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Dream Big!

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



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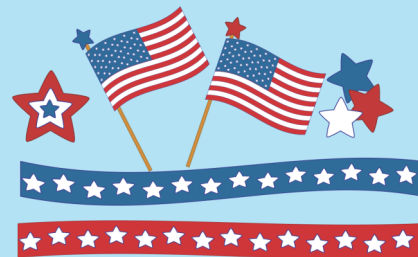
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Dear FSS participants and Community Members,

Happy 4th of July! We have a lot of changes at the Housing Authority!

A New Executive Director: Stuart Kuzik has been hired as the new Director of the Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority effective June 2, 2021 after the retirement of Susan van Houwelingen. Stuart has used his experience in financial services to partner with developers, neighborhood organizations, philanthropic institutions and business owners in advancing affordable housing and economic development. He previously was director of business and community engagement for the Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority, which promotes affordable housing and economic development through tax credits and other financial tools. Stuart is a UW-Milwaukee graduate and completed the National Council of State Housing Agencies Continuing Executive Education program. Welcome Stuart!



Our Main Office is open: Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority is pleased to announce that the Housing Authority's main office at 600 Merritt Ave, Oshkosh is open to the public starting Thursday, June 24th. Masks are required if you have **not** gotten the COVID vaccination.

While you are enjoying the weather, please spread the word and sign up for :

Oshkosh/Winneconne 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, shoes and clothing. There are a limited number of openings in the BTSF. Signing up **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** will provide families the best opportunity to receive assistance. Please contact me to sign up. 920-424-1470 ext. 133 or kayh@ohawcha.org. See page 7 for more information.

Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy July! 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 or emailing me at kayh@ohawcha.org.

Your success is my success.

Warm Regards,

Kay Hinton

FSS Coordinator

**PS: The Eviction Moratorium is extended until
7/31/2021.**



FoodShare Employment and Training

FSET

Wisconsin Works

W-2



HELPS PEOPLE GET JOBS WITH



- Transportation
- Clothing vouchers
- Education
- Job Search
- Connections to employers

PLUS!

Wisconsin Works has those resources and additional services specifically for parents:



- Housing
- Cash assistance
- Job Access Loan (JAL)

THEY'RE ELIGIBLE IF



- Receiving FoodShare.
- Enrolling in FoodShare is quick and easy at <https://access.wisconsin.gov> or with a call to their local Income Maintenance agency.



- A custodial parent of at least one minor
- At least 18 years old
- US citizen and Wisconsin resident, unless a migrant worker
- Other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria

HAVE A REFERRAL? CONTACT US! WE'LL DO THE REST.

BERLIN

237 Broadway Street, Suite C
920-354-6669

FOND DU LAC

223 N. Seymour St
920-913-4013

OSHKOSH

2201 Oregon Street
920-292-1330

MANITOWOC

1314 Memorial Drive
920-663-1471

MENASHA

1050 Midway Road
920-886-7118

SHEBOYGAN

3620 Wilgus Avenue
920-395-9109

WAUPACA

1990 Godfrey Drive
715-802-6281

WAUSHARA

205 E Main Street
920-240-8020

Updated 3/4/2020.

FSC Programs



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



1. 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.



1. 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.

Call us today

JAL 855-733-1311

WETAP 920-292-1336

Updated 1/24/2020.



FVTC is hosting an event for undecided students to help them with program/career selection and course registration.

When?

MONDAY, July 19, 2021 from 9am – 1pm

FRIDAY, August 6, 2021 from 9am – 3pm

Where?

FVTC Appleton Campus Room A105E (Entrance 1 or 15)

For more info: please contact Renee at:

Phone: (920)735-4778

Email: lezotte@fvtc.edu

OASD Free Meals



The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) will once again be offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months through its Summer Food Service Program. Free meals will be available at four District sites for children 18 years of age and under, and persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year.

