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Dream Big!

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Dear FSS participants and Community Members,

Let's get ready for December!

Please welcome Dia to our FSS program! Happy December Birthday to Amy!



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

Please join me for our **December Quarterly FSS Connection Group Zoom Meeting Monday, December 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.** Todd Wenzel, Human Development & Relationships Educator with the University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension, Winnebago County, will be giving a presentation on the Rent Smart Program. Everyone is welcome to attend! Come join us as we learn more at. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99750425718>.

Father Carr's Christmas Express : Father Carr's Place 2B will provide a free drive thru Christmas Event on December 18th from 9–10:30 am and 11 am to 12:30 pm. Please see page 15 for more details. Or call 920-231-2378.

Expungement/Pardon Clinic: Do you know someone who has a criminal record that affects them even after many years? They may have a chance to expunge or pardon it. Expungement hasn't happened for more than 10 years! Information session is December 1st. See page 10 for the zoom link.

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

Happy Holidays!

Kay Hinton
FSS Coordinator



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, February 2, 2022 through May 4, 2022 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
2/2/22 to 5/4/22

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



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.

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:

Mondays, January 31st to May 2nd 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

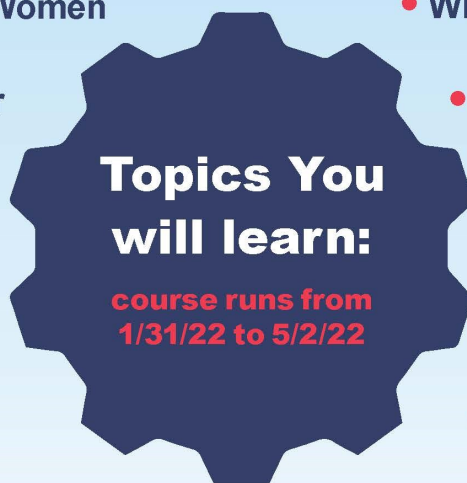
• Money Management

• Time Management

• Self Esteem & Body Image

• Mental Health

• Self Motivation



• 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.

ConnectHER Program

*Are you ready to
get connected?*



ConnectHER is a mentorship program designed to create and strengthen connections between women through learned and shared experiences. We aim to help young women unleash their full potential by connecting them to tools, resources, and most importantly, to other women.

Now recruiting Mentors & Mentees

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Young women seeking to achieve personal and professional goals are matched with a female mentor who will provide guidance, support and encouragement as they work towards achieving their goals. .

- 6-month program with flexible scheduling
- Training and ongoing support provided
- Personalized match to a female based on interests, goals and experiences
- One-on-one mentoring meetings, approximately 1 hour per week
- Group skill development workshops to support goals

Apply Today!

LEARN MORE AND GET STARTED TODAY AT

www.womensfundfvr.org/mentoring/

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

Questions?

alouden@womensfundfvr.org
920.702.7638



THE SALVATION ARMY FOX CITIES 2021 CHRISTMAS SIGN UP FOR FOOD, TOYS, ADOPT -A - FAMILY, & COATS FOR KIDS

COATS FOR KIDS

OCTOBER 23, 2021 | 9AM-3PM
NOVEMBER 12, 2021 | 1PM-3:30PM

Coats are available for children ages 17 and under
No pre-registration required for coats



SALVATION ARMY
SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER
130 E NORTH ST.
APPLETON, WI 54911



CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE NOVEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 3, 2021

Food Baskets, Toys for Tots, or Adopt - A - Family
Households with children ages 17 and under are eligible for Toys for Tots or Adopt a Family.
Adult only households register for a food basket.

GO TO WWW.SAFOXCIITIES.ORG
and follow the link under
"Christmas Assistance Programs"



ANGEL TREE

TO APPLY IN PERSON, CALL SALVATION ARMY FRONT DESK AFTER
NOVEMBER 3, 2021 (920)734-3324 TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.

Love & Logic Workshop

Love & Logic: Adults Supporting Youth with Challenging Pasts™



Parent Connection | Parent Education

Cut through the complexity of working with youth with challenging pasts & provide real solutions that can be applied immediately.

We will discuss the steps to build relationships, deal with defiance, show empathy, minimize power struggles & support opportunities for success.

All with the same Love & Logic approach you may have come to know.

Note for parents or guardians:

If you are interested in this class & have been part of the trauma experienced by the child in your life, please consult with us before registering. Each situation is different & we want to make sure this is the right fit for you.



In-Person

Dates: Thursdays, December 2, 9 & 16

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Appleton

Plan to attend all three sessions

Cost: \$10.00 per person



Register On-Line:

Family Services website: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Parent Connection Facebook Events: www.facebook.com/pg/ParentConnectionWI/events

Or contact Jen DiMatteo | jdimatteo@familyservicesnew.org | (920) 739-4226 ext. 109

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

www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI



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

Shawano: 100 County Road B, Shawano, WI 54166 | (715) 853-0923

www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection





Rent Smart

Taught by Extension Educators

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

Upcoming Class Dates & Times:

- January 2022: 2 consecutive Saturdays January 22 & 29 1-4:30 pm (check in Saturday, January 15)
- February 2022: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-10 am February 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18 (preprogram check in Monday, January 31)
- March 2022: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8 pm March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17 (check in Tuesday, February 22)
- April 2022: Monday and Thursdays 1-2 pm April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 (check in Monday, March 28)
- May 2022: 2 consecutive Saturdays 9 am - 12:30 May 14 and 21 (check in Saturday, May 7)
- June 2022: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-10 am June 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17 (check in Monday, May 30)

Location: Live, online instruction via Zoom; Zoom links sent after completing registration.

