

# October 2025

# Dream Big!

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Dear FSS Participants (And community Members),

Hello to everyone. I hope you had a wonderful September. I have a few very exciting pieces of news to share with everyone. First, the numbers from this years Back to School Fair are in, and we are happy to report that we were able to serve 1091 students at the Fair. Additionally, 293 students were served afterwards at Salvation Army and 78 students were referred to St. Vincent de Paul as well, meaning we were able to help just under 1,500 students this year.

Secondly, I would like to extend an invitation to any community partners who would be interested in hosting a booth at a new project hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh in the Hyde Family Community Center at 545 Monroe Street.

The "Walk in Wednesdays" event is a recurring opportunity for community organizations to offer "open office hours" and/or resource tables for the Boys & Girls Club member families and community members. The event will be held about monthly, always on a Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

If any community partner is interested in securing a table for their program/agency, or if they have any further questions about the Walk in Wednesdays event, they can reach out directly to Michelle Rector, the Director of the Hyde Family Community Center. Her email is [micheller@bgcosh.org](mailto:micheller@bgcosh.org) and her phone number is 920-233-1414 ext. 135.

A blue poster with white text and icons. At the top, it says "WALK IN WEDNESDAY'S" in large white letters. Below that is a dashed line. Then, a green location pin icon is next to the text "Open Office Hours September 24, 2025 3:30 - 5:30 pm". Below this, it says "Hyde Family Community Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh 545 Monroe Street, Door 11". Underneath is the heading "Looking for resources or support?" followed by two bullet points: "Join us during Open Office Hours, a time for Club member parents and community members to connect directly with local organizations and services, right here at the Club." and "This convenient, welcoming space helps remove the barrier of traveling to multiple offices by bringing community partners to you on a monthly basis." At the bottom left, it says "Questions? Contact Michelle Rector Director of Hyde Family Community Center micheller@bgcosh.org". At the bottom right is the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh logo, which includes a stylized handshake icon and the text "BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH". Below the logo is a small illustration of a family (two adults and three children) walking together.

**WALK IN WEDNESDAY'S**

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 **Open Office Hours**  
**September 24, 2025**  
**3:30 - 5:30 pm**

**Hyde Family Community Center**  
**at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh**  
**545 Monroe Street, Door 11**

**Looking for resources or support?**

- Join us during Open Office Hours, a time for Club member parents *and* community members to connect directly with local organizations and services, right here at the Club.
- This convenient, welcoming space helps remove the barrier of traveling to multiple offices by bringing community partners to you on a monthly basis.

Questions?  
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Director of Hyde Family Community Center  
[micheller@bgcosh.org](mailto:micheller@bgcosh.org)

  
**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
**OF OSHKOSH**



And Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that the next FSS Connections Meeting that I will be having (on December 8th, 2025 at 9:00am) will be *in person*, and hosted at the new Vida Parent Support building, located at 601 Oregon St, Suite C. Oshkosh, WI 54902. Next Month I will begin to ask for RSVP's so that the Vida Team will have a good understanding of how many community Members they should expect. So please keep this event on your radar and try to make it if you can.

*Dylan Palmer*

FSS Program Coordinator





# HUD-Certified Homebuyer Education Class



GREEN BAY

## YOU CAN BUY A HOME

Attend a HUD-Certified Homebuyer Education Class  
for Step by Step Guidance

 **17** Saturday, October 18th  
 9am – 3:30pm  
 Lunch (included with fee)  
 2559 Badger Ave Oshkosh

\$50 Non-refundable fee

**Register Here**  
**All are Welcome!**



[nwgreenbay.org/get-ready-to-buy](http://nwgreenbay.org/get-ready-to-buy)



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# Salvation Army Holiday Assistance

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*Holiday Assistance*



*For Birth-18 Yrs. (School Age)*

*Sign-Up Dates September 9th-October 24th*



*For Birth-18 Yrs. (School Age)*

*Sign-Up Dates September 9th-November 28th*



To Sign-Up for either program scan the above  
QR Codes or go to [saoshkosh.org](http://saoshkosh.org)  
Click on Holiday Assistance Tab  
And follow the program links

