

May 2024

Dream Big!

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



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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

The Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority Administrative Office has a new location! We are now located at: 1100 W 20th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 (right across from the Oshkosh Post office). Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am-4 pm. Please come check us out!

Please wish a Happy May Birthday to Carrie! I hope your birthday is fabulous and you are finding some time to take a step towards your goals.

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

Fox Cities Habitat Homebuyer Applications: Fox Cities Habitat applications are available **April 10th-May 8th**. See page 7 for more details.

Fox Cities Employment Fair is May 22, 2024 from 10am-2 pm. Are you looking for a job or a better job? See page 4 for more details.

Our FSS Connection Group Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10th at 9:00 am. Nellie Brahe, Housing Director of World Relief Wisconsin, will be giving a presentation on World Relief and what they are doing! Everyone is welcome to attend! See page 16 for more information.

Oshkosh Back to School Fair is August 14th & August 15th at Oshkosh North High School. If you are interested in getting school supplies for your kids, see page 11 for more information. Time slots will go fast starting May 1st when the referrals open for the Oshkosh School District. Get your name on the list asap!!

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!

2024 Winter/Spring Online Class Dates & Times

February: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Wed/Fri

March: 9, 16, 23 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

April: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19 @ 1:00PM-2:00PM; Mon/Fri

May: 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Thurs

June: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Mon/Wed

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

To register, use this link OR scan this 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)**

An EEO-Affirmative Action Employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and ADA requirements.



Fox Cities Employment Fair

FOX CITIES EMPLOYMENT FAIR

10 AM – 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W Lawrence St, Appleton



IT'S TIME FOR A
BETTER FUTURE!



REGISTER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/FoxCitiesFair2024>

Job seekers can expect the companies attending to be searching for a wide range of talent in a number of industries and occupations. For a list of registered companies after May 1, visit <http://www.foxvalleywork.org/jobfair.html> (check back often as companies will still be registering!). Job seekers do not need to pre-register but if you are interested in doing so, register with the link above. Curious about how to prepare for a job fair or for more information about attending the fair, contact your local job center (for a list of job centers go to <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/>).

New for 2024 – visit employers and get lunch on us! More details at registration the day of the job fair!

SPONSORED BY:



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.

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday, May 18, 2024

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.





Child Care Resource & Referral can provide resources to help find child care that meets your family's needs.



We can help families:

- Find openings in regulated child care programs
- Get added to child care provider waiting lists if necessary
- Provide guidance on what questions to ask when visiting potential child care programs
- Provide information on applying for Wisconsin Shares child care assistance program.

Call CCR&R at 920.886.1211 to discuss your child care options, or speak with our Referral Specialist in person at our community partner agency, Leaven Fox Cities, (1475 Opportunity Way, Menasha) on Tuesdays from 9:30 am- 3:30 pm.

You can also fill out a referral form 24/7 online at www.crrfoxvalley.org and a Referral Specialist will contact you within 1 business day.

Spring Into Summer

Saturday, May 18
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
FRITSCH PARK
 Fox Crossing/Menasha

SPRING INTO SUMMER

United Way Fox Cities
Emerging Leaders

Career EXCErate | Wisconsin
 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

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

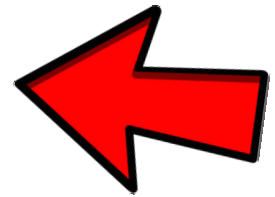
Fox Cities Habitat Applications Family Self Sufficiency



Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity offers a Homebuyer program to qualified low-income individuals and families in Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and Northern Winnebago counties.

Individuals interested in home ownership through Fox Cities Habitat will need to complete and submit an application along with a \$30 application fee (one fee per application) when applications cycles are open. Please call (920) 954-8702 for more information.

**Applications will be available
April 10th through May 8th, 2024.**



Please review the Homebuyer program applicant guidelines at: www.foxcitieshabitat.org/homebuyer/ to learn more about the program. The 2023 proposed income guidelines are based on family size. A family's gross annual income must be at or above the minimum and at or below the maximum to be eligible.

FAMILY SIZE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	\$44,000	\$56,750
2	\$44,000	\$64,850
3	\$48,400	\$72,950
4	\$48,400	\$81,050
5	\$48,400	\$87,550
6	\$48,400	\$94,050
7	\$51,100	\$100,550
8	\$53,500	\$107,000
9	\$56,750	\$113,500
10	\$60,000	\$120,000



Beaming Autism Camps

AUTISM CAMPS



Changing Lives, One Ride at a Time

An interactive horse camp for kids with autism!

