

# March 2019

# Dream Big!

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Dear FSS participants,

I don't know about you, but I am really, REALLY looking forward to Spring! Spring comes March 20th! A time to renew and grow. While you are waiting for spring, check out these cool events in the Fox Valley:



**Oshkosh Back To School Fair** on August 15th. If you are interested in getting school supplies for your kids, please let me know. See page 14 for more information.

**Oshkosh Area Employment Fair** is May 21st this year. Please check out page 16.

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

**Your success is my success.**

Warm Regards!  
Kay Hinton  
FSS Coordinator







# Menasha Job Center

Family Self Sufficiency



MENASHA JOB CENTER 920-997-3272  
1802 Appleton Rd., Menasha

Please sign up for workshops. Calendar is subject to change.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<b>FOLLOW THE CENTER</b> twitter.com/fvwa facebook.com/fcwda www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com	<b>CENTER HOURS</b> MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM		1 JOB CLUB FEATURING EMPLOYER – THEDA CARE 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
4 CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	5 FVTC MANUFACTURING JOB FAIR 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	6	7 WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT ORIENTATION 2:00 PM	8 JOB CLUB FEATURING EMPLOYER – GOODWILL 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  LINKEDIN WORKSHOP 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11 THERE, THEIR OR THEY'RE - WHICH ONE DO I USE ON MY RESUME WORKSHOP 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM	12	13 FVTC EXPLORE STARTING A BUSINESS 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM	14 WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT ORIENTATION 2:00 PM	15 JOB CLUB FEATURING EMPLOYER - QUALIFIED STAFFING 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  OPENING DOORS WORKSHOP 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
18	19 INTERVIEWING: SELL YOURSELF WORKSHOP 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	20  FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21 WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT ORIENTATION 2:00 PM	22 JOB CLUB FEATURING EMPLOYER - BURGER KING 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
25 	26 RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	27 OVER 50 & JOB SEARCHING WORKSHOP 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	28 WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT ORIENTATION 2:00 PM	29 JOB CLUB FEATURING FISC – TIPS FOR BUDGETING & CREDIT 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
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## March 2019

### Menasha Job Center Computer Lab Calendar PLEASE SIGN UP FOR WORKSHOPS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LinkedIn 9:00-11:00am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	2
3	4 Computer Basics 9:00-11:30am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	5 Intro to Word 9:00-11:00am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	6 Navigating the Internet 9:00-11:00am  Lab Closed 1:00-2:30pm	7 All about Email 9:00-11:00am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	8 Intro to Excel 9:00-11:00am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	9
10	11 Computer Basics 9:00-11:30am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	12 Intro to Word 9:00-11:00am  Intro to Job Center of WI.com 1:00-2:00pm	13 Navigating the Internet 9:00-11:00am  Lab Closed 1:00-2:30pm	14 All about Email 9:00-11:00am  Open Lab 12:30-4:30pm	15 Computer Lab Closed	16
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Menasha Job Center — Computer Lab Vickie @ 920.968.6835 or vmcparlon@fsc-corp.org

Calendar is subject to change.

A proud partner of the American Job Center network


When workshops are not in session, the lab may be used for computer tutorials and self-paced computer training programs.

  
1802 Appleton Road  
Menasha, WI 54952





MARCH 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 GO TO <a href="http://foxvalleyjobcenters.com">foxvalleyjobcenters.com</a> FOR ONSITE RECRUITMENTS AT JOB CENTERS
4	5 RESUME REVIEW 9:30AM & 10:00AM	6 Reemployment Services Workshop 9AM – 12PM	7 NAVIGATING the INTERNET WORKSHOP 10:00 - 11:00AM	8 
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## Free Tax Preparation

During January 2 through April of every year, anyone interested in help with their taxes can call the local Tax Assistance number at (920) 426-0150 to make an appointment for free tax preparation and filing through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

If your household earned less than \$66,000 in 2018, you can file both your federal and state returns for free online using [MyFreeTaxes.com](http://MyFreeTaxes.com). This is the only free, national, online tax filing product offered by a nonprofit. United Way has made it available to over 100 million U.S. taxpayers as part of our fight for the financial stability of every person in every community.





# Herd Job Fair

Family Self Sufficiency



## WISCONSIN HERD'S NOT YOUR ORDINARY JOB FAIR 2019



### DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, March 13th

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 PM

Location: Menominee Nation Arena

- 1212 S Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Take the opportunity to interact with multiple companies from all around the Fox Cities!

