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Housing Authority's
Family Self Sufficiency Program

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JUNE

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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

Please wish a Happy June Birthday to: **Amanda, Jesse, Jennifer and Breana!** I hope your birthdays are fabulous and you all are finding a little time to take a step towards your goals. Please welcome **Kimberly, Jennifer, Dhel and Justine** to our FSS program!

Happy
Father's
Day! 🎂 🎈 🎉

While you are waiting for summer, check out these cool events in the area:

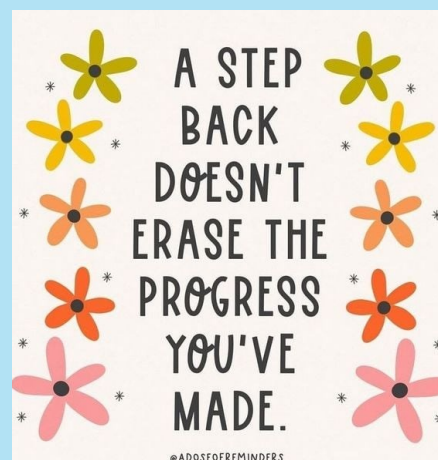
2022-2023 Oshkosh Back to School Fair is Wednesday, August 17th 10:00-4:00 & Thursday, August 18th 12:00-6:00 at Oshkosh North High School. **Neenah/Menasha Back to School Fair** is August 10th. If you are interested in getting school supplies for your kids, please let me know. Referrals are **due by July 1, 2022**. See page 13 for more information.

Mark your calendars: **FSS Connection Group Meeting on June 13, 2022 at 9 am.** Jolie VerVoort from Apricity will be talking about their organization and what services they provide. Apricity offers those impacted by substance use disorders a full spectrum of care including treatment, employment and support services in a safe, progressive recovery community. All are welcome to join our meeting! See page 14 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 and Healthy June! 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





Rent Smart

Taught by Extension Educators

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

2022 Upcoming Class Dates & Times:

May: 14 & 21 @ 9:00AM-12:30PM

June: 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM

August: 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM

September: 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM

October: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM

November: 5, 12, 19 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM

Location: Online, live instruction via Zoom; links will be sent after registration

To register, use this link OR scan the QR Code:

<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 todd.wenzel@wisc.edu (920-232-1982) OR amanda.kostman@wisc.edu (262-741-4951)**

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Do you want to save money?

Creative Ways to Save



52-Week Savings Challenge: This is the classic savings challenge. Simply decide that you're going to save \$1 a week or \$2 or \$5. Something manageable is the key. If you save \$5 a week, you'd have \$260 at the end of the year. If you manage to save \$100 a week, you'd have \$5,200 by the end of the year. Some may have seen this challenge as a weekly increase as well. Start with \$1, next go to \$2, and on.

The "No Spend" Challenge: This can be more fun than it sounds. You pick a weekend or a week – whatever seems challenging and doable for you – and you spend no money. You need to allow an exception for paying for certain things like bills.

The Pantry Challenge: This is also a good money-saving challenge for these times. The pantry challenge is a contest in which you declare that you won't buy any food until you've exhausted all the possibilities from your refrigerator and pantry.

The 'Keep All the Change' Challenge: Any time you receive change at a store or stumble upon loose change in your house, put it in a jar. Do this for a year and see how much you have at the end.

Find & Use Rebates Challenge: This can take time, but the savings can help you boost your emergency fund with using coupons and rebates for other purchases.

30 Day Rule Challenge: The 30 day rule is a challenge to help you avoid impulse purchases. The idea is that when you have the urge to impulse spend, wait 30 days before you make the decision to purchase to see if it is something you still want or need.

Leftover \$\$\$ Challenge: This challenge suggests that you take the remaining money left over from your monthly budget and place it in your Emergency Fund Bucket before your next pay period hits.

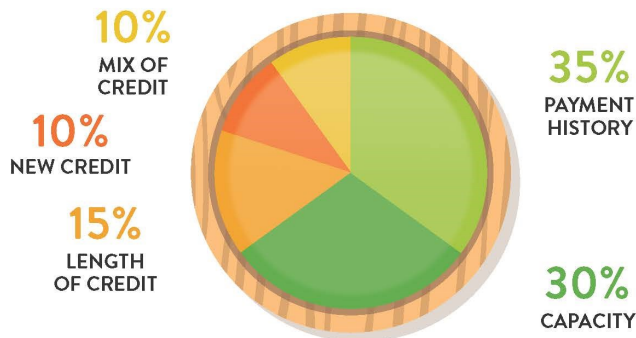
Bonus Challenge:

Sell Items – Shop Your Closet Challenge: With marketplace and thrift stores being so popular, this could be an easy way to sell items that you no longer wear while adding a lump sum to your savings.