- Groom, walk & ride horses
- Sensory Walking Path
- Fun arts & crafts projects
- Parents attend with kids

TWO 2024 SESSIONS AUG 5-7 & AUG 12-14

▶▶ Email incbeaming@gmail.com to sign up!

Spaces are limited - sign up soon



Into The Night

Thursday, May 23rd

presented by:



Oshkosh Into the Night features arts in many forms: dancers, painters, music, and more!
A great fresh air event in Downtown Oshkosh.





**FREE
FOOD + FUN**

CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH FOOD



Food often reflects our cultures and ethnicities. By sharing food and our culture with one another, we connect as humans and learn more about one another's experiences. Sharing of food provides us greater opportunities to hold space for all to explore and share at the table.

JOIN US every month with a new special guest to learn more about a culture and their traditions, customs, and recipes! Come with an appetite and open mind and leave educated and with a new cultural recipe.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA • www.oshkoshymca.org
Downtown • 236-3380 • 324 Washington Avenue

State Street Center's Spring Craft Fair


Where: 206 State Street Oshkosh WI 54901


When: Wednesday May 1st 2024

Time: 11am – 2pm


Members will be selling their homemade crafts & gifts.

Cash Only Please

PRESENTED BY: 

OSHKOSH CENTURY BIKE CLINIC



Join us for a **FREE** informational clinic with demonstrations covering the following topics:

- Fixing a flat tire
- Properly lubricating chains
- Properly inflating tires
- Simple derailleur adjustments
- Suggested items/tools for a saddlebag
- Seat post adjustments


This clinic is for educational purposes. Participants should NOT bring their bike.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024
20TH AVE YMCA • MPR #1
6:00-8:00 P.M.

FREE!

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA • www.oshkoshymca.org
20TH AVE 920-230-8439 • 3303 W 20th Avenue

Register to ride the OSHKOSH CENTURY with us!
LEARN MORE & SIGN UP!



www.oshkoshcentury.com

Emotional CPR Practitioner Training



**May
16 - 17**
9 am to 4 pm
each day

- Learn how connection is prevention and how sitting with difficult emotions can benefit us and others.
- Training is free for people who live or work in Winnebago County.

In Person at
Location: TBD

This project is funded by the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

EBB & FLOW
Connections Cooperative



Food Pantries in Winnebago County

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.

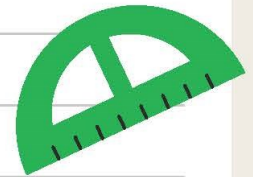
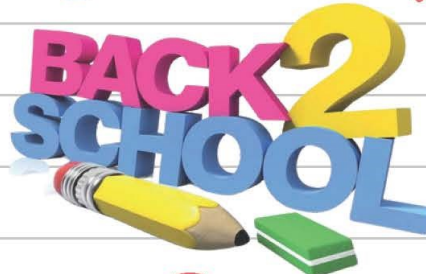


For additional Food Pantries,
point your phone's camera at the QR
code or visit wchd.pub/211





Join us for the
Oshkosh



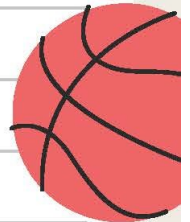
Fair

August 14 and 15



Resources Provided!

School supplies
Hygiene products
Back to school clothes
Back to school haircuts



Appointments required to attend

Space is limited!

Please register by **July 22** by
scanning the QR code or
visiting bit.ly/back2school2024



Learn more here:

www.facebook.com/OshkoshBack2School



Need help with registering or have questions?
Please email caseyk@uwosh.edu.



Hold Your Horses Teen Camp

HOLD YOUR HORSES TEEN CAMP TEEN SUPPORT EQUINE PROGRAM

See how spending time with horses
can make a huge difference in your life.

HOLD YOUR HORSES TEEN CAMP

Hold Your Horses Camp is a free, 4-day horse experience for young adults ages 12-18 that includes hands-on horse activities such as grooming, walking, saddling and riding horses; learning about horse care; barn activities such as cleaning tack; team building and life skills exercises; and educational sessions with relevant topics to teens today. We also have arts and crafts activities to allow our campers to express themselves visually.

