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Dream Big!

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Winnebago County
Housing Authority's
Family Self Sufficiency Program



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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

Happy 4th of July! What better way to celebrate the 4th of July and Freedom than with an **FSS GRADUATION!** Freedom to pursue your dreams! Lawanda has found full time employment while on the FSS program. She joined FSS on 1/1/2017. She increased her credit score, tracked her expenses, made a budget, kept this budget for more than 3 months, paid off her small debts, got a credit card, obtained her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate, became state CNA certified, created a resume, created a cover letter, obtained full time employment and maintained employment for more than 6 months. She did all of this while being a single parent. She graduates from the FSS program with \$7,237 in her FSS escrow. Please join me in congratulating Lawanda!



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

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 7, 2022. See page 13 for more information.

Resources to Support Household Expenses: Household costs are rising for families across the state and there are programs that are available to help offset household costs. Both the **Public Service Commission Lifeline program** and the **FCC Affordable Connectivity Program** offer financial discounts and support to access needed telephone and broadband internet connections for eligible households. While families must register for the programs separately, eligible families can receive both Lifeline and ACP benefits to provide a significant reduction in monthly costs. The ACP also offers a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet or desktop computer. Individuals can call 211 to get connected to these programs or see page 10 and 11.

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





UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

WI Statewide HIRING GALA!!!

**EVERY Post Office in WISCONSIN is
Ready for YOU to Stop In: Noon-3pm!!!**

Get your questions answered about Available Opportunities & the
Application/Hiring Process

Thursday, May 19th
Wednesday, May 25th
Tuesday, May 31st
Thursday, June 9th
Wednesday, June 15th
Tuesday, June 21st
Thursday, June 30th
Wednesday, July 6th
Tuesday, July 12th
Thursday, July 21st
Wednesday, July 27th
Tuesday, August 2nd
Thursday, August 11th
Wednesday, August 17th
Tuesday, August 23rd
Thursday, September 1st
Wednesday, September 7th
Tuesday, September 13th
Thursday, September 22nd
Wednesday, September 28th
Tuesday, October 4th
Thursday, October 13th
Wednesday, October 19th
Tuesday, October 25th



*Seasonal Positions
Will Become Available
After September*

Current Available Opportunities

- Tractor Trailer Operator (TTO) - \$24.70/hour - Must have 2 yrs Class A CDL experience
- City Carrier Assistant (CCA) - \$18.92/hour
- Rural Carrier Associate (RCA) - \$19.06/hour
- Assistant Rural Carrier (ARC) - \$19.06/hour
- PSE Sales & Services/Distribution Associate - \$18.69/hour
- PSE Mail Processing Clerk - \$18.69/hour
- Mail Handler Assistant (MHA) - \$17.32/hour



Nurturing: Behavior Management, Modification & Encouragement (Online-Oshkosh)

Parent Connection | Parent Workshop 2022

This class focuses on educating caregivers about the differences between Behavior Management, Behavior Modification and Behavior Encouragement and how to use techniques in each with the goal of helping children learn to manage their own behavior.

Date: Tuesday, August 9th

Time: 6-7 pm

Location: Online Only

Cost: \$10



Register Online: <https://www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/behaviorSummer2022>

Scholarship Needed: Contact Jeni Rettler at jrettler@familyservicesnew.org

Questions:

- Family Services website: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes
- Parent Connection Facebook Events: www.facebook.com/pg/ParentConnectionWI/events
- or contact Jeni Rettler | jrettler@familyservicesnew.org | 920-642-0042 (text or call)



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
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www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection

Starting Point Appleton

Are you a young woman looking for direction in the areas of education, employment, self-esteem, and a healthy support system? Or maybe you're a mother of young children looking for a way to provide for your family? If either of these descriptions speak to you, maybe Starting Point is for you. Starting Point is a free 13 week program that will empower you in many areas of life and provide a stable learning environment for your children while you learn. The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, B.A.B.E.S., Inc., and Fox Valley Technical College are partnering to offer programming to empower you for your future!