Breakdown of a CREDIT SCORE

IT'S A
**MONEY
THING™**

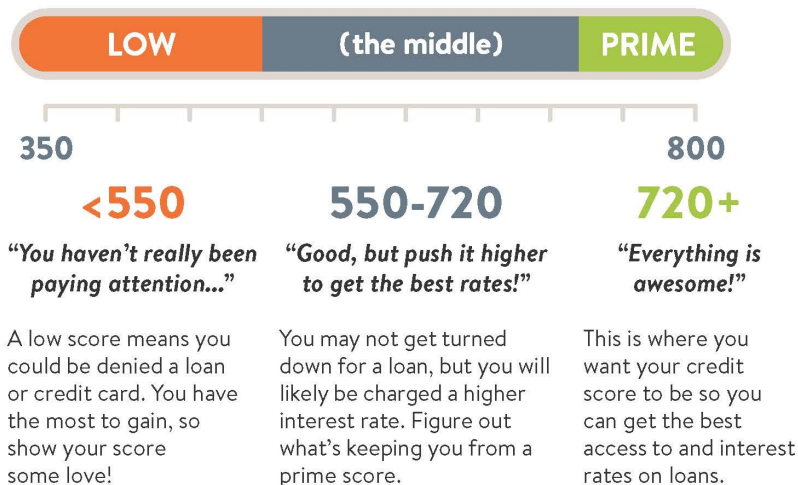
HOW IS A CREDIT SCORE CALCULATED?



PAYMENT HISTORY	Making payments on time boosts your score
CAPACITY	The less you use of your total available credit each month, the better
LENGTH OF CREDIT	A longer history of good credit habits raises your score
NEW CREDIT	Opening lots of new credit cards in a short amount of time can hurt this part of your score
MIX OF CREDIT	A mix of revolving credit (credit cards) and installment loans (mortgages, car loans) boosts your score

WHAT DOES YOUR SCORE SAY ABOUT YOU?

Actual scores may be interpreted differently, depending on the financial institution.



A CREDIT SCORE

is a **number used** by financial institutions and credit card companies **to determine risk level** when issuing you a loan or a credit card.

STAY ON TRACK

You are entitled to one **free credit report per year** from each of the major credit bureaus. Your FICO score is now shown on the report.

→ annualcreditreport.com



Space out your credit report requests so that can check on your credit throughout the year.

Curious about your score?

You can get a free estimate through creditkarma.com (but know that it's not your actual credit score—it'll be close, but not exact).

Need access to the real deal?

Credit bureaus usually charge a fee (\$15 to \$25) for your FICO score.

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CREDIT UNION
your resource to a richer life

Online Job Searching Lab

**Wednesdays at the
Fox Valley Job Center
1802 Appleton Rd, Menasha
2:30pm to 4:00pm**



STRUGGLING WITH YOUR ONLINE JOB SEARCH?

- ✚ Looking to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete your work search?
- ✚ Want to learn how to navigate the keyboard?
- ✚ Don't know the difference between left click and right click?
- ✚ Need to know how to attach your resume to a job application?

**Learn from the experienced staff members
on how to search and apply for jobs online**

The lab covers a particular topic that you can learn and practice to become an independent computer user. Topics run on a 4-week rotation, and you can start during any week.

- ✚ **Week 1** – Meet your mouse and keyboard. Learn how to use and be friends with your computer equipment. *Guided tutorial format
- ✚ **Week 2** – Everything you want to learn about email. Setting up, storing usernames/passwords, sending and replying to emails. *Guided tutorial format with practice session
- ✚ **Week 3** – Navigating Online Applications – Open forum for questions on applying online through Job Center of Wisconsin, Indeed, LinkedIn and specific employers' websites including attaching resumes from smart devices
- ✚ **Week 4** – Using JCW tools to strengthen your work search activities. Learn about skills match and different search features, Skill explorer and other Labor Market Info.

Space is very limited. Call 920-997-3272 to reserve your spot TODAY!



A proud partner of the **AmericanJobCenter** network

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board and its partners are equal opportunity employers and service providers.



Habitat for Humanity® of Oshkosh, Inc.

Are you interested in becoming a Habitat Home Buyer?

Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh builds new construction homes within the city of Oshkosh and sells them to qualified families at no profit.

Families help build their home and make monthly mortgage payments. Homes are made affordable through volunteer labor, down payment assistance programs and 0% interest mortgages provided by Habitat.



