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Dear FSS participants and Community Members,

Happy September!

The **Oshkosh/Winneconne Back To School Fair** was held on August 11th, 12th, and 13th with **790 students (1008 total with waitlist)** receiving grade appropriate school supplies, backpacks, hygiene products, shoes, clothing, goodwill vouchers, and St. Vincent de Paul vouchers. Thank you to all who volunteered, attended and supported this important resource. If you or someone you know is still in need of



school supplies, please contact the school counselor or Salvation Army at (920) 232-7660.

Check out these happenings and many more in this September newsletter:

Due to <u>substantial</u> spread of COVID, the **eviction moratorium** in Winnebago County was extended to October 3, 2021.

Our Quarterly **FSS Connection Group Meeting** is September 13th at 9 am. **Taylor Raether**, Program Services Coordinator II of Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison, will be talking about Fair Housing including red flags, fair housing rights, their programs/services, and the enforcement process. Join our Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/97491930241. See page 16 for more info.

Receive \$100 Visa Gift Card if you get the COVID-19 vaccine between now and Labor Day Sept 6th. Go to <u>www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/100.htm</u> or Call 877-947-2211 or 211. See page 13.

Need a job? Check out the **Oshkosh Job Fair** on October 12, 2021 from 1pm to 4pm. See page 9 for more details. Or the **Little Chute Job Fair** on September 11, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm. See page 8 for more details.

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

Kay Hinton FSS Coordinator



Parent Connect



THE PARENT CONNECT

The Parent Connect is a FREE opportunity for parents and caregivers to talk with each other. Join us via Zoom to learn about resources and gain parenting skills that promote children's growth and learning. Each session, an Extension educator will highlight a different skill and lead a conversation about how parents can guide their children.

Fall 2021 Schedule 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Sept. 23	(Thurs)	Making Choices
Sept. 30	(Thurs)	Human Kind. Be Bot

- Oct. 7 (Thurs) Mindfulness
- Oct. 14 (Thurs) I Make a Difference
- Nov. 9 (Tues) What Am I Good At?
- Nov. 16 (Tues) Solving Problems with Other People

REGISTRATION REQUIRED https://forms.gle/x3qvY2Z1u13rrnSA7

Email: hdr-swwi-educators@office365.wisc.edu for more questions



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Housing Assistance

Are you a homeowner who has been impacted by COVID-19?

Income-eligible homeowners who experienced a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 may be eligible for mortgage and/or utility assistance from LEAVEN. LEAVEN is a nonprofit organization serving residents of Outagamie, Calumet and northeastern Winnebago counties.

We're here to help.

Looking for help?



Call 920-738-9635 to schedule an appointment or or www.leavenfoxcities.org

LEAVEN can also connect you with additional services and resources to help you gain lasting self-sufficiency.

COVID-19 Impacted renters are eligible for rent and utility assistance through WERA (Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance).

- Residents of Outagamie County, contact CAP Services at 844-314-8004 or www.capservices.org/wera
- Residents of Calumet and Winnebago Counties, call ADVOCAP at 920-922-7760



Or call Energy Services at 1-833-900-9372 for utility assistance

Vaccine Clinic



WALK-IN WEDNESDAY

VACCINE CLINIC

SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER 500 E CTY RD Y, OSHKOSH 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

DO YOUR PART. PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19. THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS FREE. JUST WALK IN! NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. NO IDENTIFICATION OR INSURANCE REQUIRED. AVAILABLE TO ANYONE 12 YEARS AND OLDER.

You choose your vaccine. Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson* and Moderna available. *Johnson & Johnson vaccine is subject to availability. For free transportation, call 'Make the Ride Happen' at 920-225-1719.

WWW.WCVACCINE.ORG / 920-232-3026



Winnebago County Health Department



Renters: What to do when the eviction moratorium ends

The federal eviction moratorium is ending on July 31 and any renters who are behind on payments could be in danger of losing their homes. There are steps you can take to try to prevent eviction.

Winnebago County is extended to October 3rd, 2021.

Communicate with your landlord

Let your landlord know if you or anyone else in your household is still experiencing a loss of income. Remember—your landlord wants to avoid eviction as much as you do. Let your landlord know what steps you've taken to seek assistance and how much you're currently able to pay each month. In some cases, he/she may be willing to temporarily accept smaller payments if there's a plan for making them up in the future.

Reach out for help

Temporary rent and utility assistance may be available based on your situation. For information on the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program please see the following website:

https://doa.wi.oov/Pages/WERA.asox. At this site you can find out about what assistance is available, learn if you're eligible, and get directed to the application site that's specific to your county. After you've applied let your landlord know that you are trying to get help and keep him/her updated on the status.

Take a Rent Smart course



Rent Smart is a free six-module course offered online by UW-Madison Division of Extension. Rent Smart focuses on the knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. It helps participants to know and understand their



Photo by Luis Qunintero

rights and responsibilities as a tenant, as well as know and understand the rights and responsibilities of their landlord. Emphasis is on forming a strong partnership between the tenant and landlord.