Online registration 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

An EEO-Affirmative Action Employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and ADA requirements.





Expungement/Pardon Clinic Information Session

Dec. 1, 2021 | 10:30-11 a.m.

*Attend this 30 minute session and learn more
about expungement & pardons*

Free legal clinic that provides information from a
trained legal lawyer or a law student

Join the Zoom meeting: <https://wctc.zoom.us/j/95080463979>

Also register for our Virtual Job Fair from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Dec.1 at
<https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/Q84I48>

Sponsored by:



DWD is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please dial 7-1-1 for Wisconsin Relay Service. Please contact the Division of Employment and Training at 888-258-9966 and press 6 to request free of charge information in an alternate format, including a translation to your preferred language.

Holiday Events

Family Self Sufficiency



FREE Community nights:

December 3rd,
5th,
14th,
17th and
25th.

Time: 5:30 pm to 9 pm.



At **Manderfield's**
HOME
BAKERY

*Sweet
Treats*

COOKIE DECORATING PARTY

Hosted by neighbors Michelle, Travis,
and Jake Manderfield

Saturday, December 4th
Drop in anytime between 6-8pm

**Decorate a cookie for yourself and
one to share with a neighbor you'd
like to get to know**

Write a letter to Santa

Color a picture

**Enjoy a seasonal beverage and
conversation with a neighbor**



EAA Christmas in the Air

Presented By: [EAA Aviation Museum](#)

• Dates: **December 4, 2021**

Location: [EAA Aviation Museum](#)

- Address: 3000 Poberezny Rd,
Oshkosh, WI 54902
- Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Price: FREE



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MOVE YOUR BODY

OSHKOSH YMCA
OUTREACH
EXERCISE CLASS

WEDNESDAYS • 10-10:30 a.m.

FREE WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORKOUT FOR SENIORS. ANYONE CAN ATTEND!

JOIN US for a fun and engaging community workout! Anyone is welcome to participate. All exercises will take place in a chair but some can be done standing, if desired. No other equipment will be used. In addition to the physical benefits, this is a fantastic opportunity for participants to connect and engage with one another!



JOIN ZOOM MEETING: <https://bit.ly/31vAY5o>

Meeting ID: 835 7425 4739

Passcode: 123456

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA • www.oshkoshymca.org

Downtown • 236-3380 • 324 Washington Avenue

20th Avenue • 230-8439 • 3303 W. 20th Avenue

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)*

Date: Monday, December 13, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

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

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99750425718>

Meeting ID: 997 5042 5718

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PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

PHADA'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award three (3) scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency.

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$7,000)

Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948–June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve's knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA's Annual Convention & Exhibition (May 19–22, 2022, San Antonio, TX). The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Additional Essay Required (see below)

In 2005, PHADA's Board of Trustees met in Montgomery, AL. Inspired by historical sites they chose to give personal donations for the inception of a PHADA scholarship to honor the work of Rosa Parks and the achievements of the civil rights movement.

To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship, include an additional personal essay (350–500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Nan McKay has offered significant financial support to PHADA's scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5,000 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the PHADA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the school that the recipient will be attending. The school will deposit the money into the student's account. The money may only be used to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student's education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to PHADA. For more information, contact PHADA at: 202-546-5445.

The Scholarship Application is found at this website: www.phada.org/scholarship.
The Application is due by January 14, 2022 to Winnebago County Housing Authority at 600 Merritt Ave. Oshkosh, WI

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B

We will once again be transforming our annual Christmas celebration into a drive-thru style wonderland that the whole family can enjoy. The Christmas Express 2 will feature a variety of holiday activities that families can enjoy from the comfort of their vehicle.



Father Carr's CHRISTMAS EXPRESS *Drive-thru 2*

December 18th, 2021

9 - 10:30 A.M. | 11 - 12:30 P.M.

Father Carr's Campus
(1062 N Koeller Street)

**Check our Facebook and website
for more info and when you can
register!**



DONATIONS NEEDED

Fr. Carr's will again be celebrating Children's Christmas in a safe and socially distanced way this year. You can help by purchasing a \$20-25 value toy and dropping it off at Fr. Carr's by Saturday, December 11.

Some suggestions are : Legos, remote control cars, dolls, adventure playsets, bath and body items, sports equipment. We will also need to stock up on board games to give away to each family.

We are also accepting monetary donations to help us fill in gifts for age groups where gifts are more scarce.

Thank you for helping to brighten a child's Christmas season!

Mississippi Pot Roast



Enjoy this easy recipe in this busy December! My family loves it!

Ingredients

- 3 pound chuck roast
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix
- 1 packet au jus mix
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- 8 pepperoncini peppers

Instructions

1. Transfer meat to slow cooker. Sprinkle packets of dry ranch dressing and au jus mixes over pot roast.
2. Top with a stick of butter then place peppers on and around roast.
3. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.
4. After it has cooked, take two forks and start shredding the meat. Discard any big fatty pieces. Then serve on buns, potatoes or rice.

Happy
Holidays!

