neenah WI 54956; 711 TDD.

WIOA Services

WIOA

JOB CENTER

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Having a hard time making ends meet? Perhaps you're in a dead-end job and wish you had taken advantage of a different career path to suit your needs. Or, maybe you would like to pursue some college courses, but don't have the money to do it. If any of this applies to you, WIOA may be able to help.

WIOA Services Include

- \$6,000 for Tuition
- \$1,000 for Books
- Money for Childcare
- Money for Gas
- Money for Clothing

Is WIOA Right for You?

Q: Who is eligible for WIOA?

A: Most lower-income individuals, but other criteria may apply.

Q: Do I have to pay the money back?

A: No, this is a federal-funded program that provides grant money to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers.

Why Free? What's the Catch?

There is a major labor demand in sectors including: Advanced Manufacturing, Business Services, Financial (e.g. Accounting), Human Resources Information Technology, Construction, Health Care Logistics (e.g. CDL Drivers), and Modernized Agriculture. We can help to pay your tuition and other support related to an in-demand career. But *only* if there is a demand!

Testimonials

"I have a degree, but didn't have the right qualifications for a decent paying job. The WIOA program paid for the classes I wanted to take and now I'm getting paid more than ever. My Career Planner also helped me with my resume and interviews. It's a great program." -Jeralin L.

"I was laid off, and the WIOA program helped me update my credentials which lead to a most rewarding position in the HR field." I would recommend the program to anyone looking to be more marketable." -AI W.

"I am a single mom and was working for only \$10/hour, barely making ends meet when I heard about the WIOA program. They made it possible for me to get my nursing degree by helping with childcare, mileage, and tuition. I'm making over \$25/hour now. I don't know where I would be today if it weren't for this program."

-Maria V.

If you are interested in applying for the WIOA program, call us at (920) 232-6273 Or, visit us in person and apply at: Oshkosh Job Center 219 Washington Avenue, Suite 107 Oshkosh, WI 54901

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NEW Housing available soon!

Family Self Sufficiency

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Deadline to apply January 7, 2019!!



NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

So, you want to go to college, but you're not sure how to pay for it? We may be able to help you realize your dream of a college education, financial security and a satisfying career. The Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities (WAHA) is proud to announce their 2019 scholarship program which will be awarded to four deserving applicants, and one of them could be you!

WAHA is offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships for full time students (12 or more credits per semester) and two \$500.00 scholarships to two deserving part time students (6-11 credits per semester). Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, must be participants or household members of subsidized housing in Wisconsin and planning to attend college while living in their home.

WAHA scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors as well as those already attending a 2-year or higher accredited public or private institution in the State of Wisconsin offering an associate or undergraduate degree. The deadline for submitting an application is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 07, 2019. Winning applicants will be notified in early March 2019.





Also, the Oshkosh and Winnebago County Housing Authorities are again encouraging the pursuit of higher education with an additional reward for those applying for scholarships. An applicant who wins the local competition at the Authority will receive an additional \$100.00 scholarship. Applicants who are selected as district winners will be awarded an additional \$250.00, and any local applicant who wins the WAHA award will receive an additional \$500.00 scholarship. WHAT A BONUS!

If you are a resident in a Housing Authority subsidized housing program with a desire to continue your education, you can get a scholarship application at http://www.wahaonline.org/waha-scholarship/, the 2nd floor reception desk at the Oshkosh/ Winnebago County Housing Authority, 600 Merritt Ave, Oshkosh, Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. – noon or from your property manager.

EmpowHER

Are you 18 to 29 years old (without children) and looking for direction in the areas of education, employment and a healthy lifestyle? Do you think about your future and wonder what your path will look like?

Do you live in Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, or Waupaca Counties or communities of Neenah & Menasha?

If so there is a new program for you!

The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region has partnered with Fox Valley Technical College to bring you EmpowHER! A FREE 12 week workshop focused on topics young women in their teens and twenties face in our community today!

Workshop Details: Mondays, February 11, 2019 through May 1, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Fox Valley Technical College-Appleton Campus



Contact Information: Kelly Kohl (920) 735-4825 <u>kohlk@fvtc.edu</u>, Kara Nowak (920) 735-5722 <u>nowakk@fvtc.edu</u> and Alexis Hill (920) 740-2873 <u>hillal@fvtc.edu</u>

To find out if you are eligible, fill out this survey online www.fvtc.edu/EmpowHER



women's fund

Young Women's Initiative: Starting Point 2.0

The Women's Fund is leading a project using a Two-Generation approach which will address the life-long economic security of single parent women and their children. This 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 11 · Must reside in one of the following counties: Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, or Waupaca, and communities of Neenah & Menasha Project Details: Parent and any child under the age of 5 (not enrolled in school) will attend B.A.B.E.S., children under 11 will participate through take home activities. Must be available February 13 to May 1, Wednesdays 9 am to 12:15 pm. Women Will Learn Time Career Management **Development** Resiliency **Decision-making** Empowerment Self-Esteem Assertiveness **Topics Healthy Goal Setting Relationships** Second half of the FVTC ID available Grants available for moving class will transition to for free busing on forward with education "Inside Track" class without financial stress Valley Transit Create a support system **Case Managers** at FVTC and in matched with women for additional guidance the community

Contact Information: Kelly Kohl (920)735-4825 <u>kohlk@fvtc.edu</u>, Kara Nowak (920)735-5722 <u>nowakk@fvtc.edu</u>, Pastor Mahnie (920)733-6886 <u>execdir@babeshelp.org</u> and Alexis Hill (920) 740-2873 <u>hillal@fvtc.edu</u> To see if you are eligible, fill out this survey online <u>www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint</u>







GED to Work Program



Take advantage of this <u>limited opportunity</u> to earn your GED and gain full-time employment upon completion through the GED to Work Program.

With the GED to Work Program, you can expect:

- Hourly rate of \$15.00 while working a minimum of 20 hours a week at one of Pierce Manufacturing's facilities
- 15 hours of classroom instruction at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) geared towards obtainment of your GED
- On-the-job training (OJT) applying skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to the manufacturing of custom fire apparatus
- Full-time employment upon successful completion of the GED to Work Program

Apply online: <u>www.piercemfg.com/careers</u>

Requisition Number: 183927 Job Title: GED to Work Program

Pierce has *immediate* openings in the following careers:

- Assembler
- Automotive Electrician
 - Automotive Painter

- Metal Finisher
 - Materials
- Sheet Metal Fabricator

Oshkosh Corporation is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or protected Veteran status.

Ramp **Up Classes**

Ramp Up Your FUTURE at FVTC						
This 1 credit class is designed to develop the skills, attitude and habits needed for college success. In addition, time will be spent exploring career pathways and learning to stay "on-course".						
	Fox Valley TECHNICAL COLLEGE Knowledge That Works					
	Step 1: Choose One Orientation Spring 2019 Orientation Schedule for Appleton					
	ing 2019 Or		le for Appleto			
Class #	Day	Time	Date	Room		
60073	Monday	5:30-7:20 p.m.	January 14	A105A		
60074	Tuesday	12:30-2:20 p.m.	January 15	A105A		
-	Step 2: Choose One Transition Class Spring 2019 College Transition Class Schedule for Appleton					
Class #'s	Day	Time	Dates	Room		
Class # 62672 <u>and</u> Class # 62702	Monday	5:30-7:20 p.m.	January 21-May 13	A156		
Class # 62671 <u>and</u> Class # 62701	Tuesday	12:30-2:20 p.m.	January 22-May 14	C175		
	For more information call (920) 735-2433,					
or ask an Adult Basic Education instructor.						

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