



# FSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear FSS Participants (And Community Members),

I wanted to wish a happy birthday to our participants with birthdays in April, so Happy Birthday to Robert, Marc, Britney, Dominique, and Aniya! I have also signed another participant up for the FSS Program; welcome Sara! This brings the program up to

We had a great turn out of the FSS Connections meeting this last month! There was so much great information that was shared by our community Partners. If you did not get the Minutes for that Meeting, please email me and I can send you a copy of it.

On the next page you will see a flyer for the Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Certification Training. This is a great, **free** training, however its sign-up deadline is **this Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**, so if you are interest, you need to sign up soon!

Another short notice announcement, the next Walk-in-Wednesday is **tomorrow, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, (no joke!), so please come and get access to a bunch of great programs/resources our community has to offer.

Some news regarding the Housing Authority: the Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority offices will be closed on April 7 & 8 while our staff attend training. We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience. We will reopen on April 9.

Please review the rest of the newsletter for many more exciting updates and opportunities!

Respectfully,

Dylan Palmer




## CRISIS INTERVENTION PARTNERS (CIP) ▶ Certification Training ◀

CIP is a 16-hour training designed for those interested in better understanding and *improving interactions* with people living with a *mental illness*.









 **April 14 - April 15, 2026**

 **8:00AM-4:30PM**

 **Lakeshore Pavilion**  
1875 Punhoqua St,  
Oshkosh

### TRAINING TOPICS

-  **An overview of mental illness**
-  **Education on human development and the impact of trauma**
-  **Discussion with people impacted by mental illness**
-  **Education on safe and effective crisis de-escalation tactics**
-  **Community Resources**
-  **Suicide Prevention Training**

**Register by April 3, 2026**  
[info@namioshkosh.org](mailto:info@namioshkosh.org)

# JAL/WETAP Information



Job Access Loan

Wisconsin Employment  
Transportation Assistance Program

## JAL

## WETAP

### PROVIDES



\$1,600 towards purchase of vehicle or other work related expenses including housing. Cannot exceed Kelly Blue Book value.



Loan to repair or purchase a vehicle. Loan amount depends on budget and income. Cost cannot exceed Kelly Blue Book value.

### ELIGIBILITY



Meet all eligibility criteria for Wisconsin Works (W-2) and have a job or job offer. They do not need to be enrolled but must be a Custodial Parent or a participating Non-Custodial Parent. JAL is provided through W-2.



1. Household income must be equal to or less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. WETAP is provided through a Mobility Manager.
2. Employed

### REPAYMENT



1. The applicant completes a budget indicating his/her ability to repay the loan in cash within the agreed upon repayment timeframe. They agree to make regular monthly payments.
2. At least 25% of loan must be repaid in cash. The repayment plan may include in-kind community service.
3. Initial repayment period is 12 months, but it may be extended with repayment renegotiation.



1. The applicant completes a budget worksheet to ensure they can pay back the required amount.
2. 75% of loan must be paid back in a 12 month term.

The WETAP program is funded in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 5311 Formula Grants of Other than Urbanized Areas (5311) (CFDA 20.509).

Call us today

**JAL** 1-855-733-1311

**WETAP** 608-620-7559

Updated 10/13/2022.



## PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

**Vida Parent Support Services provides men, women, and couples with:**

- Pregnancy and Parent Education
- Spanish Bilingual Services
- Car Seat Program
- Community Resource Referrals
- Play Group/Dinner Events for Families
- Material Support Including:  
Diapers, Wipes, Baby Formula, Toys, Books,  
Hygiene Items, and Infant and Toddler Clothing

**Support services are free of charge.** Appointments can be made over the phone.

OSHKOSH LOCATION	APPLETON LOCATION	GREEN BAY LOCATION
601 Oregon Street Suite C, Oshkosh, WI 54902	720 W. Association Drive, Appleton, WI 54914	670 Cormier Road, Green Bay, WI 54304
<b>Monday-Thursday</b> 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>Monday-Thursday</b> 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>For current hours</b> visit our website or call our office.

**REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT:**  **920-955-3772**  [www.vidasupportservices.org](http://www.vidasupportservices.org)

## MATERNITY HOUSING

If you're pregnant or parenting an infant and are experiencing housing instability, Vida is here to help. Vida's maternity home provides free housing, life-changing programming, and ensures you are supported, loved, and safe.

