



# June 2023

# Dream Big!

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

Hello  
**JUNE**

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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

If this newsletter would be labeled, it would be labelled the **FREE** edition. **FREE** school supplies, **FREE** job training, **FREE** family events ... all things **FREE** and available to the community! Check it out!

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

Happy  
Father's  
Day! 🎉👑👑👑

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

**2023-2024 Oshkosh Back to School Fair** is Wednesday, August 16th 12:00-6:00 & Thursday, August 17th 10:00-4:00 at Oshkosh North High School. **Neenah/Menasha Back to School Fair** is August 9th. If you are interested in getting school supplies for your kids, please let me know. Referrals are **due by June 30, 2023**. See page 15 for more information.

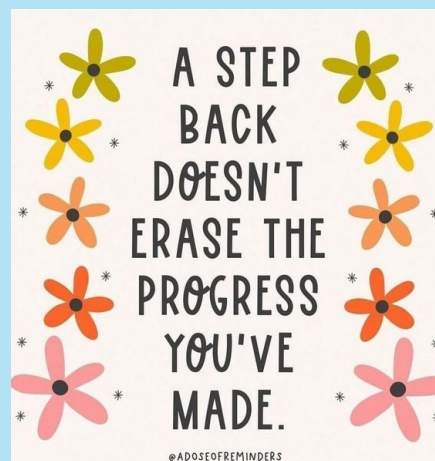
Mark your calendars: **FSS Connection Group Meeting on June 12, 2023 at 9 am.**

Join us in June when Sara Brown and Leah Ferguson, Homeless Prevention Specialist with Winnebago County, will talk about their new HELP program and what they can do for you! HELP stands for Homelessness Eviction and Loss Prevention. Everyone is welcome to attend! See page 16 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](mailto: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!*

### **2023 Summer/Autumn Online Class Dates & Times:**

**June:** 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Fri

**August:** 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Mon/Wed

**September:** 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Fri

**October:** 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Mon/Wed

**November:** 4, 11, 18 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

**December:** 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Mon/Thurs

**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](mailto:todd.wenzel@wisc.edu) (920-232-1982)

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## Career EXCErate | Wisconsin

**Personalized Job Training and Support Services to Transform Lives**

A collaborative program from Goodwill NCW, FVTC and Rawhide

### Know Someone Who Could Benefit from Free Job Training?

**Career EXCErate Wisconsin** provides education, wraparound services and guaranteed employment.



**To Refer a Candidate:**  
visit. [careerEXCEratewi.org](http://careerEXCEratewi.org)  
call or text. **920-204-7002**



This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP0135 awarded to Goodwill via the Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant Program by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

#### Career EXCErate Career Educational Certificate Options

Choose from eight different certificate programs that range from approximately two weeks to two semesters depending on the student's career path.

##### **Educational and Health Services**

Nursing Assistant  
Early Childhood Teacher Aide

##### **Construction**

Woodworking Technician  
Pipe Trades

##### **Manufacturing**

Welding Fundamentals  
Industrial Manufacturing Technician  
Apprentice

##### **Truck Driving and Maintenance**

Professional Truck Driving - Class A  
and B CDLs  
Heavy-Duty Vehicle Maintenance -  
Diesel Technology Assistant

# Boys & Girls Club Registration

Family Self Sufficiency

## REGISTER FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration starts May 1st

Limited Transportation from:

- Oaklawn Elementary School
- Washington Elementary School
- Emmeline Cook Elementary School
- Vel Phillips Middle School
- North High School
- West High School



Available on  
a first come,  
first serve  
basis.

### After School Programs on site:

Radford Program, K-3rd Grade  
Quest Program, 4th-7th Grade  
Teen Program, 8th-12th Grade

### 2023-24 Membership due to register:

1st Child	\$25.00
2nd Child	\$15.00
3rd Child	\$10.00
4th + Child	\$0.00



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF OSHKOSH

<https://parentportal.bgcosh.org/>

The Experimental Aircraft Association is now hiring for **EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023**. Walk-in hiring events are scheduled to take place starting in April through June to fill 700 temporary positions in various areas. Positions available include retail associate, security/event support, auto parking cashier, camper registration, facilities staff and bartender. To apply, retail and auto parking applicants must be at least 14 years old, security at least 16 years old and 18 years old for all other positions. Hiring events will take place at the EAA Aviation Center located at 3000 Poberezny Road in Oshkosh.

**Dates and times for the hiring events are 9 am to 1 pm on June 3rd and June 24th.** Applications can be found at [EAA.org/hiring](http://EAA.org/hiring). **EAA AirVenture takes place [EAA.org/hiring](http://EAA.org/hiring) July 24th through the 30th.**



### Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, June 17, 2023

491 Old Oregon Road, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

#### **DAYS AND HOURS**

3rd Saturday of the Month

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Food bundles available 9:30-11:00 AM

Hosted by: St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi

For a \$25 bundle donation, you will receive \$150+ in groceries. Please bring 2 boxes.

