



December 2019

Dream Big!

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Winnebago County
Housing Authority's
Family Self Sufficiency Program

**Happy
Holidays!**

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Dear FSS participants,

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with yummy food and family/friends! Now let's get ready for the rest of the Holidays!



FSS Graduation: Congrats to Kenny, the newest FSS graduate. Kenny balanced his budget, got his driver's license, obtained a full time job, bought a car, and is now working with Habitat to own his own home. He graduates with almost \$7,000 in his FSS escrow account. Way to go Kenny!



FSS Connection Meeting:

Please join us on December 9 at 9am at the Marion Manor TV Lounge for a FISC presentation on Holiday Spending and Scams. Teri says, "Let me help you make it through the holidays with warm feelings and a happy heart instead of an empty pocketbook and dread. " Let me know if you can make it by emailing me at kayh@ohawcha.org. All are welcome! See page 8 in this newsletter for more information.

Father Carr's Christmas Meal :

Father Carr's Place 2B will provide a free Noon meal on December 25. If you would like a meal delivered to your home, please sign up by calling 231-2378. Deliveries are from 10:30 AM – 12 PM.

Salvation Army Holiday Assistance:

Please see page 3 in this newsletter to sign up. Last day is December 10th!

I hope you find some time to relax and enjoy all the things that make this world a wonderful place. Enjoy the rest of this newsletter with educational opportunities, job fairs, parenting workshops, community events and more! Call me at 920-424-1470 x133 if you have any questions!

Happy Holidays!
Kay Hinton



Holiday Assistance 2019

Tuesday, October 22nd, Wednesday, October 23rd 2nd from 9:00-4:00 pm, for Coats, Toy Store, and Adopt a Family ONLY

Wednesday, November 6th from 9:00-5:00 pm for Toy Store, Coats ONLY

Tuesday, December 10th from 9:00 -5:00 pm for Toy Store ONLY

At The Salvation Army of Oshkosh, 417 Algoma Blvd., 920-232-7660



In order to sign up you MUST have the following:

ALL SERVICES GREEN CARD current within the last six months and identification

Or

you must provide the following:

- Current photo ID for all adults
 - Social Security or Forward Cards for everyone living in household
 - Proof of address (bill or lease)
 - Proof of income for entire household (Income includes print out of Wages, Unemployment, Food Stamps, Social Security, Child Support and W2)
- Food Share Card accepted**

You must be an Oshkosh, Omro, or Winneconne resident with the following zip codes in order to sign up

54901
54902
54903
54904
54906
54927
54934
54947
54963
54964
54980
54985
54986

TEFAP Income Eligibility 2019

Total # in household	Weekly	Monthly Income (gross)	Annual Income (gross)
1	\$480.00	\$2,082.00	\$24,980.00
2	\$650.00	\$2,818.00	\$33,820.00
3	\$820.00	\$3,555.00	\$42,660.00
4	\$990.00	\$4,292.00	\$51,500.00
5	\$1,160.00	\$5,028.00	\$60,340.00
6	\$1,330.00	\$5,765.00	\$69,180.00
7	\$1,500.00	\$6,502.00	\$78,020.00
8	\$1,670.00	\$7,238.00	\$86,860.00
For each additional member add	\$170.00	\$736.00	\$170.00



Saturday, December 7, 2019

at 10 AM – 3 PM

[EAA - The Spirit of Aviation](#)

3000 Poberezny Rd,

Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

All events and museum admission is free between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Donations of unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots or non-perishable food goods for the [Oshkosh Area Community Pantry](#) are greatly appreciated.

RAISING GIRLS

For parents of girls ages 3-13



We'll examine some of the unique challenges and joys that face parents of girls!

Whether she is still playing with dolls, or on her way to tween/teen years, all attendees will take away something to help the harmony in their home.

This two-night workshop will explore:

- Hints and tips to assist in the raising of a daughter
- Increasing understanding of what girls are dealing with as they progress on their journey of growing up.

We will also discuss the nuances of girl friendships, self-esteem and body issues, and how to help her establish her individual identity.



Dates: Thursdays, December 5 and 12, 2019 *(Please plan to attend both evenings)*

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 222 East Fremont Street, Appleton

Cost: \$5.00/person

Scholarships available - Call 920-739-4226, ext. 109

Free child care offered. Limited spots available. Register early.

