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Dream Big!

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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

Happy December !

Please wish a Happy December Birthday to Vernita, Mary, Sasharae and Lestina! I hope your birthdays are fabulous and you are finding a little time to take a step towards your goals.



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

FSS Connection Meeting: On December 11, 2023 at 9am, **join our online meeting when Kelly Page will discuss a basic overview of Social Security Administration and their programs: Retirement, Disability and SSI Everyone is welcome to attend!** See page 11 for more details.

Oshkosh Public Library: Job Search Assistance is offered weekly at the Oshkosh Public Library by staff from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and volunteers. These friendly experts can assist with resumes, cover letters, interview skills, career counseling and more. Appointments are available on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., or request a time that fits your schedule. To schedule an appointment call 920-236-5205 or email Reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy 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 or emailing me at kayh@ohawcha.org.

Your success is my success.

Warm Regards,

Kay Hinton

FSS Coordinator

**Happy
Holidays!**



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 (920-232-1982)

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WHAT IS SNAP AND HOW TO APPLY?

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS
EXTRA HELP BUYING GROCERIES, YOU
MAY QUALIFY FOR SNAP.**

**THE FEEDING AMERICA NETWORK CAN
HELP YOU LEARN ABOUT YOUR
OPTIONS AND COMPLETE YOUR
APPLICATION IF YOU QUALIFY**



**JOIN US
THURSDAY
DECEMBER
7TH**

1-3:30 PM

**MENASHA
FSC**

**1050 MIDWAY
RD, MENASHA**

Holiday Events

Family Self Sufficiency



Oshkosh Celebration of Lights starts

November 24 and runs through December 31!

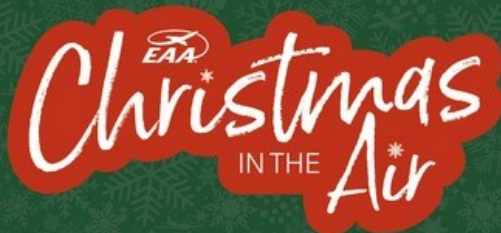
Open daily 5:30 pm – 9 pm

EAA Grounds – 1858 Neunteufel Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902

General Admission per carload is \$20.00 with \$5.00 off with donation of a sealed hygiene item (shampoo, deodorant, soap, etc.) or non-perishable in-date food items appreciated.

ALL [COMMUNITY NIGHTS](#) OFFER FREE ADMISSION!
(with a donation of a sealed hygiene item or multiple foods is appreciated.)

Community Nights: 11/27/2023, 12/3/2023, 12/5/2023, 12/10/2023, 12/12/2023, 12/14/2023, 12/21/2023.



Presented by Festival Foods

Saturday, December 2

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

EAA Aviation Museum™

Warm up your holiday spirit at Christmas in the Air! The EAA Aviation Museum welcomes all for this FREE family event on Saturday, December 2, 2023

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3000 Poberezny Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54902



LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN

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KNOW YOUR R!GHTS

**Legal Action of Wisconsin Attorneys
will answer the
20 MOST COMMON QUESTIONS
renters have about their rights
at an in-person training**

**WHEN
DECEMBER 18, 2023
2 PM - 4 PM**

**WHERE
OSHKOSH AREA UNITED WAY**



Oshkosh Area United Way

**16 Washington Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(parking available behind the building)**

318 South Washington Street Office: 920.432.4646 www.legalaction.org
Suite 310 Fax: 920.432.5078
Green Bay, WI 54301 General: 855.947.2629

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Each year, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to make changes to Medicare Part C (advantage plans) or Part D (prescription) plans, during the annual open enrollment period. The Benefit Specialists at the ADRC of Winnebago County highly recommend ALL Part C & Part D beneficiaries review their plan during the open enrollment period to ensure maximum coverage and savings for the upcoming year. Good resources for help are calling your local health insurance agent, Partnership Community Health Center - Health Insurance Enrollment Center (920-882-6420), or one of the these



Medicare Open Enrollment: Ends December 7th

Additional UNBIASED Medicare Resources:

- Medicare: 1-800-633-4227
- Medigap Helpline: 1-800-242-1060
- WI Prescription Drug Helpline: 1-855-677-2783
- Disability Drug Helpline: 1-800-926-4862 (Disability not required to receive assistance)



Report Medicare Fraud

- Senior Medicare Patrol – 1-888-818-2611 or www.smpwi.org

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, December 16, 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.



Winter is on it's way! **HOME ENERGY+**
Let's talk about Energy Assistance....

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) assists eligible households with their heating and electric bills. Regular energy assistance is a once-a-year benefit available between October 1st and May 15th each year. Please call the statewide Customer Care Center at 1-800-506-5596 with questions about your online application. Due to the high volume of applications, it may take up to 10 business days for an online application to be processed. If you are disconnected or without heat, or will be disconnected soon, please call the Customer Care Center at 1-800-506-5596. To view income limit information, visit energyandhousing.wi.gov

Interested in applying? Call their Customer Care Center or apply online energybenefit.wi.gov

Parenting to Your Child's Temperament



What do parents need to know about their & their child's temperament?

Everything! Temperament can help us answer questions & increase understanding about why our children are the way they are.

We will talk about how you respond as a parent based on your temperament & how to recognize issues ahead of time, anticipating problems in behavior before they happen.

Join us In-Person
in Appleton

Free Childcare Available
Register Online

Tuesday, December 12
6:00-8:00 pm
Cost: \$10.00

Community Early Learning Center (CELC)
313 S. State St., Appleton



Register On-line:

Family Services Website:

www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes

Parent Connection Facebook Events:

www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI

Questions?

Contact the Workshop Team at:

workshops@familyservicesnew.org



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: 607 E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano, WI 54166 | (715) 853-0923

www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection



The Road to Recovery Can Lead to A New Career

What's available?

FREE career planning and training!

Test your skills! // Prepare for a job search! //
Get help writing a resume! // Find a career
you'll love!

Financial assistance to help you succeed!

free tuition // books // childcare // transportation //
recovery services

Who's eligible?

Anyone in the Recovery Community!

anyone in recovery from alcohol and drug misuse //
family, friends & allies of those in recovery //
recovery professionals // anyone who has
a personal commitment to recovery

What's the catch?

No catch – there's really no cost!

This free career assistance and support is made
possible with the Support to Communities Grant and
by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board.

Get started on the road to your new career today!

Call or text Tracy Lobermier
at (715) 201-8365 or email
SupportToCommunities@fvwddb.com

Know someone who
could use career help?

Tell them about **FREE**
Career Planning!



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We can help you get the training and financial assistance you need for a passionate career! Talk to us about opportunities in:

- + ADN Registered Nurse
- + Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- + Home Health Aide
- + Medical Assistant
- + Medical and Clinical Lab Technician
- + Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- + Phlebotomist
- + Substance Abuse Counselor
- + Social and Human Services Assistant
- + Telehealth (certificate only)

CONTACT US

Contact us today to find out if you qualify for financial assistance to cover tuition, books and more!

 tlobermier@fsc-corp.org

 715-201-8365

 www.fsc-corp.org



The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board 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 or at 800-947-3529. At no cost, you may request information in an alternate format, including language assistance or translation information to your preferred language by contacting us at (920) 594-3655.

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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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Date: Monday, December 11, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Join us in December when Kelly Page will discuss a basic overview of Social Security Administration and their programs: Retirement, Disability and SSI Everyone is welcome to attend! Let's also share agency updates.

Join the Teams meeting with this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGY5ZDcxY2ltY2Q2My00NzUzLWFiODYtYzMyYTBkZTZmMTMx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%227d7df029-f5e0-4ca2-8b22-7f62a9cc8815%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224d4fb101-222d-4e26-a4c1-e1b05a53d016%22%7d

or contact Kay for an invite at Kayh@ohawcha.org.

HELP Program

HELP Homelessness, Evictions, & Loss Prevention

- *Are you struggling with unstable housing? Struggling to keep up on rent/mortgage payments?
- *Is your housing instability leading to a possible eviction/foreclosure?
 - *Have you received a Notice to Vacate by your landlord and are having difficulty finding a new place?
 - *Do you need assistance getting connected with local community resources?

*If your answer is **yes** to any of these, please reach out as soon as possible to allow HELP time to brainstorm ways to better assist with your housing needs*

Winnebago County Human Services
220 Washington Ave P.O. Box 2187
Oshkosh, WI 54903

Monday-Friday FROM 8 AM - 4:30 PM Walk-In's Welcome
***Appointment preferred**

HELPProgram@winnebagocountywi.gov

HELP On Call Phone
920-509-7629

Winnebago County



Raising Wisconsin's Children 2023 ONLINE PARENTING CLASSES

Free classes to support dads, moms, grandparents, and other caregivers in their journey raising kids. Classes are based on child development and parenting research.

Online

@ 1 PM or @6 PM

- **Sept 21:** The Parents' Guide to the Teenage Brain
- **Oct 19:** Raising Kind Kids
- **Nov 16:** Families + Screens
- **Dec 21:** Strengthen Family Bonds Through Traditions



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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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!



The ABCs of Business Planning



Your business plan is key for launching, managing, and growing your business and necessary to secure business financing. Join us to learn why a strong business plan is vital and where to find the resources to help you successfully complete your plan.

Register online by Dec . 1st
to make check-in quick and easy.
You may also register on-site –
walk-ins are welcome!



WWBIC Northeast

**Tuesday,
Dec. 5th**
8:00am - 9:00 am
Online and
WWBIC Appleton
1191 N Casaloma Dr.

QUESTIONS?

Call 920-944-2700

Email averhagen@wwbic.com

wwbic.com/trainings



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When it comes to owning a business, understanding how cash flows in and out of your business, how to complete a cashflow statement, and how to review cashflow and projections are vital to your success. Join us and learn how to enhance your business's financial strategy and decrease financial risk.

Register online by Dec 8
to make check-in quick and easy.
You may also register on-site –
walk-ins are welcome!



**Tuesday,
December 12th**

6:00 - 7:00 pm
Bos Optimal Solutions
816 W Capitol Dr, Appleton

QUESTIONS?

Call 920-944-2700

Email averhagen@wwbic.com

WWBIC Northeast

wwbic.com/trainings



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Personalized Job Training and Support Services to Transform Lives

A collaborative program from Goodwill NCW, Fox Valley Technical College and Rawhide Youth Services



Launch a lasting career!

Career EXCErate Wisconsin is a highly personalized training program offered at no cost to individuals who want to find a career pathway but are struggling and would benefit from individualized support.

Career educational certificate options:

Choose from eight certificate programs that range from approximately two months to two semesters.

Educational and Health Services

- Nursing Assistant
- Early Childhood Teacher Aide

Construction

- Woodworking Technician
- Pipe Trades

Manufacturing

- Welding Fundamentals
- Industrial Manufacturing Technician

Truck Driving and Maintenance

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

Get started or refer someone today!



Complete a short online form at careerEXCEratewi.org

Call: 920-204-7002

Email: careerEXCErateWI@goodwillncw.org