Participant Criteria:

- Primarily Women ages 18 and older, with children or without
- Primarily women with an income level below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Women living in Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, or Winnebago county

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 14, 2022 through December 7, 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.

Virtual Option →

A virtual option will be available Wednesdays, September 14, 2022 through December 7, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Childcare is not offered with the virtual version.

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Time Management

Self-Esteem

Goal Setting

Community Resources

Women Will Learn

Empowerment Topics

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Career Development

Study Skills

Assertiveness

Healthy Relationships



Grants available for moving forward with education without financial stress.



FVTC ID available for free busing on Valley Transit.

Appleton Starting Point

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Child Development Topics
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Discipline Strategies **Mothers will learn** **Parenting Resources and Referrals**

Sharing With Others

Early Literacy

Resiliency

Recognize Feelings and Emotions

Age Appropriate Activities

Making Good Choices

Exploration Through Play

Listening Skills

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"This program has helped me learn all the resources within FVTC, to help as I go back to school. It has even given me the help I need in my personal life."

Why would I want to take this workshop?

- Free, no cost educational opportunity
- Support System for you and your child
- Direct access to one on one support with FVTC
- All school fees for admission are waived (\$45 value)
- Access to Diapers, Hygiene products, and gas assistance
- Access to free family fun activities
- Give your children a healthy environment to thrive
- Gain support from other parents

"I have really bad anxiety and self-doubt. This program made me feel more comfortable entering a new transition. I wanted to go back to school but did not know where to start or who to ask for help. I feel that now I have a better view on where I want to see my future go."



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.

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- Women living in Winnebago County

Project Details:

Any child under the age of 5 (not enrolled in school) will attend the YMCA Downtown Child Watch. Mondays, September 12, 2022 through December 5, 2022 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Downtown YMCA.

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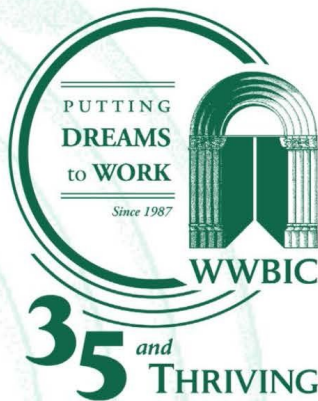
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This is a pilot program, funded by a grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, which is supported by the U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the J. J. Keller Foundation, and other community partners.

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Phone: 920.944.2700

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Green Bay, WI 54303

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2300 S. Park Street, Suite 103
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 608.257.5450

Southeast
600 52nd Street, Suite 130
Kenosha, WI 53140
Phone: 262.925.2850

245 Main Street, Suite 102
Racine, WI 53403
Phone: 262.898.5000

Southwest
3500 State Road 16
La Crosse, WI 54601
Phone: 608.668.4400

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wwbic.com

ALL JULY TRAININGS

- START, RUN, GROW YOUR BUSINESS
7/12/22 | 6-9pm | ONLINE
- *HR: RECRUITING & HIRING
7/13/22 | 6-7pm | ONLINE
 - MARKETING PLAYBOOK
7/18/22 | 12-1pm | ONLINE
- *HR: THE RULES WE LIVE BY
7/20/22 | 6-7pm | ONLINE
- HOW TO BECOME A HOMEOWNER
7/21/22 | 12-1pm | ONLINE
 - *WHAT WOULD WWBIC DO?
7/27/22 | 6-7PM | In Person - Green Bay Startup Hub**
- HR: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT
7/27/22 | 6-7pm | ONLINE
 - CUP OF JOE
7/28 | 8-9am | ONLINE
- *SO, YOU WANT TO START A BUSINESS
7/30/22 | 10-11am | ONLINE

* These trainings are hosted by NE Region Office Coordinator. All other online trainings can still be attended; however, other WWBIC regional offices will be hosting. For questions on any training, you can contact NE Regional Office Coordinator, Amy Verhagen at averhagen@wwbic.com, or email info@wwbic.com.

