

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



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## Dear FSS participants,

### Hello June!



Can you believe it has been 11 weeks since this pandemic started?! Things are starting to open up and people are getting back to their normal. But the question is what will that normal look like in the next few weeks? Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority offices are still closed to the public. We are still here though and ready whenever you are. If you need to submit documentation of a job starting or ending, please submit: by email to kayh@ohawcha.org, fax (920-424-1474) or drop into our drop box at : 600 Merritt Avenue, Oshkosh or 265 Kaukauna St, Menasha.

### **FSS Connection Group Meeting:**

On June 8, 2020 at 9am, David Foertsch, Goodwill NCW, will be joining us to talk about the Skills Training program Having trouble finding a job or advancing your career? This may be the place to start!! Please join us and learn more. All are welcome!! See page 10 for more information.

**Oshkosh Back To School Fair :** The Back to School Fair will be changing this year. We will be limiting contact with family and friends but we will continue to provide school supplies, hygiene and clothing vouchers. I am taking referrals so please give me a call if you want to sign up. 920-424-1470 ext 133. See page 11 for more information.

Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. 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 kayh@ohawcha.org



# COVID-19 TIPS FOR OSHKOSH TENANTS



# CONTINUE TO PAY RENT AND UTILITIES.

Continue to pay your rent and utilities as best as you can so that you don't get further behind or become at risk for eviction later. Wisconsin has banned all evictions, except those where there is an imminent risk of serious physical harm to another person until May 26, 2020. Wisconsin prohibits all landlords from charging late fees until 90-days after the state emergency expires.

Let your landlord know if you or anyone else in your household experiences a loss of income. Remember—your landlord wants to avoid eviction as much as you do. Work out a payment plan as soon as possible with your landlord.

## COMMUNICATE CHANGES TO YOUR LANDLORD.

# REACH OUT FOR HELP RIGHT AWAY.

Temporary rent and utility assistance may be available based on your situation. Contact the United Way by calling 2-1-1 for available resources in the community. The sooner you reach out, the better.

# **GET IN TOUCH!**

Call 2-1-1 or Text Your Zip Code to 898211 Call Legal Action Toll Free: (855) 947-2529 oshkoshunitedway.org/housing

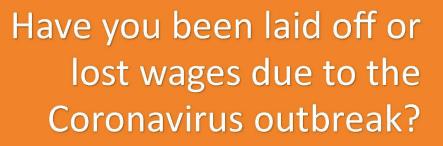






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# **Need Health Insurance?**



Did you know?

You may be eligible for different health insurance options.

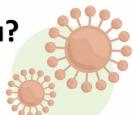
If you (or someone in your household) have lost a job or are working less, you may qualify for BadgerCare Plus.





If you recently lost health insurance through a job, you can sign up for Marketplace health insurance.

# Which option is best for you? We can help!



Call 920-882-6420 or United Way's 2-1-1 for free assistance





(920) 731-7445

# Partnership Virtual Visits



# To schedule, call: 920-731-7445

# Connecting you to care from anywhere



## **Virtual Visits**

### **Easy-to-Use and Convenient**

### What you need to know

#### What are virtual visits?

Virtual visits use two-way technology to let you talk with your provider when you are not at the clinic.

#### Is my privacy protected?

Absolutely! We take extra steps to make sure your visit is completely secure and confidential.

#### How do I know a virtual visit is right for me?

There are many reasons for a virtual visit. Call us to find out if one is right for you.

#### Are they covered by insurance?

Virtual visits are covered by BadgerCare and many commercial insurances. Contact your insurance company for more details. Make an appointment Call us at 920-731-7445 to see if a virtual visit is right for you.

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**Check your email or mail** We will send you important documents to complete before your appointment.

### At your appointment time

<u>Phone</u>: Your provider will call you at the scheduled time.

<u>Video</u>: Follow the instructions in the confirmation email.



For two-way video, you will need an **internet-connected** device with **camera**, **speakers and a microphone**.

# Free RX Drug Card



# **Pandemic Foodshare**

# **Attention FoodShare Members**

You may get additional FoodShare benefits to help you during the COVID-19 pandemic.