**LEARN MORE:**  **920-955-3772**  [www.vidasupportservices.org](http://www.vidasupportservices.org)



## MEDICAL CLINIC

### Vida Medical Clinic provides the following services:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds
- Referrals for Prenatal Care
- Pap/Pelvic/Breast Exams
- STI Testing and Treatment for Men and Women
- Childbirth and Breastfeeding Education
- Sports Physicals

**Medical services and treatments are free of charge.** Appointments are encouraged and can be made over the phone. A nurse will provide medically accurate information and compassionate care in matters related to sexual health and pregnancy.

### OSHKOSH LOCATION

1484 W. South Park Avenue,  
Oshkosh, WI 54902

### APPLETON LOCATION

720 W. Association Drive,  
Appleton, WI 54914

### GREEN BAY LOCATION

670 Cormier Road,  
Green Bay, WI 54304

***For current hours and to request an appointment, visit our website or call our office.***



920-731-4354



[www.vidamedicalclinic.org](http://www.vidamedicalclinic.org)

# Community Resources/Updates

WALK IN WEDNESDAY May 6



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

Sponsored By:



### Looking for resources or support?

Walk In Wednesday, provides Community members and Club families the opportunity to connect directly with local organizations & services conveniently at the Club.

Each month there are rotating partners from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

Questions? Contact Michelle Rector  
(920) 233-1414 x135 or micheller@bgcosh.org



Scan the QR code to learn more about the community partners joining us.

## WALK-IN ASSISTANCE

Visit us at the Oshkosh Job Center at 2211 Oregon St., Unit U in Oshkosh.  
Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM

Looking for assistance with your resume?  
Struggling with interview skills?  
Have general job searching questions?  
Need help filing your Unemployment Claim?

Unable to make it to the Oshkosh Job Center?  
We got you!!  
We are in Fond du Lac & Menasha once a week!



**Fond du Lac Public Library**  
Tuesdays | 12PM to 4PM | 32 Sheboygan St  
920-322-3930 | <https://fdlpl.org/adult-services/job-seeking-resources/>

**Menasha Public Library**  
Wednesdays | 12:30PM to 4PM | 440 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
920-967-3690 | <https://menashalibrary.org>

Call us for questions - (920) 404-6801

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Equal Opportunity. Employer/Program Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

# Community Resources/Updates



## Covey Connects Calendar April 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SIGN UP HERE!</b> Scan the QR code, email info@covey.org, or purchase tickets at the Covey office: 2200 Algoma Blvd Oshkosh, WI 54901 			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Covey Bakes Easter Eggs @ Downtown YMCA 4-6 PM \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>3</u> Barlow Planetarium Star Show (transportation provided) 4-5:30 PM \$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>4</u>
		<u>7</u> Lakefly/NAMI Outspoken Word Night @NAMI Oshkosh 6:30-8 PM \$5 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>8</u> Acts 2:42 Group@ Alliance Church - Appleton 12:30-2:30 PM FREE <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>9</u> Covey Cooks Sub Sandwiches @ Downtown YMCA 4-6PM \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>10</u> Bowling @ Revs 4-6PM \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Mini Golf@ Glow in the Park 4-5:30 \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>15</u> Art with Ona@ Oshkosh Food Co-op 4-5:30 PM \$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>16</u> Covey Bakes Pizza @ Downtown YMCA 4-6PM \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>17</u> Bowling @ Revs 4-6PM \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Free Legal Clinic @ Oshkosh Public Library 4:30-6:30 PM FREE <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>22</u> Meaningful Meals @ Parker John's 4-5:30 PM \$5 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>23</u> Covey Cooks Smoothies @ Downtown YMCA 4-6PM \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>24</u> Bowling @ Revs 4-6PM \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>25</u> Float & Flick @ 20th St. YMCA 5-7 PM \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Spring Nature Walk/Birdwatching @ Menominee Park 3:30-5 PM \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>29</u> Spring Crafts @ Oshkosh Library 4-6 pm \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>30</u> Covey Bakes Trail Mix @ Downtown YMCA 4-6PM \$15 <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is Saturday April 18, 2026

491 Old Oregon Road,  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

#### DAYS AND HOURS

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## 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.

# Family Services Class: Positive Discipline Parenting



## Positive Discipline Parenting

Positive Discipline Parenting brings information, understanding and skill building to parents and caretakers, leading you to build knowledge and strategies with children that have long-term impacts.