**Ruby's**  
**PANTRY**

# Father Carr's FREE CARRnival



**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

**10 am - 4 pm**  
This is a free, fun  
and safe open house  
event for the entire  
community.  
*Free-will donations  
will be accepted.*

**CARNIVAL  
RIDES**

**KIDS GAMES &  
CHALLENGES**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**FOOD & DRINK**

**RAFFLE PRIZES  
& MORE!**

**TOUR OUR CAMPUS AND LEARN  
MORE ABOUT OUR MINISTRY**

If you are interested in supporting this event,  
please contact Jim Boehm at 920.231.2378  
or [jimboehm@fathercarrs.org](mailto:jimboehm@fathercarrs.org).



1062 N. KOELLER ST. • OSHKOSH, WI

Father Carr's Place 2B is a Life Enrichment Center that provides transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness. We have a Food Pantry that provides weekly groceries and daily meals. Our Saint Francis Free Clinic provides health care to our residents and the community. We provide hope. We help people. We change lives.

**[fathercarrs.org](http://fathercarrs.org)**



## Community Resource Fair

Thursday June 22 11:00 AM-4:00 PM  
1475 Opportunity Way  
Menasha, WI

Rain or shine, outdoor event

Featuring



# FREE Adulting 101

## ADULTING 101

### Summer 2023



July 11	Kitchen Life Hacks
July 18	College 101: Admissions Counselor
July 25	Budgeting 101
August 1	College 102: Scholarships, First Steps, etc.
August 8	Time Management 101
August 15	Work, Work, Work, Work, Work: Professionalism 101
August 22	Fast Food Frenzy
August 29	Career Spotlight

**All classes will be from 1:00-2:00 pm at FVTC's Appleton campus, room number: A154 (Entrance: 15)**

Open to all ages 14-24.

Come to all or pick and choose the sessions of interest to you.

Registration is required.

<https://bit.ly/OCAdulting>





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# SUMMER

# YMCA FREE Fun Fest

Family Self Sufficiency



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 4 • 12-3 PM**  
**20TH AVE YMCA**  
**FREE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- Bounce House
- Balloon Twister
- Temporary Tattoos
- Lawn Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Youth Tennis and Pickleball
- Music
- Food Available for Purchase



Sign up for our Kids Mud Run for Ages 4-16 held that same day!  
Don't forget to REGISTER for the 8th Annual Kids Mud Run too!

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA 20th Avenue 230-8439 3303 W. 20th Ave. [www.oshkoshymca.org](http://www.oshkoshymca.org)

# FREE Repair Café Event



## FREE!



Bring broken items to Oshkosh's  
first REPAIR CAFE Event

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fix Stuff**

**SMALL  
APPLIANCES**

**COMPUTERS**

**SEWING &  
MENDING**



← The Repair Cafe event is free and  
organized by and for the community.

Follow us on Facebook: →  
or send an email to:  
RepairCafeOshkosh@gmail.com



**BICYCLES**

**JEWELRY &  
WATCHES**

**Downtown YMCA**

**Saturday, June 10th @10am - 4pm**

\*Under 18, guardian required. No firearms or weapons.

## Starting Point Appleton

FALL 2023

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 6, 2023 through November 29, 2023 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 6, 2023 through November 29, 2023 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

course runs from 9/6/23 to 11/29/23

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

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.

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Any child under the age of 5 (not enrolled in school) will attend the YMCA Downtown Child Watch. Saturdays, September 9, 2023 through November 25, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Downtown YMCA.

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**MENOMINEE PARK**



## MENOMINEE PARK ZOO FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS JUNE 5 - JUNE 11

Programs meet East of the Otter Exhibit

**MON. JUNE 5**

(FIRST DAY OF PROGRAMMING!!)

11:00 BUTTERFLY CRAFT

1:00 CHINCHILLA ENRICHMENT

4:00 PLANT A "BUTTERFLY GARDEN"



**THUR. JUNE 8**

11:00 MAKE A TURTLE PUZZLE

1:00 PLAY "ZOO BINGO"

2:30 RUSSIAN TORTOISE  
PROGRAM

**TUES. JUNE 6**

10:30 MACAW CRAFT

1:00 MEET PORK AND BEANS!

(OUR SKUNKS!)

3:00 COLOR PICTURES OF YOUR  
FAVORITE ZOO ANIMAL

**WED. JUNE 7**

11:00 TURTLE CRAFT

1:00 MEET DASH!

3:00 WILDLIFE WEDNESDAY  
REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS!

**FRI. JUNE 9**

10:30 SUNFLOWER CRAFT

1:00 MEET KEYAHNNA!