The following OASD locations will be serving free meals this summer, during the dates and times listed:

- **Jefferson Elementary:** June 14 - July 8 (Monday through Thursday) - Breakfast 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. and Lunch 11:15 a.m. – Noon
- **Oaklawn Elementary:** June 14 - July 8 (Monday through Thursday) - Breakfast 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. and Lunch 11:15 a.m. – Noon
- **Carl Traeger Elementary:** June 14 - July 8 (Monday through Thursday) - Lunch 11:15 a.m. - Noon (NOTE: Community members must enter via Door #23 due to construction at the main entrance.)
- **North High School:** June 7 – July 16 (Monday through Friday) - Breakfast 7:30 - 8:20 a.m. and Lunch 11:30 a.m. - Noon and 12:30 - 1 p.m.



Back to School Fair Referrals Available

As the school year is winding down, community partners are organizing resources for the 2021-2022 Back to School Fair. The BTSF is August 11th, 12th and 13th, 2021. 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 2021-2022 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 2nd, 2021

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.

Sign up asap! There are a limited number of openings in the BTSF. Signing up AS SOON AS POSSIBLE will provide families the best opportunity to receive assistance.
Call Kay today!!

The Road to Recovery Can Lead to A New Career

What's available?

FREE career planning and training!

Test your skills! // Prepare for a job search! //
Get help writing a resume! // Find a career
you'll love!

Financial assistance to help you succeed!

free tuition // books // childcare // transportation //
recovery services

Who's eligible?

Anyone in the Recovery Community!

anyone in recovery from alcohol and drug misuse //
family, friends & allies of those in recovery //
recovery professionals // anyone who has
a personal commitment to recovery

What's the catch?

No catch – there's really no cost!

This free career assistance and support is made
possible with the Support to Communities Grant and
by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board.

Get started on the road to your new career today!

Call or text Patt Maass at
(715) 697-3051 or email
pmaass@fvwdb.com.

**Know someone who
could use career help?**

**Tell them about *FREE*
Career Planning!**



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**FREE
ENTERTAINMENT!**

Family Events

2021

at the Leach Amphitheater

Major Institutional Sponsor of the Leach



FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHTS

June 25

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT:

Bubble Night!



July 9

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT:

Beach Ball Night!

Sponsor:



July 30

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT:

Mascot Night!!!

Sponsor:



August 13

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT:

**ATW Airport Ice Cream Truck
& Youth Sports Night!**

Sponsor:



August 27

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT:

**Meet Our Community
Helpers Night!**

Sponsor:



**NEW IN
2021**

MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK

**GATES OPEN AT 6:30 PM
FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE MOVIE!**



KIDS FROM WISCONSIN

FREE July 18

**Kinsella Irish Dancers - 1:30pm
Kids From Wisconsin Concert
3-5pm**

Sponsor:

Community Arts Grant through
Oshkosh Area Community Foundation

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT

10AM-2PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Children can expect to see dump trucks,
mowers, police vehicles, tractors, diggers and
more! Family entertainment, interactive stations,
games and much more!



www.leachamphitheater.com

Rent Smart



Rent Smart

Taught by Extension Educators

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

Upcoming Class Dates & Times:

May: 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27; 7-8 PM

August: 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27; 9-10 AM

September: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23; 7-8 PM

October: 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21; 1-2 PM

November: 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, Dec 1; 11 AM-12 PM

Location: Live instruction via Zoom; link sent after registering

To register complete this online form:

<https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister>

Cost: FREE!

What you will learn:

- Planning for and meeting monthly expenses
- Tips for finding and maintaining affordable housing
- How to complete an application and why landlords screen applicants
- Strategies for building positive relationships with landlords and neighbors
- Responsibilities and rights of landlords and tenants
- **Participants must complete all 6 modules to earn the Rent Smart certificate**
- For more information, please contact rentsmartwi@office365.wisc.edu or call 262-741-4951

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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:

- 18-35 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 will attend B.A.B.E.S. Inc. together. School age children under 11 will participate through take home activities. Wednesdays, September 15, 2021 through December 1, 2021 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The last 4 weeks parents will transition to class at Fox Valley Technical College-Appleton Campus while the children remain at B.A.B.E.S. Inc.

"Starting Point 2.0 has helped me build skills I didn't have and to sharpen skills I already had."