Cost: FREE

Bring copies of your resumé!



Perfect for seeking  
employment in:

- Business
- Engineering
- Manufacturing
- Transportation
- Information Technology
- Supply Chain



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Questions? Contact us at:  
920.233.HERD



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# Rent Smart

## Rent Smart

*A FREE Tenant Training Program*

**March 19 & 26, 2019**

**(Tuesdays)**

**9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Menasha Public Library**

To register, call the  
Winnebago County  
UW-Extension Office  
(920) 232-1973  
711 for Wisconsin Relay (TDD)

Rent Smart provides practical education to help people looking for rental housing to find, get, and keep suitable housing. *Completion of the course provides you with a certificate to show your commitment to being a good tenant.*

### Topics Covered

- How much will it cost?  
And can I afford it?
- Checking out the rental  
property and the landlord
- Application process
- Who's responsible for  
maintenance, repairs, and care?
- Communications
- Rental agreements  
—moving in, moving on

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**Extension**  
University of Wisconsin-Extension

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## Are Home Energy Costs Putting the Squeeze on you?

Energy Services Inc. may be able to help!  
Assistant Programs offered:




1. Energy Assistance Grant Applied directly to your Utility Provider account.
2. Home Weatherization program
3. Emergency Furnace repair or replacement program.

homeenergy+ NEW 2018-2019 ENERGY ASSISTANCE GROSS INCOME GUIDELINES	
NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD	GROSS INCOME LIMIT (3 MONTHS)
1	\$6,670.00
2	\$8,983.75
3	\$11,097.75
4	\$13,211.50
5	\$15,325.25
6	\$17,439.25
7	\$17,635.50
8	\$18,231.75

✓ **Applicants must provide the following:**

- ✓ Your most recent energy bill
- ✓ PHOTO ID AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
- ✓ Written proof of your household's gross income for the three months prior to your application, such as:
  - Payroll stubs
  - Child support printout
  - Unemployment printout
  - Social Security benefit verification letter



We will be completing Applications the following Mondays in the Workforce Development Building:

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 1:00PM – 3:00 PM

March 25<sup>th</sup> – 1:00PM – 3:00 PM

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

If you are not able to make the Walk In application dates Please contact us to schedule an appointment

✓ **TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT NEAR YOU**

*In Adams, Calumet, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Outagamie, Marathon, Sauk, Rock, Waukesha, Waupaca and Winnebago Counties Call:*

**1-800-506-5596**



# GED to Work Program



Pierce Manufacturing will be conducting informational sessions on their new GED to Work Program for those interested in learning more!

<b>When:</b>	
<u>Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></u>
<u>Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup></u>
1 pm – 2 pm	4 pm – 5 pm
<b>Where:</b>	
Fox Valley Technical College Room A170A (Main Campus) - Entrance 16 1825 N. Bluemound Dr. Appleton, WI 54912	

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*

Take advantage of this limited opportunity to earn your GED and gain full-time employment upon completion!

**Save the Date!**

*Family  
Self-Sufficiency (FSS)*



## FSS CONNECTION GROUP

A program coordinating committee for  
Winnebago County Housing Authority's  
Family Self-Sufficiency Program.



*Family  
Self-Sufficiency (FSS)*

Join us to:

- ⇒ Learn about Winnebago County Literacy Council from Angie Fralish.
- ⇒ Discuss educational opportunities to offer in the FSS program
- ⇒ Collaborate and communicate your opinion!

**Date: Monday, March 11, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

**Location: Marian Manor TV Lounge**

**Address: 600 Merritt Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901**

**The public is welcome!**

**Please call FSS Program Coordinator,  
Kay Hinton, to RSVP at (920) 424-1450, ext. 133.**

SUPPORTING ALL PEOPLE THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES AND TRANSITIONS.



## Indoor Expedition

**FOOD, GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR DADS & KIDS!**

**Thursday, March 7th**  
**5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner until 6:45 p.m.**

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**240 W. 9th Avenue, Oshkosh**



### **Experience the great outdoors — INSIDE!**

This event is for children Birth—Age 6 and their Dads or another special man in their life.

**Event is FREE! Register online at [www.thedacare.org](http://www.thedacare.org) or call 920.233.6630 by Monday, March 4th.**

This event is offered in collaboration with UW Oshkosh Head Start with special funding provided by the Wisconsin Head Start Association.