# Covey Connects Calendar



## Covey Connects Calendar October 2025

**Covey**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Calendar Notes:</b> Visit: <a href="http://www.covey.org/events">www.covey.org/events</a> or email us at <a href="mailto:info@covey.org">info@covey.org</a> for detailed information about events and tickets!  Tickets may also be purchased at the Covey office: <b>2200 Algoma Blvd</b> <b>Oshkosh, WI 54901</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Covey Bakes</b> Mini Cakes @ Downtown YMCA  4-6 PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3</b> <b>Bowling &amp; Pizza</b> @ Revs  4-6 PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4</b>
		<b>7</b> <b>Nature Walk &amp; Leaf Painting</b> @ County Park  4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Covey Cooks</b> Chicken Alfredo @ Downtown YMCA  4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10</b> <b>Bowling</b> @ Revs  4-6PM    \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11</b> <b>Covey Council Meeting</b> @ New Moon Cafe  10-11:30AM    \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Inclusive Artistry Dance 4 All</b> @ Reflections of Grace  5:30-6:30PM Pre-registration required	<b>15</b> <b>Inclusive Artistry Photography</b> @ Sunny Acres Farm  4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>16</b> <b>Covey Bakes</b> Soft Pretzels @ Downtown YMCA  4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>17</b> <b>Bowling</b> @ Revs  4-6PM    \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Inclusive Artistry Dance 4 All</b> @ Reflections of Grace 5:30-6:30PM Pre-registration required	<b>22</b> <b>Inclusive Artistry Pumpkin Decorating</b> @ Steven's Park 4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>23</b> <b>Covey Cooks</b> Pigs in a Blanket @ Downtown YMCA  4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>24</b> <b>Bowling</b> @ Revs  4-6PM    \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Inclusive Artistry Dance 4 All</b> @ Reflections of Grace 5:30-6:30PM Pre-registration required	<b>29</b> <b>Take Back the Night</b> @ UWOC  5-8PM    FREE <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30</b> <b>Covey Bakes</b> Halloween Cookies @ Downtown YMCA  4-6PM    \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31</b> <b>Bowl-o-ween Party</b> @ Revs  4-6:30PM    \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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.

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

## PEER SUPPORT GROUP

**2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 9:30 AM**  
206 STATE STREET OSHKOSH WI 54901

NAMI Oshkosh will be  
facilitating a Peer Support Group  
at the State Street Center, offering  
a welcoming space for individuals  
living with mental health  
conditions to share experiences,  
gain support, and build  
community.

# October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Family Self  
Sufficiency



## Prevention, Screening, Support

On average, over 5,400 women get breast cancer in Wisconsin each year. The Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) is committed to partnering with women across the state to improve their overall health and well-being. The program provides free or low-cost health screenings and preventative care services to women who meet certain eligibility criteria. Women who are eligible can receive a clinical breast exam, mammogram, pelvic exam, and pap test at no cost.

The Winnebago County Public Health Department coordinates the WWWP program for women in 9 counties: Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Marquette, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago. The program is currently servicing many rural and Spanish-speaking residents. It is collaborative in nature, working with healthcare providers and community organizations to ensure that women have access to the care they need. We believe that by working together, we can make a real difference in the health and well-being of women across Wisconsin.

### You may qualify if:

- You are a woman 45-64 years old
- You are a woman 35-44 years old with symptoms or concerns
- You do not have health insurance or your insurance policy has a high deductible for screenings or tests
- Your income is within the [program guidelines](#).

By participating in the Wisconsin Well Woman Program, women can take control of their health and catch potential health issues early on. If you are a woman who is uninsured or underinsured, we encourage you to learn more and see if you are eligible for our services. Translation and interpretation services are available. Together, we can partner for better health.

### How to apply:

- Fill out this [form](#)
- [Email us](#)
- Call us at 920-727-8650
- Ask your healthcare provider to help you enroll

For additional information please visit [winnebagopublichealth.org](http://winnebagopublichealth.org).





# Wisconsin Well Woman Program Pamphlet

## The Wisconsin Well Woman Program

Helps women with little or no health insurance get

**FREE**  
**Breast and**  
**Cervical Cancer**  
**Screenings,**  
such as  
**Mammograms,**  
**Pap Tests**

and other follow-up tests.



**Early detection**  
**is the best protection.**

Talk to your doctor or contact the  
Well Woman Program  
to see if you qualify for free breast  
and cervical screenings.

### Breast Self-Examination

Start with a visual inspection of the  
breasts with arms in different positions.



Feel for breast lumps or other changes  
while standing and laying down.



To enroll or find out more information:

**920-727-8650**

[health@winnebagoountywi.gov](mailto:health@winnebagoountywi.gov)

[www.winnebagoountywi.gov/health](http://www.winnebagoountywi.gov/health)



Text Us at  
920-249-5111

The Winnebago County Health Department  
provides program coordination for the  
following counties:  
Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Marquette,  
Outagamie, Sheboygan, Waupaca,  
Waushara, Winnebago

**WISCONSIN**  
**WELL WOMAN**  
**PROGRAM**

Do you need a  
**Mammogram**  
or **Pap Test**  
but cannot afford it?

## What does the Well Woman Program pay for?

- Breast and pelvic exams
- Mammograms (breast cancer screening)
- Diagnostic screenings and tests, such as ultrasounds and biopsies
- Pap tests (cervical cancer screening)
- HPV screening



The Wisconsin Well Woman Program  
pays for many, but not all, follow-up tests  
to diagnose breast or cervical cancer.

Contact your program coordinator for details.



## You may qualify if:

- You are a woman 40-64 years old.
- You are a woman 35-39 years old with symptoms or concerns.
- You do not have health insurance, or your insurance policy has a high deductible for screenings or tests.
- Your income is within the program guidelines. Scan the QR code or visit [www.winnebagoountywi.gov/health](http://www.winnebagoountywi.gov/health) for guidelines.



