

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



600 Merritt Avenue
P.O. Box 397
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903
OSHKOSH (920) 424-1450
www.ohawcha.org
Kay Hinton
FSS Program Coordinator
920-424-1470 EXT. 133
kayh@ohawcha.org

#### What's Inside:

- April Letter
- Food Resources
- Virtual Field Trips
- Power of Money
  - Rent Smart
  - COVID-19
- Amazon Free services
- Back To School Referrals
  - Forward Services
  - GED to Work Program
    - Skills to Succeed
      - Recipe

#### Dear FSS participants,

I'm guessing by now you've seen all kinds of emails about the Coronavirus! Everyone wants to tell you that they are aware of the situation, following the latest guidelines, and they are there for you. We at the Housing Authority are limiting outside contact, coughing into the crook of our elbows, practicing social distancing and preparing for the worst while hoping for the best! If you need to report changes in income and assets, please scan or take a picture of the verification and submit it by email **or** drop it in the drop boxes outside our offices at 265 Kaukauna St, Menasha or 600 Merritt Ave, Oshkosh. That being said, here is the April Newsletter.



#### Congratulations to Luann and Anissa who are our newest FSS graduates!

Anissa has found full time employment at UW-O right at the time she enrolled in the FSS program. She immediately was over income and graduates with \$184.00 in her escrow.

Luann was working at a staffing agency and the company hired her on permanently. She found full time employment at Menasha Packaging, improved her income and is maintaining her budget. She graduates with \$1,614.72 in her FSS escrow account. Please join me in congratulating them on their achievement!

Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. If you have a question on whether some event is still moving forward, please call the phone number of the event sponsor. I wish you and your family good health and safety. 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.

Stay well! Kay Hinton FSS Coordinator



When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store Conversations with neighbors A crowded theatre Friday night out The taste of communion A routine checkup The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be we hoped to be and may we stay that way—better for each other because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

OASD and Oshkosh Kids will be delivering food, starting today, Monday-Friday to the following neighborhoods! Please share!

Neighborhood Sites			
NEIGHBORHOOD	ADDRESS	LOCATION	TIME
Logan Drive Neighborhood	3317 Logan Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54901	Distribution Trailer (located near the field between apartment complexes)	10:45 - 11:15 a.m.
Snell Road Mobile Home Community	1940 W. Snell Rd Oshkosh, WI 54901	Distribution Trailer (located near blue office building, edge of road)	11:20 - 11:50 a.m.
St. Andrews Church Neighborhood	110 E. Murdock Ave Oshkosh, WI 54901	Picnic Pavillion	10:50 - 11:20 a.m.
Cimarron Court Neighborhood	130 Cimarron Ct. Oshkosh, WI 54902	Distribution Van (located near office)	11:35 - 11:55
Cumberland Trail Neighborhood	1152 Cumberland Tr. Oshkosh, WI 54901	Community Center	Will by distributed by HUD staff after Noon.



# CORONAVIRUS EXPLAINED EASILY:

- Karen got infected yesterday, but she won't know until 14 days later.
- Karen thinks she's healthy and is infecting 10 persons per day.
- These 10 persons think they are ok, they travel, go out and infect 100 persons.
- These 100 persons think they are healthy and keep infecting 1000 persons.
- No one knows who is ok or who can infect you.

Do you understand why is important to stay at home?

Be responsible. Stay in quarantine.

# **Virtual Field Trips**

## Over 30 Virtual Field Trips with Links

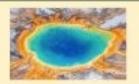
(Click on colored text for links. Safe Travels!)

San	Diego
Z	00



The <u>San Diego Zoo</u> has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour!

Yellowstone National Park Virtual Field Trip



<u>Mud Volcano</u>, <u>Mammoth Hot Springs</u>, and so much more.

Tour Yellowstone National Park!

MARS!!!



Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover.

They are updating from WEBVR to WEBXR now, but 360 Mode offers a digital view!