Register by calling ThedaCare at (920) 830-6877

Or by going to www.thedacare.org. Click on "Classes."



United Way Fox Cities



Parent Connection, a program of Family Services
1810 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI 54952
(920) 739-4226
www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection

Workshop Cancellation Line
920-739-4226, ext. 154



Like us on Facebook for the most up-to-date workshop information.

www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI

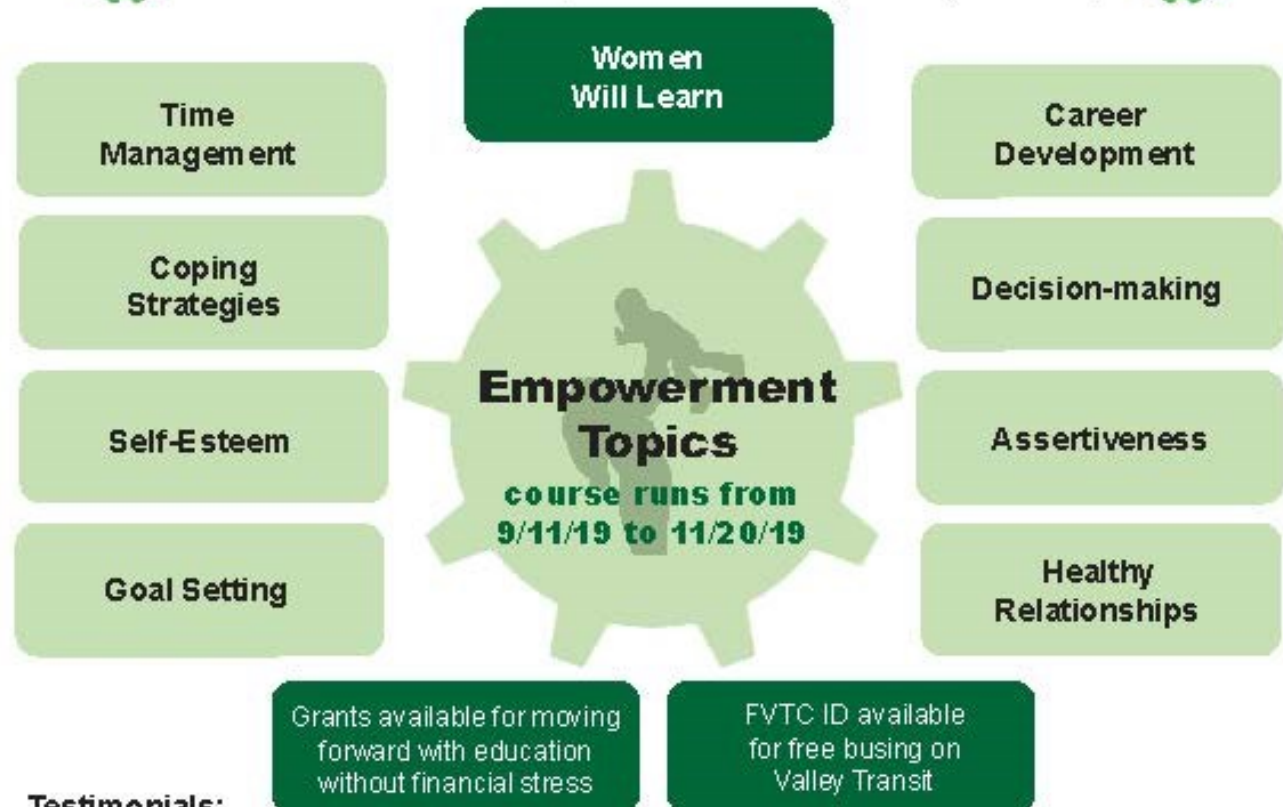
Young Women's Initiative: Starting Point 2.0

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 September 11 to November 20, Wednesdays 9 am to 12:15 pm.



Testimonials:

"Starting Point 2.0 has helped me plan a way to go back to school and provide for our family."

"I have really had anxiety and self-doubt. This program made me feel more comfortable entering a new transition. I wanted to go back to school but did not know where to start or who to ask for help. I feel that now I have a better view on where I want to see my future go."