Qualified instructors join BEAMING staff to present relevant sessions, including human service professionals, educators from local schools and youth advocates from local nonprofits.

Two sessions of Hold Your Horses Camp will be held in 2024, June 17-20 and June 24-27. Camp runs from 9am-2pm, and lunches are provided. To sign up, have a parent or guardian contact Katie Samuelson, our Center Director, at 920-851-6160 or incbeaming@gmail.com. **Spaces are limited so please sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot!**



At BEAMING, we embrace diversity, we promote inclusion and we celebrate those with diverse abilities. Our no-cost Hold Your Horses camps serve teens regardless of socio-economic status, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or ability. The BEAMING Barn is a safe, nonjudgmental community gathering space where **all are welcome**.

2692 County Road GG, Neenah, WI 54956
920-851-6160 / incbeaming@gmail.com
beaminginc.org *Visits by appt only please



watch the teen
camp video here



more info here



BEAMING
EQUINE-ASSISTED SERVICES



Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fix Stuff

FREE REPAIRS

Saturday, May 11

12– 4pm

Downtown Oshkosh YMCA

**GOT
ANYTHING
THAT NEEDS
FIXING?**

DOWNTOWN OSHKOSH YMCA
324 WASHINGTON AVE



small appliances
computers
sewing + mending
bicycles
jewelry + watches

Under 18, guardian required.
No firearms or weapons.



facebook.com/RepairCafeOshkosh
RepairCafeOshkosh@gmail.com



Parent Resource Fair



35th Annual

Parent Resource Fair

"Empowering Your Parent Journey"

FREE event for parents and parents-to-be, including information and resources from community partners. Join us for all of this event or any part you can. Pre-register to use **FREE** drop-in childcare and request transportation assistance.

May 3-4, 2024, Noon to 3:00 pm

Visit with representatives from community agencies and listen to guest speakers on topics **JUST FOR YOU**, including:

Parenting, Child Safety & Development, Family Legal Information, Community Assistance, Education & Employment, Advancement, and So Much More!

**ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE.
GRAB A BITE TO EAT - OUR TREAT!**

Registration Preferred, Walk-Ins Welcome

Register Online:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentResourceFair2024

Location: Fox Valley Technical College
1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton
Use North Parking Lot, Entrance 16

Contact For Questions: (920) 739-4226
ext. 127 or workshops@familyservicesnew.org



Thank You Sponsors!



Anger & Emotional Management for Parents



Our children bring us incredible joy. Yet there are times we find ourselves crabby, frustrated or angry with the people we love. Learn how to manage anger to improve your relationships. Learn the five stages of anger & the top ten anger producers. Get to know your own anger, anger style & how to manage it to create a more harmonious home.

Free Childcare Available

Registration Required

Choose One Session from these Three Options:



Register Online:

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

920-739-4226 ext. 127

Online
Thurs, Feb 22 | 12:00-2:00 pm

In-Person in Appleton
Tue, March 19 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Online
Thurs, May 23 | 12:00-2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00
per person per session



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



Parent Resource Hours



Have kids? Have questions? We're here to help!



Developmental Screenings: Our staff can help with childhood screenings that look at milestones in playing, speaking, behaving, and moving.



Lead Screening:* Learn how to prevent lead poisoning and get your child screened for lead exposure.



Vaccines:* Protect your child with routine vaccines from public health.



Car Seat Checks:* Learn the correct way to install a car seat and keep your child safe.



Health and Community Resources: Learn about programs like prenatal health care, WIC, and Head Start.



Nursing Expertise: Our nurses can support you to give your baby the highest level of care!



Breastfeeding: Get one-on-one support with our lactation specialist.



Safe Sleep: Learn how to create a safe sleep environment for your child.

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
1-4 PM
OSHKOSH
112 Otter Ave

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY
11 AM-2 PM
NEENAH
211 Commercial St



*Appointment needed for car seat checks, lead screening, and vaccines. Scan or call to schedule.

Drop in any time during Parent Resource Hours!
All are welcome. Services are FREE!

920-232-3000 / health@winnebagocountywi.gov

Updated 11/23
WWW.WINNEBAGOPUBLICHEALTH.ORG

Positive Discipline Parenting



This course will talk about discipline as structure, routine, communication & being our children's role models. Build up your children's positive behaviors & sense of self-esteem. We will talk about how we can start Positive Discipline Parenting in our homes today.