Animal Cameras



Live Cams at the San Diego Zoo Monterey Bay Aquarium live cams Panda Cam at Zoo Atlanta 6 Animal Cams at Houston Zoo

Georgia Aquarium has Jellyfish, Beluga Whales, and more

Virtual Farm Tour



This Canadian site <u>FarmFood 360</u> offers

11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs.

# Emotional CPR Listener Warm line

LEAVEN Fox Cites has been training volunteers to Emotional CPR over the past few years. In light of the current state, they are mobilizing their network to provide emotional support.

If you are feeling alone or afraid or just want to connect with another human being, our Emotional CPR Warmline is now LIVE!

We are not clinicians but every day people who want to listen to what you are going through.

Please give us a call at 920-931-2572.

Until we connect, take good care of you!

# **Power of Money**





# THE POWER OF MONEY

#### Discover proven ways to:

- · Build a budget that works
- Spend less and 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 2020.

Class size is limited. Register in advance.

# Special Grant Funding: No cost for 2020



"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-tai 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 dramatical improved my life."

#### Your 2020 dates

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

Jan. 7, 14, 21 (Tues.) Feb. 4, 11, 18 (Tues.) March 3, 10, 17 (Tues.) April 7, 14, 21 (Tues.) May 7, 14, 21 (Thur.) June 2, 9, 16 (Tues.) Aug. 4, 11, 18 (Tues.) Sept. 10, 17, 24 (Thur.) Oct. 6, 13, 20 (Tues.) Nov. 5, 12, 19 (Thur.)

#### Where we meet

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







## **Rent Smart**

# Rent Smart 2020

# 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.

#### February 5 & 12 (Wednesdays) 9:00-11:30am

Menasha Public Library (Activity Room)

#### April 2 & 9 (Thursdays) 6:00-8:30pm

Neenah Public Library (Shattuck Room)

#### June 9 & 16 (Tuesdays) 5:30-8:00pm

Cumberland Court Apartments (Community Center)

#### August 11 & 18 (Tuesdays) 6:00-8:30pm

Menasha Public Library (Activity Room)



#### October 15 & 22 (Thursdays) 9:30am-12:00pm

Neenah Public Library (Shattuck Room)

#### December 8 & 15 (Tuesdays) 9:00-11:30am

Oshkosh Location Pending (call for more details)





# **STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS**



### COVID 19



# What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

#### Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

## Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home

**People:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

**Animals:** Do not handle pets or other animals while sick. See <u>COVID-19 and Animals</u> for more information.

#### Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

#### Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) or pets and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

#### Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can; immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 to 95% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

#### Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people or pets in your home. After using these items, they should be washed thoroughly with soap and water.



CS 314937-D 02/24/2020

#### Clean your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

#### Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

#### Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office to keep other people in the office or waiting room from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate.

If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you have, or are being evaluated for COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive.

#### Discontinuing home isolation

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



# **SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019**

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.





For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

CS315252-A

# **Amazon Family Plan**

Amazon is hooking us all up! Get a 3-month Family Plan of FreeTimeUnlimited for \$0.99 (reg 29.99)!!! Ad: <a href="https://amzn.to/2Qwi2uP">https://amzn.to/2Qwi2uP</a> you can cancel any time! Gives kids access to thousands of kid-friendly books, movies, TV shows, educational apps, Audible books, and games!



# Get a 3-month family plan of FreeTime Unlimited for \$0.99

Restrictions apply. Limited time offer, ends 04/15/20.



# Back to School Fair Referrals Available

As the school year is winding down, community partners are organizing resources for the 2020-2021 Back to School Fair. The BTSF is August 13, 2020. 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.

<u>Please submit a request in writing</u> 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 2020-2021 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 3rd, 2020

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.

## **FSC** Resources



Job Access Loan

# JAL

Wisconsin Employment
Transportation Assistance Program

# WETAP

#### **PROVIDES**







\$1,600 towards purchase of vehicle or other work related expenses including housing. Cannot exceed Kelly Blue Book value.