**These trainings are scheduled to be held at Startup Hub. IF registration for class is less than 5 the location will change to the Appleton WWBIC office! A location change will be communicated to all registrants the day before class via phone call!

Amy Verhagen – Regional Office Coordinator
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1-920-944-2700



SCAN FOR ONLINE SCHEDULE &
REGISTRATION

ACP Internet Discount Program



Federal Communications Commission

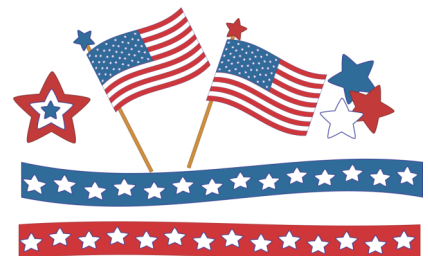
Affordable Connectivity Program

Are you getting your \$30/month internet discount?



If you participate in any of the following programs, you automatically qualify for the ACP:

- SNAP
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- WIC
- Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
- or Lifeline



Apply Now at AffordableConnectivity.gov



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

Lifeline

Receive up to \$9.25 off your phone or Internet service

Lifeline is a federal program that helps lower the monthly cost of your phone or Internet service.*

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

You qualify for a discount if:

- You participate in any **ONE** of these government benefit programs:
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
 - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

— OR —

- Your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY

A household is a group of people that share income and expenses.

- You are only allowed to get **one** Lifeline discount per household.
- If you share housing, complete the **Household Worksheet**.
- The worksheet is available on our website, LifelineSupport.org. You can also ask your Lifeline service provider.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY



APPLY ONLINE Find the online application at CheckLifeline.org.

OR



MAIL YOUR APPLICATION Print an application from LifelineSupport.org. Fill out and mail it with proof of eligibility to:

Lifeline Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

OR



CONTACT A PHONE OR INTERNET COMPANY

Find a company that provides Lifeline at LifelineSupport.org. Click *Companies Near Me*.

If you live in **CA** (CaliforniaLifeline.com), **OR** (Lifeline.Oregon.gov), or **TX** (TexasLifeline.org), visit the website for your state to find out how to apply.

HOW TO SHOW YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

You may need to show proof that you qualify for Lifeline, such as:

- **A copy of your SNAP or program letter** OR
- **A copy of your pay stub or tax return** to prove your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

*If you live on Tribal Lands, you may receive an additional discount toward your service.

If you have a disability and need assistance with your application, contact the Lifeline Support Center.



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LIFELINE SUPPORT CENTER

(800) 234-9473 | 9 AM-9 PM ET | 7 DAYS PER WEEK
LifelineSupport@usac.org | www.LifelineSupport.org

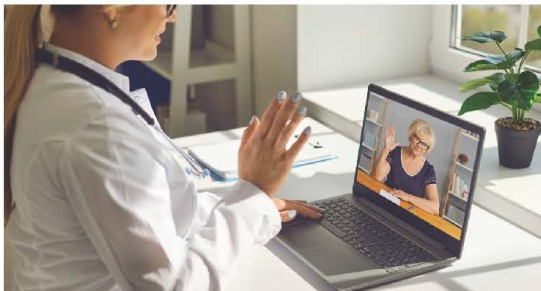
Lifeline is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help make communications services more affordable for eligible consumers. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) administers the Lifeline program. USAC is responsible for helping you apply for the program, understand eligibility requirements, and keep your benefit current through an annual recertification process.

Available for Public Use



INTRODUCTION TO TELEHEALTH

Introduction to Telehealth is a course intended to increase a healthcare professionals knowledge on the utilization of virtual medicine. Learners will explore basics of telehealth, patient preparation and workflow, technology aspects, coordination with the EHR, legal implications and proper communication techniques.