Visit us at the Oshkosh ReStore
(1640 S Koeller St.) or online:

HABITATOSHKOSH.ORG/HOME-BUYER-PRO

Pre-Applications available April 15th - June 15th

Interested applicants must meet the below qualifications:

Need for Adequate Housing

Based on current housing conditions, there must be a demonstrated need in order to qualify for a Habitat home. Some examples of need include overcrowding, structural/mechanical problems, mold, insects, etc.

Ability to Pay

Ability to pay is determined through the information provided on the application, pay stubs, benefit statements, previously filed federal tax returns, and credit reports. Gross income must fall within 30-60% of the median income. Applicants must have a steady, reliable source of income and demonstrate financial responsibility.

Willingness to Partner

Habitat Home Buyers must be willing to complete "Sweat Equity" hours. Sweat Equity is when a family takes part in building their home, working at our ReStore, or other Habitat activities.

Residency

Qualified candidates will have lived in or worked in the City of Oshkosh for at least six months prior to submitting an application.

Contact Elizabeth Last for more information 920-235-3535 or elast@habitatoshkosh.org.

We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support affirmative advertising and marketing in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.



OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1 - AUG. 13

Summer and reading go together like peanut butter and jelly. Like Mario and Luigi, chips and salsa, or Shaggy and Scooby Doo. Our Summer Reading Challenge combines learning and fun to keep reading skills sharp, offer new reading adventures for all ages and make summer memorable. Let's read together to achieve our 2022 community goal of 1,000,000 total minutes read!

How to participate

Register at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org and track online or pick up a paper reading log at any of the library's service desks.

Kids (Preschool - Grade 5)

Track your reading time. Try a new reading theme: time travel, ocean exploration and more!

Rewards

A ball chain necklace with beads, brag tags, a free book, and more!

Teens (Grades 6 - 12)

Log your reading time and complete library-themed activities to earn a reward and raffle tickets.

Rewards

Raffle prizes include gift cards, video games and signed books, plus a grand prize: Beats Studio 3 Wireless Headphones!

Adults (Ages 18 and older)

Read for fun, write reviews, and explore the library during your challenge.

Rewards

Earn free books all summer and be entered into one of three Grand Prize Drawings for gift certificates to Downtown Oshkosh, Target, or Pick 'n Save. Winners will be chosen on Aug. 15.

The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is generously supported by the following sponsors who donated prizes. Thank you!

Culver's, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Wisconsin Herd, Oshkosh Parks Department, Fire Escape, The Mineshaft, Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, Oshkosh Herald, Kwik Trip, Cousins Subs

Children & Families

LEGO Wall Open Build

Drop in and free build with LEGO bricks.

WED | 4-7 p.m.

SAT | 9 a.m. - Noon

June 1 – Aug. 31 | Kids of all ages | Lower Level

S.T.E.A.M. Take & Make Kits

Pick up a free kit from the Children's Service Desk to take home. All instructions and supplies are included in the packet. Available while supplies last.

- Seedling Pots
- Glowing Jellyfish
- Design an Airplane

June | July | August | Ages 5 and up

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime

Smart Starts Play Stations takes the place of High Hopes on June 15, July 20, & Aug 17

Enjoy songs, stories, movement and fingerplays while learning how to teach your child the skills they need to become readers. Registration required. Call 920-236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

WED | June 1 – Aug. 31 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m. | Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level

THURS | June 2 – Aug. 25 | 9:30 a.m. | Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level

Tween Book Club

Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Children's Service Desk, by mail, or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep! If you prefer to participate virtually, call 920-236-5208 to request the Zoom link. Registration required. Call 920-236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

- *Katie the Catsitter* by Colleen A.F. Venable
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9-12 | Under the Dome or Zoom

June 3 | July 1 | Aug. 5

Family Storytime

Enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and other literacy-building adventures with your children. Older and younger siblings are welcome. The library is closed July 4.

MON | June 6 – Aug. 29 | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | Lower Level

Stories by Starlight

Meet under the tree in Explorer's Grove for an evening storytime. Gentle activities add to the magical atmosphere.

TUES | June 7 – Aug. 30 | 6:15 p.m. | Ages 8 and younger | Lower Level

Smart Starts Play Stations

Hands-on stations encourage interactive learning, discovery, and early literacy skills. Drop in anytime during the session. Registration is required.