"This program has helped me learn all the resources within FVTC, to help as I go back to school. It has even given me the help I need in my personal life."

Contact Information: Kelly Kohl @ 201/735-4825 kohlk@fvtc.edu, Kara Nowak @ 201/735-5722 nowak.kk@fvtc.edu, Pastor Mahnie @ 201/733-6886 execdir@babeshelp.org and Alexis Hill @ 201/740-2873 hillal@fvtc.edu
To see if you are eligible, fill out this survey online www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint



Young Women's Initiative: Starting Point 2.0

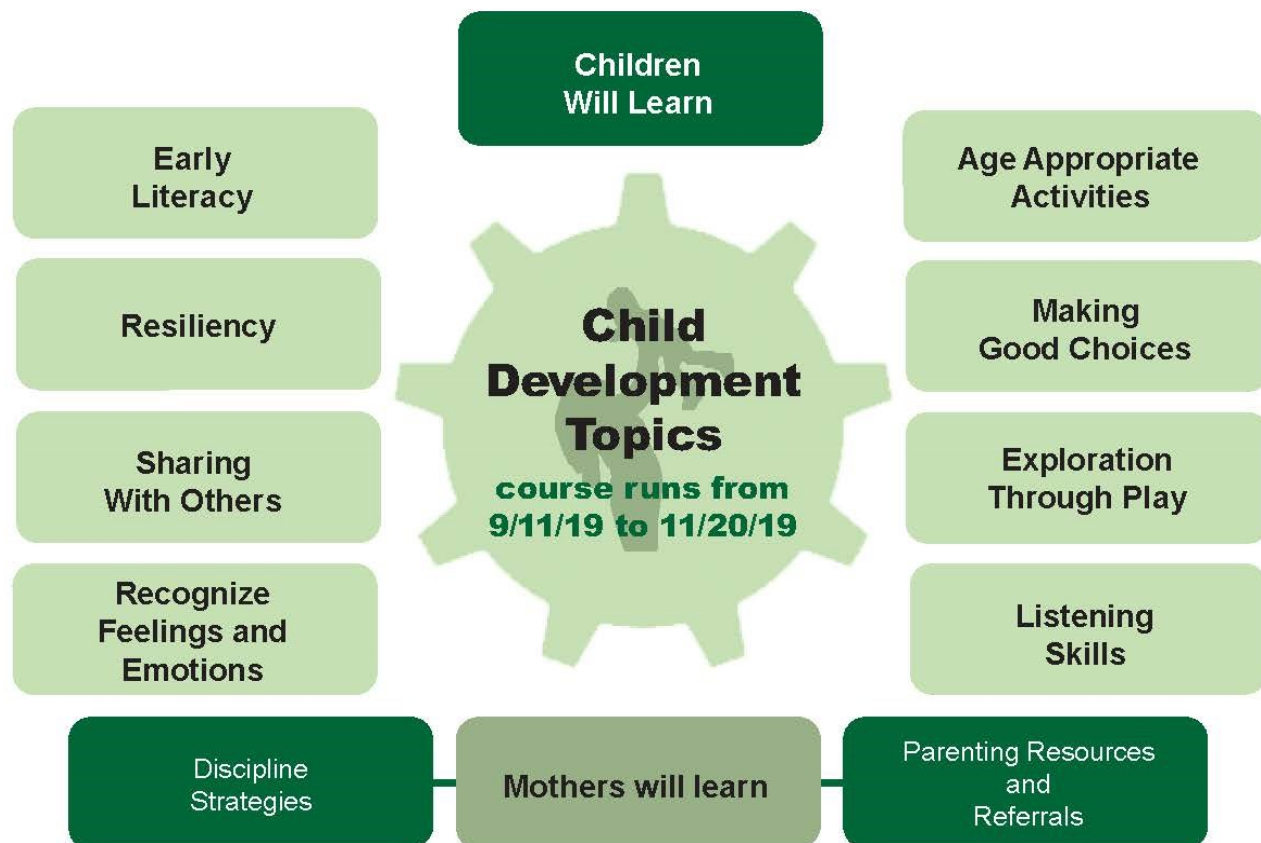


Why would I want to take this workshop?

- 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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"I felt like I had some control over my life and where it was going."

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WOMEN'S fund
for the fox valley region, inc.