ABOUT THE COURSE

8-WEEK ONLINE TRAINING
VIRTUALLY 3-4 HOURS PER WEEK

Online learning will be scheduled and require 3-4 hours per week. Discussion and assignments will be required weekly, allowing flexibility to participants.

EARN A LOCAL CERTIFICATE:
FOUNDATIONS IN TELEHEALTH

You will earn .75 credits in this 29-hour course toward the Foundations in Telehealth certificate.

COURSE COST: FREE
AVAILABLE STATEWIDE

This training course is funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and offered 'statewide'.

REGISTRATION

To register for this statewide training, visit: <https://forms.gle/71bqtPYM28wfAmdf8> or by using the QR code.



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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

Referrals due by July 7th, 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.

WAI Program

Employment Affected by COVID-19?



WAI Worker Advancement Initiative CAN HELP!

The Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI) serves workers whose employment has not returned post-pandemic or those who were not attached to or were not successful in the labor market prior to the pandemic by offering subsidies and skills training opportunities with local employers.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

-  Skills Training- Build your skills and confidence to choose the right career
-  Work Experience- Connect with opportunities from local employers
-  Education- Get assistance with education, apprenticeship training, and other learning opportunities



Maureen Bryden, Director of Special Projects,
920.229.5557 mbryden@fwddb.com
Fox Valley Workforce Development Board
1401 McMahon Drive Suite 200
Neenah, WI 54956

Eligible Participants

- Unemployed- Individuals 16+ years old who are not currently working
- Part-time Workers- Individuals working 32 hours per week or fewer
- Underemployed- Working FT earning wage below 200% FPL or working multiple jobs to maintain household
- Newly Employed Workers-Individuals entering new employment, or who have entered new employment within the most recent six-week period
- Incumbent workers – Individuals who are currently working full-time and do not meet the definition of an underemployed worker.

Supportive Services

- Childcare Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Automotive Repairs
- Rent/Mortgage Assistance
- Interview/Work clothing
- Work-related Equipment/Tools
- Chromebook/Tablet/Laptop
- College Courses
- Software Needs for Training
- Broadband Internet Access
- Eye Exam/Glasses
- Phone Minutes
- Utility Payments
- Mental Health Counseling
- Driver's License Recovery

AND MUCH MORE!

This program is made available by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. FWDB 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 920.594.3655 to request free of charge information in an alternate format, including a translation to your preferred language.



Mini JOB FAIRS

JobCenterofWisconsin.com/events

FREE ADMISSION

3rd Tuesday of the Month

* Except December 13th 2022

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

July 19th – Menasha Job Center

August 16th – Waushara

September 20th – Fond du Lac

October 18th – Menasha Job Center

November 15th – Oshkosh

*December 13th – Menasha Job Center

Participating employers are subject to change



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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. 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 or the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 608-261-0050 or toll-free at 800-442-3477 to request information in an alternate format, including translated to another language.

Fox Cities Habitat Homebuyer Sessions



Dear Potential Applicant(s):

Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a Habitat for Humanity homeowner. We hope that the Habitat program can help you succeed on your journey towards homeownership.

If you are unsure about whether you qualify or if Habitat for Humanity is the right fit for your housing needs, we encourage you to attend a one-hour informational session to learn more.

Habitat Homebuyer Readiness
Informational Sessions
July 27th, 2022
10 a.m., 4 p.m., or 6 p.m.
Location: Habitat Main Office
921 Midway Rd
Menasha, WI 54952
For more information go to our website:
foxcitieshabitat.org/homebuyer

If you feel you are ready to apply, please follow the steps on page 3.

NEXT OPEN APPLICATION PERIODS
TBD

Thank you for contacting Habitat for Humanity. We hope to hear from you soon!

Habitat for Humanity
Family Services Department

*Habitat for Humanity is a household program. All adult income will be counted.



Fireworks!!

- Oshkosh July 4th 9:45 pm at Menominee Park
- Neenah July 4th 10:45 pm at Riverside Park
- Menasha July 4th 10:45 pm at Jefferson Park