Courses are provided monthly via Zoom. To see upcoming dates/times and to sign up, please visit: <u>https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/rentsmart/rent-smart-online/</u>.

Create and follow a spending plan

When times are tight it's important to prioritize your spending to ensure that expenses like housing, food, and utilities can be covered first. Make a list of all the money you have coming in and your monthly expenses. There are many budgeting tools available. <u>Here's one spending plan form</u> from UW-Madison Extension.

Get in touch with a UW-Madison financial educator for free financial coaching. You can find contact information at <u>this site</u>. Our financial educators can help walk through ideas and options to create a budget, keep up with bills, pay down debt, plan for big expenses, and other personal finance topics — totally free of charge.

Being proactive in seeking help and communicating about your situation can help set you on the path to building a brighter financial future.

Written by Amanda Kostman, UW-Madison Extension Financial Educator-Walworth County and Jenny Abel, Financial Security Program Manager

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Lifeline Cell Phone Program

Lifeline is intended to help individuals experiencing financial hardship stay connected to family members, schools and child care providers, as well as be reachable to potential employers and have a means of communicating in case of an emergency. The valuable service that Lifeline provides is designed to be a bridge for those striving for self-sufficiency.

Receive a Free Phone and CURRENTLY PROVIDING:

Unlimited Voice Minutes each month Unlimited Texts Every Month Free Smartphone• (WiFi & Data Compatible) Unmlimited Free Data for Internet Usage Voicemail/Caller ID/3-way Calling Nationwide Coverage on America's Best Networks

Contact: Theresa Corcoran 920-573-5900

How do I qualify for the Lifeline Program?

Actual requirements vary by state, but in general to qualify for Lifeline, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the federal Poverty Guidelines, or participate in one of the following assistance programs:

- Medicaid
- _ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP) Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
 Health Benefit Coverage under Child Health Plan (Federal CHIP)
 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

What do I need to bring for the Lifeline Program?

Qualification proof of an above-mentioned program

- Approval Letter
- Statement of Benefits

Proof of income if applying via Federal Poverty Guidelines

Proof of identification

Unexpired State or Federally issued ID

Birth Certificate

Social Security Card

Proof of Address -

Unexpired State or Federally issued ID

Approval Letter for benefits

Mortgage statement or Lease (First page and signature page)

Addressed envelope with postage

We will be offering services to the public at Forward Service Corporation on the following dates/times starting Tuesday August 3rd. During this time clients will also have the opportunity to apply for the FSET program.

Oshkosh Office : 2201 Oregon street, Oshkosh - Tuesdays 10:15am-12:00pm

Menasha Office : 1050 Midway Rd, Menasha -Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm



Little Chute Job Fair



2021 Little Chute Job Fair

Little Chute Civic Center 625 Grand Ave., Little Chute, WI 1:00 - 3 :00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021

About

Join us as we merge talent recruitment with a fun, family-focused event. Market on Main will fill downtown Little Chute with vendors, bands and families. Our job fair allows you to meet with exciting Little Chute employers to learn more about the companies' career opportunities.



Fun

- Get Hired: Meet with area employers at our casual, low-stress Job Fair
- Eat: Food will be available for purchase from Fox Valley Food Truck Rally vendors
- Drink: The new Little Chute Stone Arch will have craft brews and sodas available for purchase
- Play: Live Music and fun activities for the whole family will be available
- Shop: Main Street and hand-crafted vendors will have their wares on display

FOR YOUR SAFETY: All participants are encouraged to wear a mask

Event Info https://MarketOnMainLC.com

Hosted by



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A proud partner of the American JobCenter network

Funding for this event is partially made possible through Workforce innovation Opportunity Act Title I Funds from the Department of Workforce Development-Employment & Training and administered through Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB). FVWDB is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. Audilary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you need assistance to access this material in an alternate format or require an accommodation to participate in this event, please contact Anthony Snyder at 920.720.5600x302, 1401 McMahon Drive, Ste 200, Neenah WI 54956; 711 TDD.



Oshkosh Job Fair



Looking for a job? Look here!

Oshkosh Area Employment Fair 1-4 PM

October 12, 2021



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

Job seekers can expect the companies attending to be searching for a wide range of talent in a number of industries and occupations. For a list of registered companies after October 1, visit <u>http://www.foxvalleywork.org/iobfair.html</u> (check back often as companies will still be registering!). Job seekers do not need to pre-register but if you are interested in doing so, register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/2021OshkoshJF</u>.

Curious about how to prepare for a job fair or for more information about attending the fair, contact your local job center (for a list of job centers go to http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/).



Oshkosh Public Library's Gale Courses

Take a FREE Gale Course Online! The Oshkosh Public Library invites you to build skills to add to your resume with more than 350 free courses and certificates online from <u>Gale Courses</u>. To help you decide where to start, Oshkosh's top five courses are featured below:

Speed Spanish

Discover Sign Language

Creating WordPress Websites

Accounting Fundamentals

Accounting Fundamentals II

For more information go to the Oshkosh Public Library website at https://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/ and search for Gale Courses. Learn more...Be more!