The benefits will be automatically put on your QUEST card on April 12 and April 26. You don't need to do anything!



You'll get a letter letting you know if you got these additional benefits and how many you got.



You'll get these additional benefits if you don't already get the maximum monthly benefit amount for your family size.

You can check your balance at any time by going to <u>ebtedge.com</u> or using the ebtEDGE mobile app.

### Want to learn more? Go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/forwardhealth.

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 mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

2. fax: 202-690-7442; or

3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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# FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX

# FREE FOR THE OSHKOSH COMMUNITY

When: Mondays in June (1, 8, 15, 22) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Where: UWO Kolf Sports Center (Enter Lot #7 off High Avenue)

The USDA is partnering with farmers, distributors and nonprofits to ensure that **everyone** has access to the fresh produce, meat and dairy they need during the COVID-19 crisis. Receive your food box during the weekly Oshkosh drive-thru distribution. Be sure to clear out your trunk before you come. First come, first served basis. **NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS.** 





Oshkosh logistics partners: Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area United Way, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Father Carr's Place 2B, Oshkosh Corporation, Amcor, J.J. Keller Foundation



Dates: Every Thursday from May 28th - June 25th

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Location: Fox Valley Technical College 1825 N. Bluemound Dr., Appleton, WI 54912

### How it Works:

- Do not exit your vehicle at any time.
- Follow directions of posted signs.
- Have room in your vehicle's trunk or backseat to accommodate box of food.
- Please wait patiently while others are served.

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin has partnered with the USDA to distribute healthy food directly to high-need areas. Refrigerated trucks transport the food in pre-packed boxes to a drive-thru style distribution where clients take what they need, free of charge.

- \* Quantities are limited and will be given away on a first come, first served basis.
- \* Limit ONE box per vehicle unless picking up on behalf of a homebound individual.

# **FSS Connection Meeting**



### Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

David Foertsch, Vocational Coordinator—Soft Skills for Goodwill NCW, will be talking about his new Skills training program. At a time when we are unable to meet in person, we can still learn something new through this Skills training program. Come join us as we learn more.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/94062272969?pwd=KytZTUIDMHNwQnhabWJNRHBISDd1QT09 Meeting ID: 940 6227 2969 Password: 5T2HGv

# **BTSF 2020**



# 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.

# **ADVOCAP** Employment



### Community Services Specialist - Winnebago County Full Time Position

ADVOCAP, Inc., is a recognized leader in anti-poverty and self sufficiency programming. We are a private, nonprofit agency committed to creating opportunities for people and communities to reduce poverty.

# Our Affordable Housing Department needs someone who wants to make a difference in people's lives!

#### Come join a caring team of professionals who enjoy what they do!

Our Affordable Housing Department has an opening for a Community Services Specialist to help Winnebago County residents become more self sufficient.

#### **Responsibilities Include:**

- Assist individuals and families to address immediate needs
- Establish and implement a plan for self sufficiency
- Document needs, plans, services provided and outcomes achieved for persons with whom they work
- Identify gaps in community services offered

#### **Job Requirements:**

- This position will have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in education, training and experience in a human services filed with at least two years of direct case work
- An understanding of poverty and the ability to be non-judgmental with those served
- Ability to develop positive, growth-directed relationships with individuals and families in poverty
- Knowledge of and experience in utilizing community resources to help people in need
- Reliable transportation and a valid driver's license
- Drug Screening and background check required

Staring wage is \$18.08 per hour. This full time position will have access to our full benefit package which includes: health, dental, vision, life, STD, vacation, sick and holiday pay, and Retirement/401k option.

Resumes and/or applications, with cover letters, submitted by 5/29/20 will receive primary consideration. Send to: ADVOCAP Inc., Human Resources PO Box 1108 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1108 or email to <u>hr@advocap.org</u> or FAX: 920 922-7214

> www.advocap.org AA/EOE

# **ADVOCAP Employment** Family Self Sufficiency



### Family Development Specialist - Winnebago County **Homeless Program Full Time Position**

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Our Affordable Housing Department has an opening for a Family Development Specialist in our Homeless Program to help Winnebago County residents become more self sufficient.