3:00 MACAW COLORING SHEET

**SAT. JUNE 10**

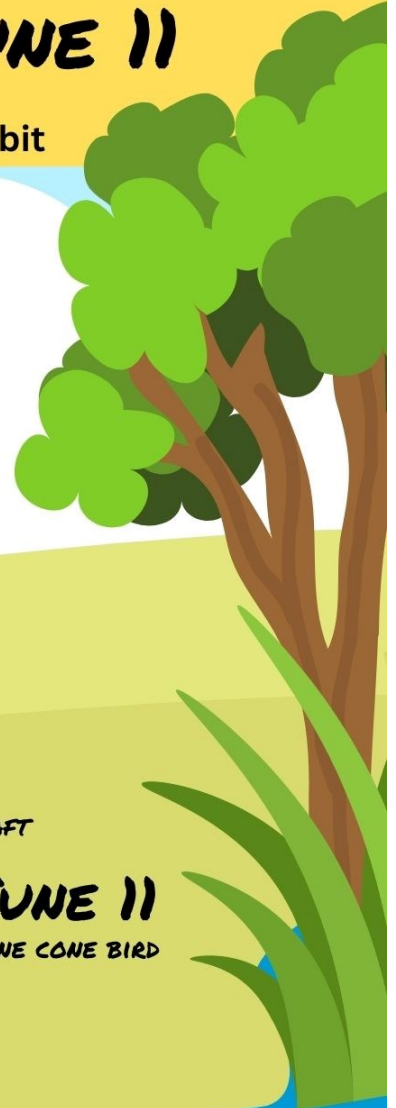
1:00 MEET SHIRLEY THE OTTER

3:00 MAKE AN ANIMAL MASK CRAFT

**SUN. JUNE 11**

2:00 MAKE A PINE CONE BIRD  
FEEDER

5:00 ZOO TOUR



# LOCAL ACADEMY FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS



**Kettle Moraine Correctional  
Institution (Plymouth, WI)**

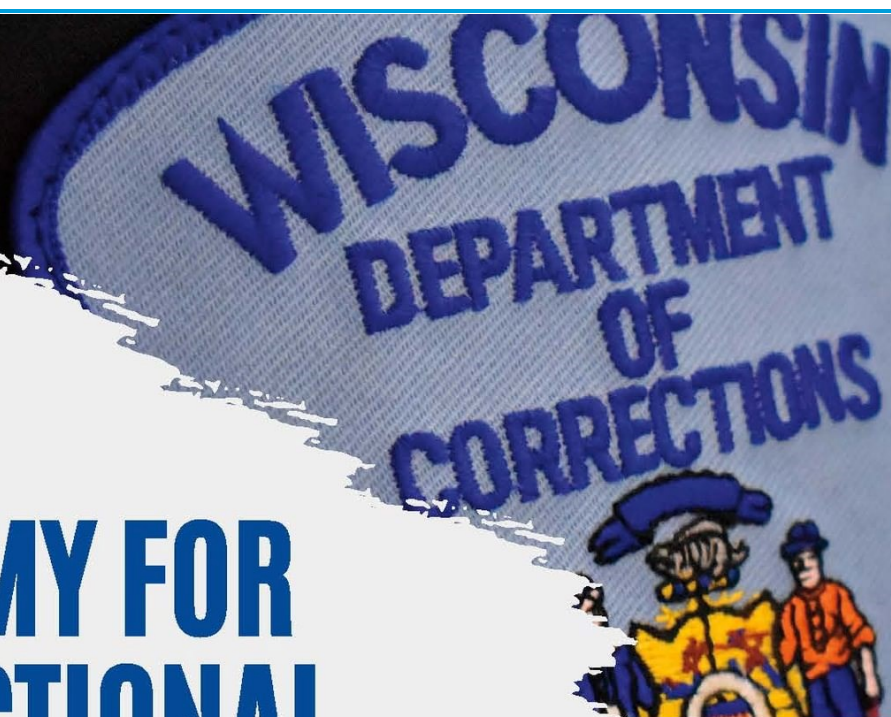
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**+ \$4.00**  
**PER HOUR**  
add-on pay

**+ \$5.00**  
**PER HOUR**  
add-on pay

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**\$29.29**  
**PER HOUR**  
starting pay



## Back to School Fair Referrals Available

As the school year is winding down, community partners are organizing resources for the 2023-2024 Back to School Fair. The BTSF is Wednesday August 16th 12:00-6:00 & Thursday August 17th 10:00-4:00 . 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 2023-2024 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 16th 12:00-6:00 &
Thursday August 17th 10:00-4:00



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, June 30th, 2023.**

**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 if you are receiving housing assistance from WCHA!! 920-424-1470 ext 133 or [kayh@ohawcha.org](mailto:kayh@ohawcha.org)**

Save the Date!

Family  
Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

## FSS CONNECTION GROUP

A program coordinating committee  
for Winnebago County Housing  
Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency  
Program.



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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87024131525>

Meeting ID: 870 2413 1525

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