## How do I apply?

Contact a Well Woman Program  
coordinator to enroll or find out  
more information:

**920-727-8650**

[health@winnebagoountywi.gov](mailto:health@winnebagoountywi.gov)

Find a list of qualified medical  
providers at:

[www.winnebagoountywi.gov/health](http://www.winnebagoountywi.gov/health)

## FAQ:

### What if I find out that I have breast or cervical cancer?

As a Well Woman Program client, you may be eligible for Well Woman Medicaid to help pay your medical bills. Your coordinator can help you apply.

### What about other health problems they may find?

Well Woman Program is unable to pay for follow up tests and treatment for other health conditions. Talk to your health care provider or coordinator to see if other programs can help you.

### What if I receive a bill for a Well Woman Program covered service?

Call your coordinator if you think you have received a bill in error.



# Mini Job Fairs



## 2025 Mini JOB FAIRS

[wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/](https://wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – Menasha Public Library**  
(Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha)

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – Fond du Lac Public Library**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – Menasha Public Library**  
(Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha)

**November 10<sup>th</sup> – Oshkosh Public Library**

\*Participating employers are subject to change\*

### Employers Register here:


<https://www.vagaro.com/us05/fvj6dx>

1. Select "Classes" tab.
2. Select date(s) and location(s) you'd like to have Employer/Recruitment table.
3. Click drop down menu and select "Mini Job Fairs."
4. Click "Sign up"

Employer Registration is \$50.00



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The Department of Workforce Development 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. For the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, please call (608) 261-0050 to request information in an alternate format, including translation to another language. For service / office locations: visit:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/about/locations.htm>





# RENT SMART 2025



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

**Taught by Extension Educators**

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

**SUMMER/FALL 2025**

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**FREE!**

<b>June</b>	<b>9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25   9-10am (Mon/Wed)</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28   11am-12pm (Mon/Thurs)</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26   9-10am (Tues/Fri)</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>4, 11, 18   9-11:30am (Saturday)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26   7-8pm (Mon/Wed)</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18   1-2pm (Mon/Thurs)</b>

**Location:** Online, live instruction via Zoom

To register, use this link or scan the QR Code:

**<https://go.wisc.edu/RentSmartRegister>**



## What you'll learn:

- ✓ To manage monthly expenses
- ✓ To find and maintain affordable housing
- ✓ To complete applications and understand tenant screening
- ✓ To build positive relationships with landlords and neighbors
- ✓ The 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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## GET YOUR DREAM LIFE

Take your next steps with us to get the career you want for the *life* you want

Here's what you can get:



**Tuition** for training and school



**Connections** to local employers



**Help** with gas, rent, and other needs



**A career** that's right for you



Someone in **your** corner **all the way!**

## OUR SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES

### WIOA Adult Program

Provides job services to people looking for a **new career path**, want to go back to **school**, or want to **train** for good jobs that pay well.

### FORWD Program

Supports people who have been **impacted** by the **opioid crisis** or who **seek training** to help those impacted by the opioid crisis.

### WIOA Youth Program

Supports **youth ages 14 - 24**, who are facing barriers, find a job, earn their GED, or enroll in post-secondary education or training.

### WIOA Dislocated Worker Program

Helps those who've **lost employment** due to a **mass layoff** or economic transition find work as quickly as possible.



## Ready to start?

## Contact us to learn more



# Starting Point



Starting Point is designed to help women ages 18 and older in the areas of financial planning skills, empowerment, and career planning that will lead to further education and/or a new career. Women will gain the necessary skills to go to college, learn how to network and access available resources, meet other women with similar life experiences, gain confidence and build self-esteem, and learn how to manage finances and relationships. This program is open to mothers and women without children. Women must be a resident of Outagamie, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca, or Winnebago County.

## Fall 2025 Dates & Times

**Appleton:** 9/10/25 to 12/3/25 Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Childcare Provided

**Oshkosh:** 9/13/25-12/3/25, Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Childcare Provided

**Virtual:** 9/10/25 to 12/3/25, Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, No Childcare

## Spring 2026 Dates & Times

**Appleton:** 2/11/26 to 5/13/26, Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Childcare Provided

**Oshkosh:** 2/14/26 to 5/13/26, Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Childcare Provided

**Virtual:** 2/11/26 to 5/13/26, Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, No Childcare

"Starting Point has helped me build skills I didn't have and to sharpen skills I already had."

### Women Will Learn

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

Time Management

Self-Esteem

Goal Setting

Community Resources

### Empowerment Topics

Career Development

Study Skills

Assertiveness

Healthy Relationships



Grants available for moving forward with education without financial stress.



FVTC ID available for free busing on GO Transit.





Contact Information: Kara Nowak | (920) 735-5722 | [kara.nowak7593@fvtc.edu](mailto:kara.nowak7593@fvtc.edu)  
To find out if you are eligible and have a staff member contact you, fill out this survey: [www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint](http://www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint)