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Housing Authority's
Family Self Sufficiency Program



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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

NEW HOURS: As of April 10, 2023, the Winnebago County Housing Authority office will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am – 4pm. Wednesday and Friday by appointment only.

Please wish a **Happy May Birthday to Lizzie, Carrie, and Lucha!** I hope your birthdays are fabulous and you are finding some time to take a step towards your goals. **Welcome Marchelle to the FSS program.**

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

Oshkosh Habitat Homebuyer Applications: Oshkosh Habitat applications are available **April 15th-June 15th** by visiting them at the Oshkosh ReStore located at 1640 S. Koeller St, online at: www.habitatoshkosh.org/home-buyer-program, Call (920) 235-3535 or Email request at: apply@habitatoshkosh.org. Oshkosh program spots are currently filled through 2023. Recruitment for the 2024 build season will begin April 15, 2023. Contact Habitat to be added to their contact list for 2024. See page 10 for more details.

Skills Accelerator: Training Program: Want to make sure you have the digital skills employers are hiring for? Check out this FREE skills training! Application deadline is **May 14, 2023**. Please 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 and Healthy May! 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!

2023 Online Class Dates & Times:

January: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Tue/Thurs

February: 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Fri

March: 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Mon/Wed

April: 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Mon/Thurs

May: 6, 13, 20 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

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

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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Extra FoodShare benefits are ending.

This is what you need to know.



What is changing?

FoodShare members have been getting extra benefits each month due to a federal program during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting March 1, 2023, members will only receive their regular FoodShare benefits loaded to the EBT QUEST card. There will not be a second payment later in the month.

What should I do?

Your benefit amount is based on many factors. It is important to make sure your information is up to date so you receive all the benefits you are eligible for.



Your Address

You may miss important updates if the Department of Health Services (DHS) does not have your current address.



Household Income

Did you lose work hours or have your pay cut? If you are earning less, you may qualify for more Foodshare benefits.



Your Expenses and Deductions

Are you paying more for childcare? If you are a senior or have a disability, do you pay more than \$35 in medical expenses per month? Did your rent, mortgage or property taxes increase? Providing proof of these expenses may help you qualify for more FoodShare. Learn more at: dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03315.pdf

Changes/Questions?

- Use the free MyACCESS mobile app. Learn more at: dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/myaccess.htm
- Use your MyACCESS account at: access.wisconsin.gov
- Contact the East Central Call Center at 888-256-4563.
- Visit your local agency to report changes in person. Please be prepared to wait if you do not have an appointment. Find locations and hours for Winnebago County at: dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/winnebago.htm

For more information from
DHS, scan the QR code or
visit wchd.pub/FoodShare



Public Health
Protect. Promote. Prevent.
Winnebago County
Health Department

Oshkosh

Father Carrs
1062 North Koeller St, Oshkosh
Friday 9-11am / Saturday, Sunday 10am-2pm
920-231-2378

His Church World Outreach Center
2704 Jackson St, Oshkosh
Friday 9-11am
920-426-4596

Salvation Army
417 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh
Monday - Friday 9-11:40am
920-232-7660

Saint John's Church
808 N Main St, Oshkosh
Monday 9:30-11am
920-231-5480

Oshkosh Lutheran Church
714 Division St, Oshkosh
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8-10:30am
920-379-4774

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry
2551 Jackson St, Oshkosh
Monday 2-6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2:45pm
920-651-9960

Emmanuel United Church of Christ Church
1306 Michigan St, Oshkosh
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-10:15am
920-232-7660

Neenah/Menasha

St Marks Food Pantry
140 S Greenbay Rd, Neenah
Wednesday 9-11 am
920-725-2828

St. Vincent De Paul
1425 S Commercial Rd, Neenah
Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm & 3:30-5:30pm
Friday 10:30am-12:30pm
Saturday 10am-12pm
920-729-4571

Immanuel United Church
118 Oak St, Neenah
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 12:30-2:30pm
920-722-0381

Cornerstone Church
357 Broad St, Menasha
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 8:30-10:30am
920-725-7252

Saint Joe's Food Program
1465 Opportunity Way, Menasha
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11am / Monday 5-6pm
920-734-9461

Omro/Larsen/Winneconne

Omro Community Food Pantry
310 N Webster Ave, Omro
Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am-3:30pm
920-231-7546

Ruth's Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church
8401 Steeple Hill Dr, Larsen
Monday 9-11:00am and 4-5pm
920-836-2382

Winneconne Area Assistance Center
1102 S 3rd St, Winneconne
Wednesday 5-6:30pm / Saturday 9-10:30am
920-851-5757

Please contact individual Food Pantries for questions and to confirm eligibility.

If you're pregnant or care for a child under age 5, you may be able to get food and support through the WIC program. Call 920-232-3350 to learn more and find out if you're eligible.



For additional Food Pantries,
point your phone's camera at the QR
code or visit wchd.pub/211



St Joe's Food Pantry New Hours



New Distribution Hours as of April 3, 2023

(Once per week)

Monday	9am - 12pm 4:30PM – 6:30 PM (if work during day)
Tuesday	11am – 1pm
Wednesday	9am - 12 pm
Thursday	11am – 1pm
Friday	NO DISTRIBUTION

Need an Interview or have questions? Call us at 734-9461

www.stjoesfoodprogram.org

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, May 20, 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



**Train Rides,
Rentals of Aqua Bikes,
Kayaks and Canoes**

**MENOMINEE PARK
CHILDREN'S
AMUSEMENT
CENTER**

**OUTDOOR SUMMER
FUN AT MENOMINEE PARK
OSHKOSH, WI**

2023 Season
Opening Day: Saturday,
May 27th
Closing Day: September 4
Open: Friday - Sunday
11 AM - 7 PM



Visa, Mastercard,
and Discover
Accepted

RIDES AND RENTAL RATES

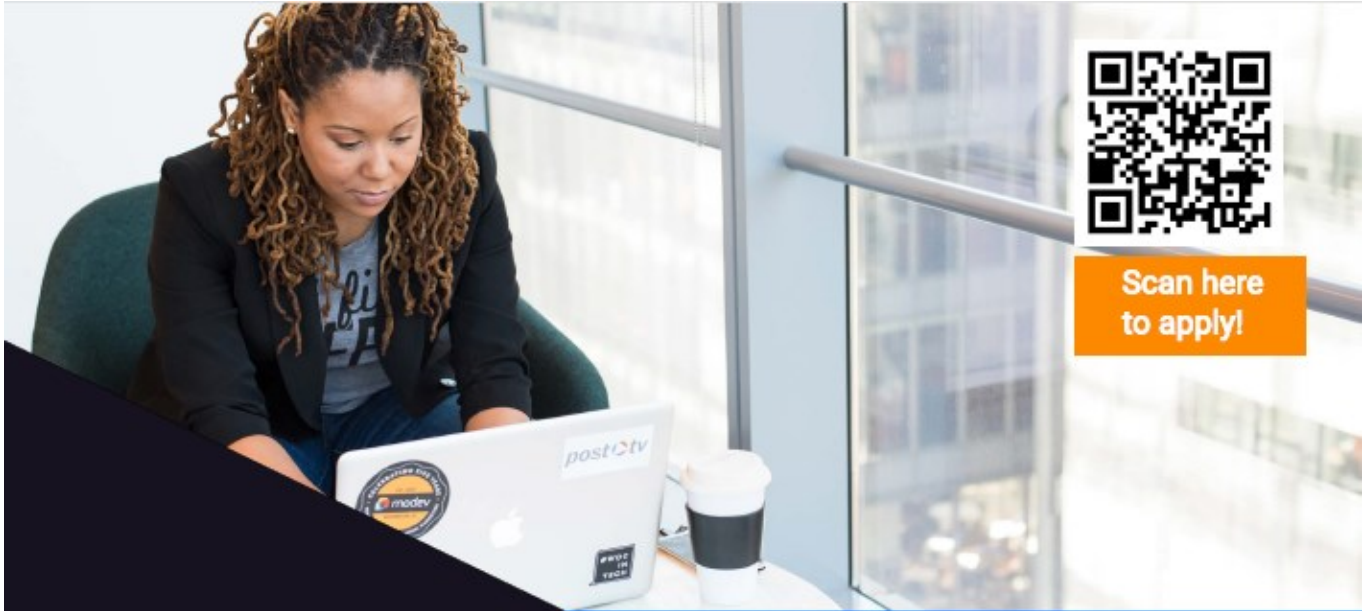
Train Rides	\$1.50 person
Aqua Bike	\$7.00 - 1/2 hr
Kayak/Canoe*	\$9.00 - 1 hr

Need More Information?

Oshkosh Parks Department - 920.236.5080

<https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/Parks/>

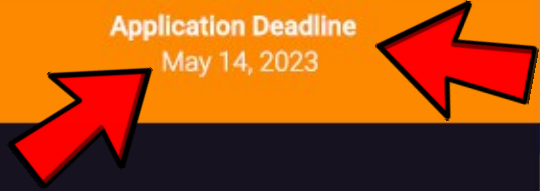




Skills Accelerator

Want to make sure you have the digital skills employers are hiring for?

Application Deadline
May 14, 2023



PROGRAM DATES
May 22, 2023 – June 30, 2023

CERTIFICATE
Project Management

Partners:

This program is made available by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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A **FREE** skills training program for you to build skills and receive a job in today's ever-changing workforce! gener8tor Skills Accelerator is a virtual skills and career training program for job seekers in **Northeast Wisconsin** to grow your skills and start a new career in **Project Management**.

Here's what we offer:

- ✓ Self-paced, virtual curriculum from Microsoft and LinkedIn to learn skills for a career in Project Management
- ✓ One-on-one career coaching & long-term job placement support
- ✓ Lunch & Learns with industry experts
- ✓ Resume, cover letter and LinkedIn profile coaching
- ✓ Job interview preparation including mock interviews

Contact us:

Mackenzie Herro | Skills Recruitment Manager | mackenzie@gener8tor.com

Click to learn more gener8tor.com/skills/ne-wisconsin and follow @gener8tor



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



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-PROGRAM/

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.