Women Will Learn

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

Time Management

Self-Esteem

Goal Setting

Coping Strategies

Empowerment Topics

course runs from
9/15/21 to 12/1/21

Career Development

Decision Making

Assertiveness

Healthy Relationships



Grants available for moving forward with education without financial stress

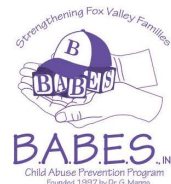


FVTC ID available for free busing on Valley Transit

Starting Point 2.0



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



Contact Information: Kara Nowak (920) 735-5722 nowakk@fvtc.edu
To find out if you are eligible and have a staff member contact you, fill out this survey: www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint.

FREE Help for Wisconsinites with Common Legal Needs legaltuneup.org

Available in English and Spanish



Legal Tune Up will help Wisconsinites remove eligible past infractions from their online criminal records — with the goal of removing barriers for those seeking employment or housing.

Use **Legal Tune Up** to find out what legal problems you can fix without paying for a lawyer.

- Suspended driver's license
- Child Support
- Eviction Records
- Clearing Arrest Records
- *And more...*

To use the **Legal Tune Up** program, users enter their first name, last name and date of birth to allow it to scan public databases for criminal records, eviction records, suspended driver's licenses and child support orders.

If the tool finds records eligible for removal — including dismissed charges and arrest records when no charges were filed — it guides the user through the next steps in having them cleared. **Legal Tune Up** scans databases maintained by the state court system and by the state Department of Justice.

Go to legaltuneup.org for more info

\$1500 SIGN ON BONUS!
*CDL POSITIONS ONLY

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11AM TO 4PM**

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Eviction Moratorium Extension

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has signed an extension to the **eviction moratorium** further preventing the eviction of tenants who are unable to make rental payments. The moratorium that was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021 is **now extended through July 31, 2021** and this is intended to be the **final extension** of the moratorium.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a historic threat to the nation's public health. Keeping people in their homes and out of crowded or congregate settings — like homeless shelters — by preventing evictions is a key step in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Parent Connection Oshkosh will be hosting two upcoming, online, summer classes.

123 Magic is an online class that is evidence-based for parents and caregivers of children 2-12 years old.

July 6th and July 13th at 6pm

Cost \$5.00 per person



Active Parenting: First Five Years is evidence-based for parents and caregivers of children 0-4 years old.

4 online sessions starting July 20th at 6pm

Cost \$15.00 per person, includes parent guide

Please call Jeni Rettler at 920-642-0042 for more information or to apply for a scholarship.

EmpowHER



Are you 18 to 35 years old (without children) and looking for direction in the areas of education, employment and a healthy lifestyle?

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

Do you think about your future and wonder what your path will look like?

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:

Tuesdays, September 14, 2021 through December 1, 2021
from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Fox Valley Technical College-Appleton Campus

• Community Resources

• Support From Other Women

• WISE choices in college

• Job vs. Career

• Goal Setting

• Paying for College

• Money Management

• Time Management

• Self Esteem & Body Image

• Mental Health

• Self Motivation

Topics You will learn:

course runs from
9/14/21 to 12/1/21

• Healthy Relationships

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




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


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

Contact Information: Kara Nowak (920) 735-5722 nowakk@fvtc.edu
To find out if you are eligible and have a staff member contact you, fill out this survey: www.fvtc.edu/EmpowHER.


Foster Parents Needed!



AT THIS VERY
MOMENT, THERE ARE
APPROXIMATELY
125 CHILDREN
PLACED OUTSIDE
OF THEIR HOME IN
WINNEBAGO
COUNTY.




Winnebago County




WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO
ENSURE
THERE ARE
ENOUGH FOSTER
HOMES IN OUR
COMMUNITY.

OPEN YOUR **HEART** AND HOME... BECOME
A FOSTER PARENT TODAY!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (920) 236-4658.



**FOOD TRUCKS AT
MENOMINEE PARK
BEFORE JULY 4TH
FESTIVAL FOODS
FIREWORKS SHOW!**



July 4, 2021

Food Trucks throughout the park from 3pm to 10pm
Please "carry out" what you "carry in".
Help keep our parks clean!