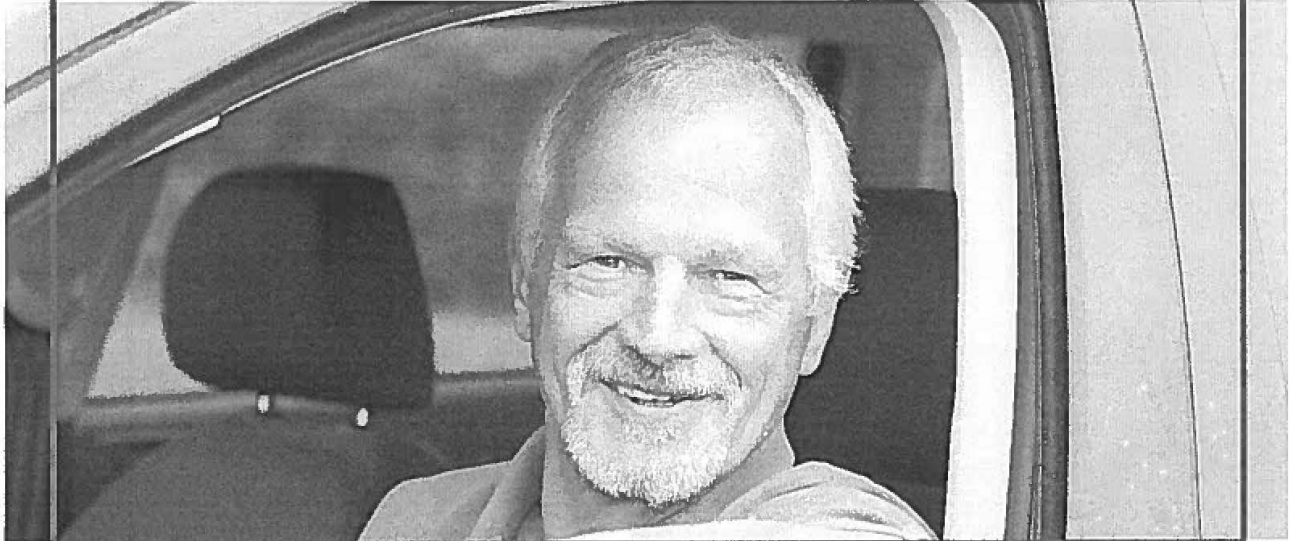


**Parent Connection is a program of Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.**  
36 Broad Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 · (920) 233-6630 · [www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection)



*Winnebago Catch A Ride*

## Volunteer Drivers Needed



### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

#### Benefits:

- opportunity to meet new people
- receive paid mileage (\$0.54/mile)
- provide needed service in your community
- flexible schedule - drivers needed all days of week and times of day

#### Qualifications:

- reliable vehicle
- good driving record
- valid drivers license
- desire to help others

**Sign up at [volunteerdriver.com](http://volunteerdriver.com) today!**

Call **1-920-232-3030** for more information.

Feonix Mobility Rising is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance transportation options for vulnerable and underserved communities. This program is brought to Winnebago Country through a partnership with Make the Ride Happen, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and the East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission.



# FREE Power of Money Workshop



## The Power of Money

### Discover proven ways to:

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

### Get in Touch

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 2019.

*Class size is limited. Register in advance.*

Special Grant Funding:  
**No Cost for 2019!**  
*Repeat of a sellout!*

*"This was eye opening..."*



*"The Power of Money class was eye opening. With the knowledge I gained, in the last 18 months, I started an emergency savings account, maintained a put and take savings account, paid off my credit card, paid off one student loan and paid my bills on time without worry every month.*

*Having a handle on my finances allowed me to jump at some incredible opportunities guilt free, including traveling to Kentucky, San Francisco and Germany.*

*Thank you for the guidance you shared. It dramatically improved my life."*

### Your 2019 Dates

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

January 8, 15 & 22

February 5, 12 & 19

March 5, 12 & 19

April 2, 9 & 16

May 7, 14 & 21

June 4, 11 & 18

July 9, 16 & 23

August 6, 13 & 20

September 10, 17 & 24

October 8, 15 & 22

November 5, 12 & 19

December 3, 10 & 17

### Where we Meet

Goodwill Community Campus, 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha Entrance #2

FISC is a United Way supported program





## Teen F.I.L.T.E.R. Camp

(Factoring In Love, Time, Energy & Relationships)



**F.I.L.T.E.R. Camp** is a great opportunity for teens ages 13-17 to build new skills, get outside, and learn how confidence and self-esteem affect their relationships in a fun and supportive environment.