WED | 9 – 11 a.m. | Ages 1 - 4 | Lower Level

June 15 | July 20 | Aug. 17

Wonderlab

Explore and experiment using the principals of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and math)! Thursday and Friday sessions are offered for each activity. Registration is required. Call 920-236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

- Tornado in a Jar
- Desert Biomes
- Squishy Circuit Sea Creatures
- Ocean Zone Jars
- Soil Layers: Edible Experiment
- Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition

THUR | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 5-9 | Lower Level

FRI | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 5-9 | Lower Level

June 16 & 17 | June 30 & July 1 | July 14 & 15 | July 28 & 29 | Aug. 11 & 12 | Aug. 25 & 26

Drop By and Read

Check out a library book or bring a favorite from home and let's read together! Chat with library staff and pick up a fun giveaway. Add to your minutes logged for the Summer Reading Challenge.

FRI | June 24 | 6:30 p.m. | All ages | Leach Amphitheater

Followed by the Family Movie Night screening of Sing 2, courtesy of the Oshkosh Parks Department

TUE | July 19 | 10:30 a.m. | All ages | Library Front Steps

Zoomobile

Celebrate a fantastic summer of reading with a visit from NEW Zoo and Adventure Park's Zoomobile! Get up close and personal with the animals and learn more about these fascinating animal ambassadors. Registration is required as space is limited. Call 920-236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

SAT | Aug. 20 | 10:30 a.m. | All ages | Lower Level

Children & Families (continued)

High Flyers

Talk, sing, read, write and play every day with this at-home, anytime early literacy packet. These activities help lay the groundwork that prepares your child to read and learn in school. Kits include tips, examples and activities for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Log activities to receive incentives along the way. Watch for seasonal kits that offer more inspiring learning activities. Sign up at the Children's Service Desk.

Teens

Grades 6 - 12

Teen DIY: Take & Make Kits

Pick up a craft kit with supplies and instructions at the library, then enjoy an art project at home. New Take & Makes are available for pickup at the First Floor Service Desk on the first of each month, while supplies last and limited to one per teen.

- Firework Salt Painting
- Patriotic Paper Lanterns
- CD Scratch Art

Grades 6-12 | First Floor

June 1 | July 1 | Aug. 1

Teen Book Club

Eat pizza, meet other readers, talk books — and this summer, watch the movie! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting. Virtual option available. Visit bit.ly/OPLteens to register.

- *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare
- *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore
- *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs

FRI | 1 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Lower Level & Zoom

June 3 | July 1 | Aug. 5

Teen Volunteer Fair

Looking for volunteer hours? Need something to do this summer? Volunteer in our community! Find something you're passionate about at our Teen Volunteer Fair, where local businesses and organizations will discuss their opportunities.

SAT | June 11 | 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Lower Level

Adults

Job Search Assistance

Land your next job with help from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Staff are available to help you with your resume and cover letters, interview skills, career counseling, unemployment insurance, and more!

Call (920) 236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for an appointment. Walk-Ins accepted if space is available. Presented in partnership with the Fox Valley Job Center.

WED | June 1 – Aug. 31 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Second Floor

Teen DIY Drop-In

Drop in from 1 - 3 p.m. to create projects that are as simple or complex as you'd like. We'll provide the supplies; you bring the creativity!

- Tie-Dye T-Shirts
- Perler Beads
- Button Making

TUES | 1 - 3 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Lower Level

June 14 | July 12 | Aug. 9 (Teen Zone)

Teen DIY: Acrylic Paint Along

Follow along to The Art Sherpa to create a simple but stunning work of art. Supplies provided but space limited — visit the links below to register.

- Vibrant Jellyfish | bit.ly/vibrantjellyfish
- Toothy Shark | bit.ly/toothyspark

FRI | 2 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Lower Level

June 24 | July 29

Lifeskills for Teens: Bike Tune-Up

Learn how to give your bike the TLC it needs. Winnebago Bicycle will be here to show you how to do basic maintenance on your bike. One teen attendee will win a Winnebago Bicycle gift card.

FRI | June 17 | 2 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Lower Level

Lifeskills for Teens: Vehicle Maintenance Basics

You learned the rules of the road, you passed your driving test, now learn how to care for your vehicle. This session will show you how to do easy and practical maintenance tasks such as checking air pressure, changing wiper blades, and refilling fluids. One teen attendee will win a roadside emergency kit.

WED | July 20 | 2 p.m. | Ages 15-19 | Lower Level





POLLOCK COMMUNITY WATER PARK

KIDS CAMPS

Week-long camps with age-appropriate activities for a splashing good time this summer!



UNDER THE SEA

JUNE 20-24 10 AM-12 PM

CHILDREN AGES 3-6 (MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION)

FUN IN THE SUN

JULY 18-22 10 AM-12 PM

YOUTH AGES 7-9

GO FOR THE GOLD

AUGUST 15-19 10 AM-12 PM

YOUTH AGES 10-12

Activities include scavenger hunts, sandcastle building, pool time, games, crafts, snacks, and so much more!

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 PARTICIPANTS!

Cost: \$50 per week, per participant

Fee includes: water bottle, sunblock, drawstring backpack, a snack and beverage

Things to Bring: Goggles, beach towel, swimsuit* and energy!

*participants must be wearing a swimsuit upon arrival

REGISTRATION
OPEN IN MAY



Register online
or contact Oshkosh
Parks Department
920-236-5080

Sponsor:
**Winnebago
Community**
Credit Union

Kids Bowl Free



Summer can get expensive entertaining kids, that is why we love the Kids Bowl Free Program! Bowling is a perfect thing to do on a rainy summer day or one that is even too hot for the pool.

Sign up your kids and they will receive 2 free games of bowling each day this summer. That is not a typo, each day kids ages 2 – 17 can bowl two games for free every day of the summer if they want to!

Bowling can be a perfect way to burn energy before nap time and works equally well for teens looking for something to do for an afternoon.

This program began in 2007 as a way for bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time during the summer months. Participating bowling centers are Sabre Lanes in Menasha and Super Bowl in Appleton.

Go to this website for more information:

https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/all_centers.php





Back to School Fair Referrals Available

As the school year is winding down, community partners are organizing resources for the 2022-2023 Back to School Fair. The BTSF is Wednesday August 17th 10:00-4:00 & Thursday August 18th 12:00-6:00 . 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
Cell phone number
Email Address
Children's First and last Names
Gender of student
Grade 2022-2023 school year
Name of school attending
Attend BTSF last year?
Qualify for Free or reduced lunch?
Either Parent Active Military or Veteran?
Who does your child live with?
Ethnic Background
Household income
Prefer email or written letter?
How many Haircuts needed the day of the fair?
What days/times work best for you on:
Wednesday August 17th 10:00-4:00 &
Thursday August 18th 12:00-6:00



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 1st, 2022.

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. Contact Kay today!! 920-424-1470 ext 133 or kayh@ohawcha.org.

FSS Connection Group Meeting

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, June 13 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Jolie VerVoort, President, Residential Treatment, **will be giving a presentation on Apricity and what services they provide.** Apricity offers those impacted by substance use disorders a full spectrum of care including treatment, employment and support services in a safe, progressive recovery community. **Please join us to learn more about Apricity and get agency updates!** Everyone is welcome to attend!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84672500383>

Meeting ID: 846 7250 0383

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

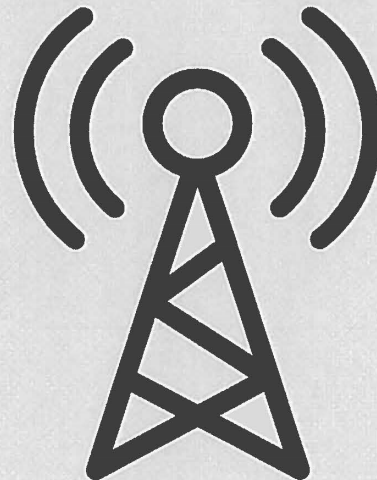
AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

A Federal Communications Commission program that provides a discount on monthly internet bills for qualifying households.

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE, YOU CAN RECEIVE:

- **Monthly Benefit:** Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service and associated equipment rentals
- **Enhanced Tribal Benefit:** Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- **One-time Device Discount:** Up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50) where available

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. The program rules recognize there may be more than one eligible household at the same address.



To learn about eligibility and application options,
visit [ACPbenefit.org](https://www.fcc.gov/acpbenefit.org)



Universal Service
Administrative Co.



ACP SUPPORT CENTER
(877) 384-2575 | 9 am-9 pm ET
7 DAYS PER WEEK | ACPSupport@usac.org

Locate Staffing Hiring Event



— LOCATE STAFFING VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT

Join us: Locate Staffing will be here six Wednesdays in a row!
May 25th – July 13th from 1-4pm

May 25th @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/xv6YZx>

June 1st @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/doaklW>

June 8th @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/W2oeX8>

June 15th @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/81aQN8>

June 22nd @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/WYDBgx>

June 29th @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/xaabnx>

July 6th @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/84avld>

July 13th @ <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/xkZ10d>

- Upload a resume
- Research interested positions
- Be prepared for video interview at employer request

Variety of FTE and Shifts Available!



Fox Valley Workforce Development Board/Locate Staffing is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please call us through Wisconsin Relay Service (7-1-1). To request information in an alternate format, including language assistance or translation of the information, please contact us at (888)-258-9966.