EmpowHER

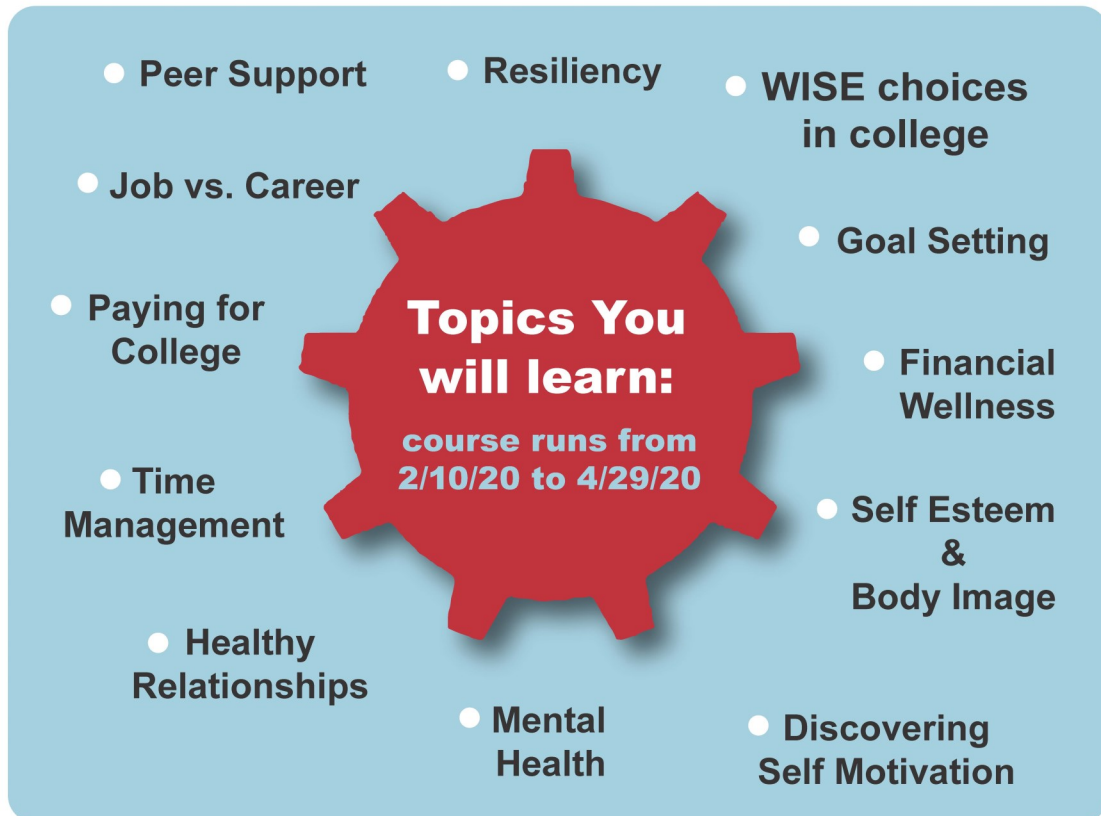
Are you 18 to 29 years old (without children) and looking for direction in the areas of education, employment and a healthy lifestyle? Do you think about your future and wonder what your path will look like?

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 10, 2020 through April 29, 2020**
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Fox Valley Technical College-Appleton Campus



Testimonials:

"I learned a lot of life skills I was missing, like budgeting. Now I finally know how to grow my finances and save money!"

"Through this course I have gained more self confidence, motivation, and have learned more than I ever hoped for."

Contact Information: Kelly Kohl (920) 735-4825 kohlk@fvtc.edu, Kara Nowak (920) 735-5722 nowakk@fvtc.edu

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

FSS Connection Group Meeting

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 Holiday Spending and Scams from Teri Horner, FISC Counselor.
- ♦ Discuss educational opportunities to offer in the FSS program
- ♦ Collaborate and communicate your opinion!

Date: Monday, December 9, 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.**

Rent Smart 2019

*FREE WORKSHOPS TO HELP YOU FIND AND KEEP
A SUITABLE PLACE TO LIVE.*

Rent Smart provides practical education to help people looking for rental housing find, get, and keep suitable housing. Rent Smart workshops are FREE. Each workshop consists of 2 sessions. Completion of the course provides you with a certificate to show your commitment to being a good tenant. **Registration is required.** Call (920) 232-1973 to register.