Teen Horse Camp

Family Self Sufficiency

HOLD YOUR HORSES EQUINE CAMPS



An interactive horse camp for teens!

- Groom, walk & ride horses
- Fun educational sessions
- Learn to saddle & clean tack
- Super cool arts & crafts

TWO 2023 SESSIONS: JUNE 19-22 & JUNE 26-29

▶▶ Email incbeaming@gmail.com to sign up!
Spaces are limited - sign up soon



Thursday, May 11 at 1:30 pm
Oshkosh Seniors Center's South
200 N. Campbell Road
Please call to register.
920.232.5300

Affordable Connectivity Program for
internet Access -
Information Session for Older Adults

MAY 2023

Online Parenting Classes

THURS @7PM

Resilient Co-Parenting

First Thursday of every month for parents or caregivers raising children together while living apart.

- **May 4th:** Parenting From a Distance

Raising WI's Children

Offered to all parents and caregivers. Topics change monthly. May focuses on the unique ways to connect with your child.

- **May 11th:** Speaking Your Child's Love Language
- **May 18th:** Playful Parenting
- **May 25th:** Raising Helpful Toddlers



Learn more & register at:

go.wisc.edu/parenting-classes

or

Scan to register



For other virtual classes



Search "Parenting" at <https://extension.wisc.edu/events/>



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34th Annual Young Parent Conference

RISE ABOVE & BEYOND

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

8:00 am to 2:45 pm

Registration from 8:00 - 8:30 am

This FREE conference is for any parents from teens through 25. Take some time to learn from experts in our communities about your children, parenting, health, safety & more - Just for You! Learn about resources that are here for you & your children. Participate & earn a chance to win prizes!



RSVP Online by May 4th by 4:00 pm

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPC2023



Contact Jen DiMatteo

Parent Connection | Family Services of NEW

jdm Matteo@familyservicesnew.org | (920) 739-4226 ext. 109

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SPEAKER TOPICS INCLUDE

- Legal Advice
- Handling Pregnancy
- Rent Smart
- Breastfeeding
- Budgeting
- Safe Sleep
- Continuing Education
- Fatherhood

...AND MORE!

- Get to Know Your Community Resources

- Chance to Win Raffle Prizes

- Enjoy lunch on us!

Fox Valley Technical College
1825 N. Bluemound Drive
Appleton, WI

Use North Parking Lot
Entrance 16



EVERYDAY TECH

106 Washington Ave., Oshkosh WI 54901 | Questions? Call 236-5205.

All sessions are held from 2-3 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room

Jan. 5
March 2
April 27

EMAIL BASICS

Learn what email is, how it works, and how to stay safe while using it. We'll have computers available for you to sign up for, read, and send emails. You'll leave the class with your own email account and with the knowledge to use it!

Jan. 19
March 16
May 11

SMARTPHONE BASICS

Did you know that your smartphone has GPS, SIM card, and Bluetooth capabilities? Not only do smartphones allow you to make calls and send texts, but they allow you to send and receive emails, browse the web, download apps, and organize your personal life! Bring your smartphone and learn what it can do for you. Android and iPhone users welcome.

Feb. 2
March 30
May 25

FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS

Learn the basics of using Facebook in this hands-on class. We will discuss ways to keep your information secure. If you already have a Facebook account, come to the class with your username and password information so you can log in to your account on one of our computers.

Feb. 16
April 13

FUN WITH PHOTOS

Learn how to save the photos you take with your smartphone, upload to social media sites and send them to others. Learn how to download, save and edit photos that were sent to you or found online. Bring your smartphone with you for some hands-on practice.

Programs provided by Bug Tussel University, the educational branch of internet service provider Bug Tussel Wireless LLC.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Offered from 3-4 p.m. after each Everyday Tech session

Drop in to get one-on-one help with your questions about computers, internet, email, social media, your device, or other technology. Bring your smartphone, tablet, laptop or other device with you for hands-on assistance. Drop in any time during the session. Assistance provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Transitions: Middle School to High School

A partnership between the Oshkosh Area School District and the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF OSHKOSH

Contact:

Jessica McKenna

phone: 920-410-9442

jessica.mckenna@oshkosh.k12.wi.us



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AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

What does this class offer?

- Study Skills
- Stress Management
- Career Exploration
- How to navigate your new school
- Diversity and Equity
- and so much more!



Ready to sign up?

Any incoming OASD Freshman can sign up for this 6 week summer school course. Classes are Monday-Friday, June 6th-26th & June 27th-July 19th 10am-12pm at North High School.

Register Here!



Save the Date!

FSS
CONNECTION
GROUP

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

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

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Date: Monday, June 12, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

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! Let's also share agency updates.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87024131525>

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