Family Self Sufficiency



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 <u>rentsmartwi@office365.wisc.edu</u> or call 262-741-4951

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Home Fire Safety Checklist



Cooking Safety

"Keep an eye on what you fry." Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or using an open flame.



Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.

"3 feet from the heat." Furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire are at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.



Smoking Safety

Never smoke in bed.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.



Children Playing

Matches and lighters are locked away.



Smoke Alarms

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Different types of smoke alarms, ionization and photoelectric, detect fire in different ways. Experts recommend having both types in your home.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless it has a long-life battery.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- A combination of working smoke alarms and fire sprinklers decreases the risk of dying in a home fire.

Home Fire Escape Plan

At least twice a year, use your home fire escape plan to practice your 2-minute drill with all your family members. Practice makes perfect! After each fire drill, mark down your escape time.

Practice your z-minute drill.

Make sure everyone can escape in 2 minutes or less.

Drill 1

Drill 2





EmpowHER

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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 Empow**HER**! A **FREE** 12 week workshop focused on topics young women in their teens and twenties face in our community today!



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.

FREE MONEY!



COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free. Everyone ages 12 and older is eligible. Find a vaccine near you by visiting, vaccines.gov or by calling 211 or 877-947-2211.

Get your first COVID-19 vaccine between August 20 to September 6. Get a \$100 Visa gift card.

Who can get the vaccination reward?

Everyone who is eligible to recieve the COVID-19 vaccine regardless of insurance, I.D., or citizenship. Just make sure you got your first COVID-19 vaccine from a Wisconsin vaccine provider within the period of August 20 through September 6.

How do I get my vaccination reward?

- Get your COVID-19 vaccine.
- You will be asked to provide an email address and physical address. If you do not have one, please call 844-684-1064 and they will help you.
- And, register for your \$100 Visa gift card at <u>100.Wisconsin.gov</u> or by calling 844-684-1064.

Learn more about the \$100 COVID-19 Vaccine Reward Program by visiting <u>dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/100</u> or calling 844-684-1064 (language assistance is available).

- Si no tiene una dirección de correo electrónico válida o necesita ayuda para completar el formulario, llame al 844-684-1064 o al 211, de lunes a domingo, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. CST.
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EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT FACT SHEET

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a temporary <u>program</u> to help households struggling to afford broadband internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FCC program provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop, or tablet computer purchased through a
 participating provider; household must contribute \$10-\$50 toward purchase price.

The EBB is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Received a federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Three Ways to Apply

- Contact your preferred <u>participating broadband provider</u> to learn about their application process.
- 2. Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org to apply online.
- Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center P.O. Box 7081

London, KY 40742

Get more information at this <u>Consumer FAQ</u>; find downloadable, multilingual promotional tools (e.g., handouts, social media, images) to increase public awareness in the FCC's <u>EBB outreach toolkit</u>.

Next Century Cities is calling for a national Day of Action on May 14 and is providing additional EBB advocacy resources at: https://nextcenturycities.org/ebbresources/.

Library staff in all types of libraries see the impacts of digital divides every day and are trusted voices in our communities to advance digital equity. Don't forget to share information about your library's technology training, digital content, and other resources to support access and learning!

https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

Career Planning Sessions

UNSURE OF YOUR CAREER PATH? **OST YOUR JOB?** UNHAPPY IN YOUR CURRENT **OCCUPATION?** FREE ONE-HOUR SESSION INCLUDES: ATTEND A VIRTUAL CAREER PLANNING GAIN ACCESS TO CAREER ASSESSMENTS AND QUICKSTART SESSION! WEBSITES LEARN HOW YOUR SKILLS, VALUES AND INTERESTS RELATE TO DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS SCHEDULE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS TO DISCUSS YOUR UNIQUE GOALS AND NEEDS **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** Fox Valley **Counseling & Advising Services** 1825 N. Bluemound Drive Call: Kaowledge That Works P.O. Box 2277

Virtual Session Dates:

Tuesday, September 7, 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 12-1 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 5-6 p.m.

Contact 920.735.5696 Email: counselingcntr@fvtc.edu Mon. - Thurs. 8am - 6pm Hours:

Fri. 8am - 4pm

Register here:

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www.facebook.com/FoxValleyTech

https://foxvalleytechnicalcollege.formstack.com/forms/virtual career counseling workshop

Appleton, WI 54912

Room E121

FSS Connection Group Meeting

Save the Date!



Date: Monday, September 13, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Taylor Raether, Program Services Coordinator II of Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison, will be talking about Fair Housing including red flags, fair housing rights, their programs/services, and the enforcement process. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Let's also share agency updates. Come join us as we learn more at:

Join Zoom Meeting

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