March 19 & 26 (Tuesdays) 9:00—11:30am

Menasha Public Library (*Company E Room*)

June 18 & 25 (Tuesdays) 9:00—11:30am

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

August 14 & 21 (Wednesdays) 6:00—8:30pm

Neenah Public Library (*Shattuck Room*)

September 19 & 26 (Thursdays) 9:00—11:30am

Menasha Public Library (*Company E Room*)

October 16 & 23 (Wednesdays) 5:00—7:30pm

Oshkosh Public Library (*Lower Level Room A*)

December 10 & 17 (Tuesdays)

9:00—11:30am

Oshkosh Public Library (*Lower Level Room A*)





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ELL Pathway to Culinary Careers Certificate

5 course certificate

Tuition Courses (\$154.65 per credit):

- Fall 2019 Introduction to Hospitality (3 credits)
- Spring 2020 Culinary Foundations (1 credit)
- Fall 2020 Culinary Fundamentals (3 credits)
- Spring 2021 Sanitation for Food Service Operations (1 credit)
& Nutrition for Culinary Arts (1 credit)

Tuition Assistance may be available.

Little to no cost to students:

- ELL Support Courses (3 hours a week)
- Use of culinary knife set (\$500 value)
- Use of textbooks
- Uniform

All Classes are team taught by a Culinary Instructor and an ELL instructor in the classroom. The ELL instructor will help students learn the language and study the materials of Culinary Arts.

Culinary Foundations meets:

Jan. 20 - March 9, 2020

Mondays 8:00 - 11:50

Fee: \$154.65

Support Class meets:

Jan. 20-May 16, 2020

Wednesdays, 8:30-11:20

Students must attend all classes.

Call Today to Register!

Appleton Campus:

Elizabeth Merrill (920) 236-6187

**2020
Spring Semester:**
Jan. 20 - May 16

Culinary Courses for ELL Students



Appleton Campus
1825 N. Bluemound Dr.
Appleton, WI 54912



Construction Trades Expo Hands-on Event

Thursday, December 5

Fox Valley Technical College • 1825 N. Bluemound Dr., Appleton



Don't take our word for it – try it for yourself.
At this hands-on event, you'll discover what it's like to work in a high-demand construction trade career.

- Experience building, pipe trades, electrical and heavy duty equipment hands-on activities
- Talk to local employers about available careers
- Tour classrooms & labs
- Talk with current students & instructors
- Find out about technical diploma, associate degree and apprenticeship options

9 a.m.–2 p.m. High School Groups – Entrance 10

Students – contact your high school teacher if you are interested in attending.

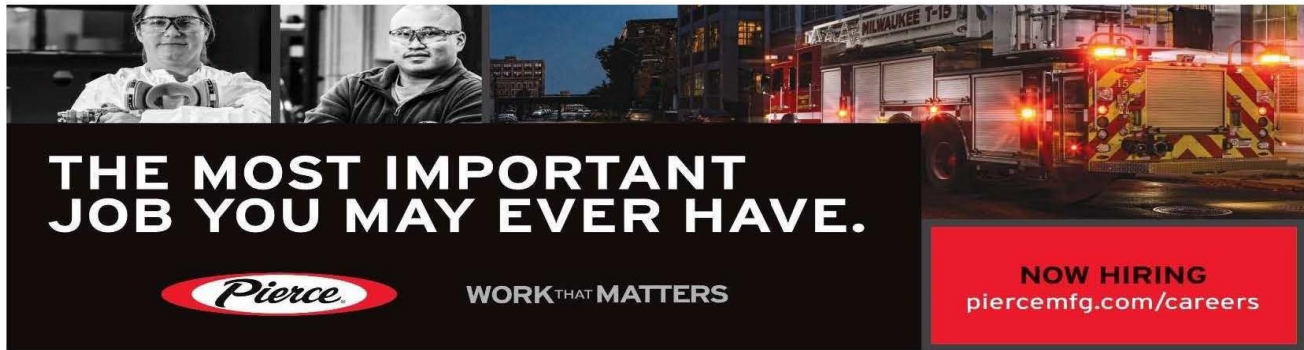
High School Teachers – contact your FVTC Admissions Specialist or fill out the form at www.fvtc.edu/TradesExpo if you are interested in bringing a group.