### IN-PERSON IN APPLETON

#### With a focus on:

- Mutual respect
- Being encouraging
- Building connection
- Teaching social & life skills
- Inviting kids to discover how capable they are

#### Join us...

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> or  
Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00-8:00 pm**

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Free onsite childcare available

Limited spots so register soon

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Go to our website to register



Contact us with questions:

[workshops@familyservicesnew.org](mailto:workshops@familyservicesnew.org)  
(920) 419-0097

# Family Services Class: Baby Basics for New/Expecting Dads



## **Baby Basics** for New & Expecting Dads hands on class *Just for Dads*

### **Dads will learn:**

- Handling, feeding, burping, changing, cleaning & calming a newborn
- What to expect in the coming months
- How to enhance your baby's development
- Community resources available for support

### **IN-PERSON IN APPLETON**

### *Join Us...*

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00-8:30 pm**

Cost: \$30.00 per person

No Onsite Childcare

Limited spots so register soon

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Go to our website to register**



**Contact us with questions:**

[workshops@familyservicesnew.org](mailto:workshops@familyservicesnew.org)

(920) 419-0097



Parent Connection is a program of  
Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.  
[www.familyservicesnew.org](http://www.familyservicesnew.org)

# Mini Job Fairs Year Long Schedule



## 2026 Mini JOB FAIRS

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

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**February 9 – Oshkosh – Public Library**

**March 9 – Appleton – Public Library**

**June 15 – Waupaca – Public Library**

**July 13 – Berlin – Public Library**

**August 11 – Wild Rose – Public Library**

**September 14 – Menasha – Public Library**

**October 12 – Chilton – Fox Valley Technical College**

**October 19 – Fond du Lac**

**November 9 – Oshkosh – Public Library**

*\*Schedule and locations are subject to change\**

**Employer  
Registration Opens  
January 2026!**



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[Follow us on Facebook!](#) or Fox Valley Job Centers - Menasha

# Homelessness Prevention Resources

## 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 - Walk-In's Welcome  
 4:30 PM \*Appointment preferred

**HELPProgram@winnebagocountywi.gov**

HELP On Call Phone  
 920-509-7629



### HOW IT WORKS AND WHAT TO EXPECT

Are you staying outside, in a shelter, in your car or fleeing domestic violence?

Contact ONE of the participating agencies listed, in person or on the phone, to complete an assessment.

After the assessment is completed, you will be placed on a Prioritization List. This is NOT a waiting list!

When an agency has an opening in a program, they will contact the person most in need. If you are contacted, you will be asked about your housing status and then you may be asked to meet with someone at that agency.

It is very important to let the agency know if your information changes. **If we can't contact you, we can't help you!**

## COORDINATED ENTRY

Coordinated Entry is a way people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness may find housing and get connected to resources in their community.

### PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- ADVOCAP
- Fond du Lac County  
920-922-7760
- Winnebago County  
920-426-0150
- Green Lake County  
920-361-9880
- St Katharine Drexel Shelter-Fond du Lac  
920-922-8122
- Day by Day Shelter-Oshkosh  
920-203-4865

Completing the assessment does not guarantee housing or program eligibility.

A case manager will follow up with you every 30 days to verify your status, but there is no guarantee if/when you will be offered services.

# Free Rent Smart Classes Jan.-June



# RENT SMART 2026



**Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Taught by Extension Educators**

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

## Winter/Spring 2026 Online Class Schedule

**FREE!**

<b>December 2025</b>	<b>1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18</b>	<b>1:00-2:00 PM (Mon/Thur)</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30</b>	<b>9:00-10:00 AM (Tue/Fri)</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>14, 21, 28</b>	<b>9:00-11:30 AM (Saturday)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30</b>	<b>7:00-8:00 PM (Tue/Thur)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22</b>	<b>1:00-2:00 PM (Mon/Fri)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24</b>	<b>11:00 AM-12:00 PM (Tue/Wed)</b>

- ✓ Classes are taught online via Zoom
- ✓ Participants must complete all six modules to earn the Rent Smart certificate

To register, scan the QR code or go to <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

**For more information, contact Todd Wenzel, [todd.wenzele@wisc.edu](mailto:todd.wenzele@wisc.edu) or 920-232-1982**

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law. You may request an interpreter, material in an alternative language or format, or other services to make Extension's programming more accessible. Make your request at least 25 days before the event. There is no added cost for these services.

# WIOA Services

(Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)



# 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



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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 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.

920-278-9264

[www.fsc-corp.org/WIOA](http://www.fsc-corp.org/WIOA)

[foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org](mailto:foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org)

## 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.

# Starting Point Classes Add. Info.



## Why would I want to take this workshop?

- Free, no cost educational opportunity
- Support System for you and your child
- Direct access to one on one support with FVTC
- All school fees for admission are waived (\$45 value)
- Give your children a healthy environment to thrive
- Gain support from other parents

“I have really bad anxiety and self-doubt. This program made me feel more comfortable entering a new transition. I wanted to go back to school but did not know where to start or who to ask for help. I feel that now I have a better view on where I want to see my future go.”



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)