#### **Responsibilities Include:**

- Assist individuals and families to overcome homelessness and/or potential homelessness .
- Provide case management •
- Develop strong community partnerships .
- Comprehend and operate under funding regulations .
- Engage in local and state wide Continuum of Care organizations .

#### **Job Requirements:**

- This position will have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in social work, human services, education or other related field, with experience in direct case work is preferred
- WI Social Work license is preferred
- Knowledge of and experience in working with a wide spectrum of individual issues: alcoholism and drug use, mental health and physical/mental disabilities
- An understanding of homelessness and poverty and the ability to be non-judgmental with those served
- Familiar with motivational interviewing and trauma informed care
- Ability to develop positive, trusting, growth-directed relationships with individuals
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# **COVID-19** Resources



Oshkosh: 36 Broad Street, Suite 150, Oshkosh 54901 | (920) 233-6630 www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection



Parent Connection

# **COVID-19** Resources

# **Community Response** Resources & Information

In this uncertain time all of us as a community are facing, it helps to know agencies & programs that continue finding ways to serve.

FISC and LEAVEN continue conducting business over the phone, not in-person. The offices will ne closed to the public.

FISC: (920) 886-1000 | <u>https://www.fisc-cccs.org/</u> LEAVEN: (920) 738-9635 | <u>https://www.leavenfoxcities.org/</u>

Watch for the FISC newsletter for their updates!

#### FOOD PANTRIES.ORG

We not only provide listings of pantries, but we also provide information on: food closets, food banks, soup kitchens, congregate meal locations, food boxes, vouchers, etc.

Our comprehensive list of food assistance programs provides full descriptions, pictures, hours, volunteer information, etc.

Go to: www.foodpantries.org/ci/wi-appleton

Vida Health Clinic is continuing to be "open" for necessary medical services

- For the support services, we have contacted all existing clients in the "Earn While You Learn" program and giving them opportunity to pick up necessary supplies to help aid them until about mid-April, if needed.
- We will continue to reassess how to safely conduct business
- At this time, we are not taking any new clients for support services
- We will see new patients on the medical side that we assess are in an urgent state for any pregnancy testing and/or STI screening or treatment

Contact Vida Health Clinic: (920) 731-4354 | https://vidamedicalclinic.org/



Like us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information. Www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWl



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 Parent Connection is a program of Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.

 Fox Cities:
 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha WI 54952 | (920) 739-4226

 Oshkosh:
 36 Broad Street, Suite 150, Oshkosh 54901 | (920) 233-6630

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# **COVID-19** Resources

### COVID-19 Resources

(Please call ahead to verify hours or call 2-1-1 for more up to date information. 2-1-1 website is also available at: <u>https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/</u>)

### Financial assistance for rent:

 ADVOCAP Bridges Program
 (920) 426-0150

 SVDP
 Oshkosh (920) 235-9368
 Fox Cities (920) 729-4571

 LEAVEN - Fox Cities
 (920) 738-9635

 Rural Housing
 1-888-400-5974

 Forward Service/W2 (Emergency Assistance)
 1-800-771-8420

### Legal Services

Legal Action 920-233-6521

### Food

Ruth's Pantry Winchester : Monday Weekly (920) 836-2382 8:30 – 10:30am. Paper products. House across from Grace Lutheran 8396 Steele Hill Dr. Larsen, WI

 Oshkosh Area Community Pantry
 (920) 651-9960

 St Joe's, Fox Cities
 (920) 734-9461

 Salvation Army Oshkosh
 (920) 232-7660

### Utility Assistance

Energy Assistance Oshkosh (920) 231-0600 Menasha 920-729-1433 ADVOCAP Bridges Program (920) 426-0150 LEAVEN Fox Cities (920) 738-9635 Forward Service/W2 (Emergency Assistance) 1-800-771-8420

> Please feel free to contact us for additional assistance at: Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority 600 Merritt Ave PO Box 397, Oshkosh, WI 54903-1474 Phone (920) 424-1450 – FAX (920) 424-1474