4–7 p.m. General Public – Entrance 4

Let us know you're coming. Just fill out a quick sign-up form at www.fvtc.edu/TradesExpo

www.fvtc.edu/TradesExpo

GED to Work Program



**THE MOST IMPORTANT
JOB YOU MAY EVER HAVE.**

Pierce WORK^{THAT} MATTERS

NOW HIRING
piercemfg.com/careers

Pierce GED to Work Program Information Sessions

WHEN

Tuesday, December 3
12:30 – 2:00 pm

OR

Wednesday, December 4
3:30 – 5:00 pm

WHERE

Pierce Training University
2602 American Drive
Appleton, WI 54912

Please wear close toe shoes for facility tour

With the *GED to Work Program*, you can expect to:

- Attend class 15 hours per week January 20- April 17, 2019 at Fox Valley Technical College – **at no cost to you!**
- Work a minimum of 20 (up to 40) hours per week while participating in on-the-job training
- Earn \$15.00/hour to start
- Receive a generous benefit package while working part-time

Upon completion of the GED/HSED:

- Gain full-time employment
- Earn \$16.88/hour (plus shift differential of \$.75 for 2nd and \$1.00 for 3rd)
- Receive a \$1,000 sign-on bonus
- Receive full-time benefit package

Call Pierce Representatives at 920-832-3000 for any additional questions!*

Or Apply online at: www.piercemfg.com/careers

Job Title: **GED to Work Program**



Looking to get hired?

Truck Driving Job/Career Fair

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Thursday December 12, 2019

Fox Valley Technical College
J.J. Keller Transportation Building

North Truck Driving Safety Bay

1825 North Bluemound Drive
Appleton, WI 54912

[Directions](#) (click on for directions)

**25 COMPANIES WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
WITH YOU!**

PLEASE CONTACT SAM - 920-735-4769 OR eustice@fvtc.edu WITH QUESTIONS.





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

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





Do you need more money for college?

**Apply for the
Steve Falek Scholarship
Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities
(WAHA)**

**Send in your application to win one of two
scholarships to be awarded in April each year**

- ❖ \$2,000 scholarship for full-time student
- ❖ \$1,000 scholarship for part-time student

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Requirements

- ❖ Need to be a participant/household member of subsidized housing (Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, etc.)
- ❖ Provide proof of your full-time student status (12 credits or more), or part-time student status (6 credits or more)
 - ❖ You need to have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
 - ❖ Submit a 250-500 word essay on "My Career Goals"
 - ❖ Provide 2 letters of recommendation

Deadline to apply is January 7!!

***Application forms and instructions available at
www.wahaonline.org or ask your Housing Authority for an
application form.***



Holiday Events



November 29, 2019 thru January 4, 2020 at 5:30 PM – 9 PM

Located at Menominee Park , 520 Pratt Trail, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

Join us for the Oshkosh's most amazing light display; celebrating 18 years of holiday magic! This effort is so much more than the three quarters of a million lights spread over a mile through beautiful Menominee Park. Since 2001, attendees to the annual holiday event have donated more than 110 tons of non-perishable food, which has been donated to food pantries in the Oshkosh area! Make the Celebrations of Lights part of your holiday tradition and join us!

Admission is \$10 per carload or \$1 off with a canned food donation. Or FREE nights are scheduled for December 3, 6 and 10th.

Breakfast With Santa
 Saturday December 7th, 2019
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 OMRO AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
 130 W LARRABEE ST. OMRO, WI
 ADULTS \$6.00 CHILDREN \$4.00
 BREAKFAST INCLUDES FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGES, COFFEE, MILK, AND JUICE
 VISITS WITH SANTA
 COOKIE DECORATING WITH MRS. CLAUS
 KID'S RAFFLE
 COLORING CONTEST
 FACE PAINTING
 CHRISTMAS CRAFT
 ROCK PAINTING WITH OMRO ROCKS

A VERY Neenah CHRISTMAS
 FUTURENEENAH
Friday, December 6th
6:00 - 8:00PM
Downtown Neenah
 Live Mannequin Window Displays,
 Carriage Rides, Rudolph Run,
 Carolers, Santa & Mrs. Claus, Ice
 Carvings & more!