Free Childcare Available for In-Person Sessions

Registration Required

Choose One Session from these Three Options:



Register Online:

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

920-739-4226 ext. 127

Online
Thurs, Feb 29 | 12:00-2:00 pm

In-Person in Appleton
Tue, March 26 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Online
Thurs, May 30 | 12:00-2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00
per person per session



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Parent & Caregiver Support Group



Fox Valley

be kind.

NAMI Fox Valley (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in collaboration with Parent Connection



Monthly Parent & Caregiver Support Group for parents and caregivers of school-aged children with behavioral or mental health challenges

Our Parent & Caregiver Support Group provides participants with a relaxed, trusting and safe environment to share with and support others who can empathize with their experiences. Participants share strategies and coping skills, discover community resources and experience the benefits of mutual compassion.

Join us the 2nd Monday of Every Month
In-Person - Appleton

Free Childcare Available
Registration Highly Recommended
Walk-Ins are Welcomed

6:00-7:30 pm | Cost: FREE
Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13
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

For questions about this group
Contact Vivian Flanagan
NAMI Fox Valley Family Program Coordinator
vivian@namifoxvalley.org or (920) 740-3499

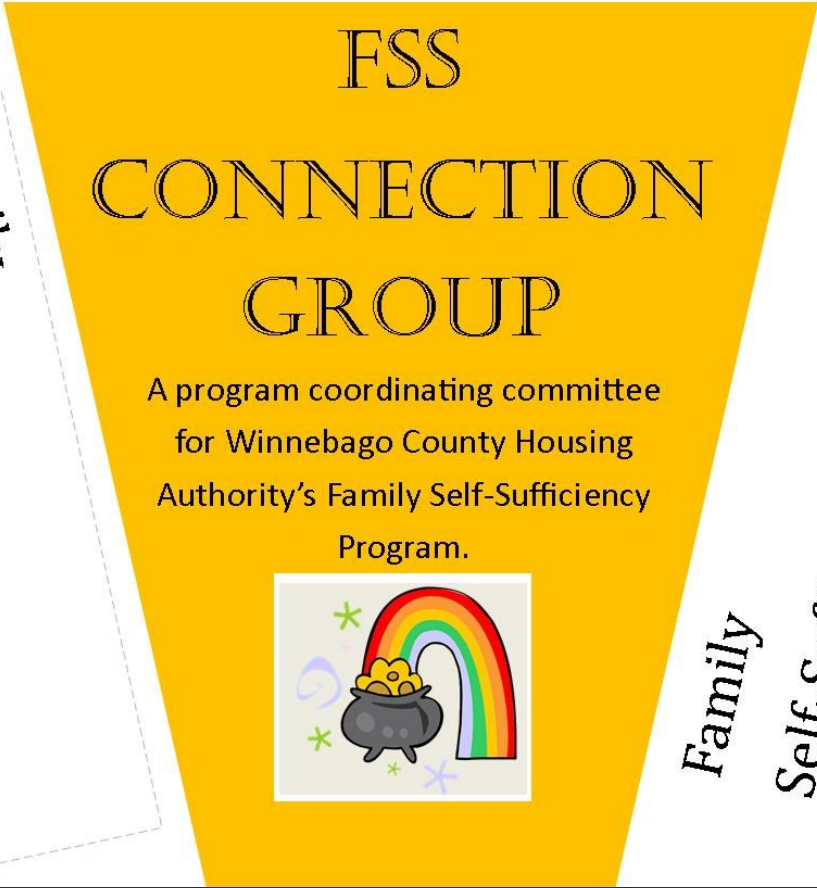


Parent Connection Fox Cities: 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha WI 54952 | (920) 739-4226
www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection

NAMI Fox Valley: 211 E Franklin St, Appleton, WI 54911 | (920) 954-1550
www.namifoxvalley.org



Save the Date!



Date: Monday, June 10, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

FSS Connection Group Meeting is on Monday, June 11th at 9:00 am. Nellie Brahe, Housing Director of World Relief Wisconsin, will be giving a presentation on World Relief and what they are doing! 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_NmY20TdhNzctNDQ5NC00YmVmLTllYmMtYzZiMDY1ZDBiYzg3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%227d7df029-f5e0-4ca2-8b22-7f62a9cc8815%22%2c%220id%22%3a%224d4fb101-222d-4e26-a4c1-e1b05a53d016%22%7d