\$1,600 loan to repair or purchase a vehicle. Cannot exceed Kelly Blue Book value.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**



Meet all eligibility criteria for Wisconsin Works and have a job or job offer. They do not need to be enrolled but must be a Custodial Parent or a participating Non-Custodial Parent. JAL is provided through W-2.





- 1. Household income must be equal to or less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. WETAP is provided through a Mobility Manager.
- 2. Employed or have a job offer.

#### **REPAYMENT**







- The applicant completes a budget indicating his/her ability to repay the loan in cash within the agreed upon repayment timeframe. They agree to make regular monthly payments.
- 2. At least 25% of loan must be repaid in cash. The repayment plan may include in-kind community service.
- **3.** Initial repayment period is 12 months, but it may be extended with repayment renegotiation.





- The applicant completes a budget worksheet to ensure they can pay back the required amount.
- 2. 75% of loan must be paid back in a 12 month term.

Updated 1/24/2020.

Call us today

JAL 855-733-1311

WETAP 920-292-1336



Take advantage of this great opportunity to earn your GED and gain full-time employment upon completion through the GED to Work Program!

Apply online: www.piercemfg.com/careers

Requisition Number: 188486

Job Title: GED to Work - Assembler / Painter / Machine Operator

2nd or 3rd Shift

The next GED to Work Program will start on May 4, 2020

With the GED to Work Program, you can expect:

- Hourly rate of \$15.00 to start while working a minimum of 20 (and up to 40) hours per week - plus a generous benefit package to include medical insurance
- 15 hours of classroom instruction per week at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) geared towards obtaining your GED (training 100% covered by state funded grant)
- On-the-job training applying skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to the manufacturing of custom fire apparatus
- Full-time employment plus <u>bump to \$17.34 plus shift differential (\$.75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and</u> \$1.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> shift) upon successful completion of the *GED to Work Program*
- \$1,000 sign-on bonus upon completion of GED/HSED!

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

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.

## Online Skills to Succeed



## **Skills to Succeed Academy**

The Skills to Succeed Academy is a free, online learning program focused on building your skills and confidence so you can make career choices, find a job and keep it.

The program consists of three courses and 36 modules — about 15 to 30 minutes each — that use role-based simulations, videos, quizzes and other interactive exercises to help individuals try out real-life work scenarios such as a job interview or first day of work and experience the consequences of on-the-job decisions.

Training is personalized and can be taught in a classroom, online only or a combination of both.

#### **Training Courses**

#### You and Your Career

Learn how to make informed career choices

- Explore career options
- Consider personal skills and interests
- Do your research
- Develop an action plan to get started

#### **Getting a Job**

Learn how to prepare for and find a job

- Identify your unique skills
- Create a tailored resume
- Research and apply for the right jobs
- Prepare for a successful interview

#### **Success in Work**

Learn how to prepare for a new job and grow into a career

- Learn key tips for success
- Clarify job expectations
- Set goals and have the right attitude
- Stay motivated and continue growing







## Online Skills to Succeed



#### **Getting Started**

#### **Pre-assessment**

A quick, online pre-assessment creates a personalized learning plan based on your individual needs.

#### **Learning Recommendations**

After completing the pre-assessment, you will receive a list of recommended learning modules to help you on your journey.

#### **Personalized Training**

Next, get started on the recommended learning modules, which are highly interactive and offer actionable information as well as real-life scenarios to help you succeed.



#### **Skills to Succeed Academy**

920-213-0547



# EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI 54952 www.goodwillncw.org



# Recipe

## Homemade Hand Sanitizer Recipe

1/3 cup of aloe vera gel

2/3 cup 99% rubbing alcohol\*

8-10 drops of essential oil, optional (such as vanilla, lavender, grapefruit, peppermint, etc.)

Mix ingredients. Pour into spray bottle(s).