“Camp was one of the best weeks I have ever experienced. I learned so much about myself, horses, and healthy communication. I made some wonderful friends who made the week fantastic. All of the leaders, counselors, and staff were great as well. I learned about how to be myself around others.”

F.I.L.T.E.R. camp provides teens with the tools to better understand and build healthy relationships while also increasing their self-esteem.

## Teen Filter Camp

Teens ages 13-17 can get the experience to build new skills and learn how confidence and self-esteem affect their relationships through horse therapy.

The F.I.L.T.E.R. camps are FREE.  
Snacks and lunch are provided.  
Limited spots are available.  
The hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 am until 4:30 pm.

For more information on how to apply contact

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services Teen F.I.L.T.E.R.

Phone: (920) 235-5998

Or apply online at:  
[www.christineann.net](http://www.christineann.net).

## Teen F.I.L.T.E.R. Day Camp



**Factoring In Love, Time, Energy & Relationships**

  
**Christine Ann**  
DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES, INC.  
HELP IS HERE

**Are homemade cleaners any good?** Homemade cleaners can be as effective as conventional ones....with a bit of knowledge and planning. When you consider the costs to your health, the environment, and how much you could be saving...it's hard not to see the value in taking a few extra steps. Here is a Green Cleaning recipe to try:

### Laundry Detergent

1 cup ivory soap (powder)

1/2 cup washing soda

1/2 cup borax

Mix ingredients and store in sealed container. Use 1 tablespoon for light loads.

Use 2 tablespoons for heavy loads.

From: Winnebago County UW Extension Green Cleaning 2016.







## Back to School Fair Referrals Available

As the school year is winding down, community partners are organizing resources for the 2019-2020 Back to School Fair. The BTSF is August 15, 2019. 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 2019-2020 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 5th, 2019**

Referrals are limited by first come, first serve so please submit your request as early as you're able.

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

## Caring for the Caregiver

A Day of Rejuvenation



The Aging and Disability Resource Center along with the Long Term Support Division of Winnebago County, would like to invite you to our annual Caring for the Caregiver Conference. You will be provided with resources, information and a day of support to individuals in Winnebago County, who have a role in caring for their loved ones of all ages

Date: Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019  
8:30-3:00

9-10:45

Child Presenters-Parent connections, Three Waves Health Coach & Wellness Center

11:30-12

Keynote Speaker Vivian Hazell

12-1:00

Lunch & Motivational Speaker Gary Beyer

1-3:00

Adult Presenters-Alzheimer's Association, Evidence Based Classes, Tai Chi

### Location

Best Western Convention Center, 2 N Main St. Oshkosh

Free parking in lot next to the Center

Registration is required

Please register by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

You can call Nancy Ruedinger at 236-1220 or email

[nruedinger@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:nruedinger@co.winnebago.wi.us)

Food will be available    Door Prizes    Vender Booths

**This is a Free event**

We hope to see you there!!

Free Respite Options Available upon prior request



# Oshkosh Employment Fair



Looking for a job? Look here!

**Oshkosh Area Employment Fair**

**1-4 PM**

**May 21, 2019**

**Menominee Nation Arena  
1212 S Main St, Oshkosh, WI**



Job seekers can expect the employers to be searching for a wide range of careers in a number of industry segments. For a list of registered companies after April 15, visit

<http://www.foxvalleywork.org/jobfair.html> (check back often as companies will still be registering!).

Curious about how to prepare for a job fair or for more information about attending the fair, contact Oshkosh Area Workforce Development Center, 219 Washington Street, Suite 107, Oshkosh or your local job center (for a list of job centers go to

<http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/>)

Event sponsored in collaboration with:



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## UWO 4th Annual Free School

**March 16, 2019**

### Sage Hall

UWO Free School, taking place March 16th, 2019, is a day of FREE learning for all people of all ages! Classes begin at 1 pm—5pm. Classes last an hour. Don't miss this opportunity to gain knowledge and experience, drum up business, meet people -- or just have fun. Topics include food, exercise, public safety, science, nature, cultural topics and much more - all taught by volunteers like yourself.