

# The Family Connection

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**Special points of interest:**

- A fun new way to help us with recruitment, host a foster party today!
- Come check us out at some upcoming events, see events section for where we will be
- July 7th at 9pm we are launching our new recruitment initiative and hosting a movie night! Come out in support and solidarity!

## FOSTER CARE LAUNCHES “DO IT ANYWAY” CAMPAIGN WITH FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENT

Racine County is thrilled to announce that on July 7 the Racine County Courthouse will transform into an outdoor cinema for a special free screening of the critically acclaimed film, "Instant Family," serving as the kickoff for the launch of Foster Care's empowering "Do It Anyway" campaign.

Starting at 9 p.m. on the north side of the courthouse, this event aims to shed light on the importance of foster care and encourage community members to embrace the spirit of compassion and selflessness. The evening promises an unforgettable movie experience under the stars, creating an opportunity to inspire attendees of all ages.

"We want to inspire individuals and families to consider foster care as a transformative opportunity to make a real difference in a child's life," said Youth and Family Supervisor Dan Chiappetta. "This new campaign recognizes the complex traumas experienced by children in foster care and why it's important to recruit foster parents that have the temperament and special experience to step up to support

them. The 'Do It Anyway' campaign serves as a reminder that despite challenges, it's the small acts of kindness that have the power to change the trajectory of a child's future."

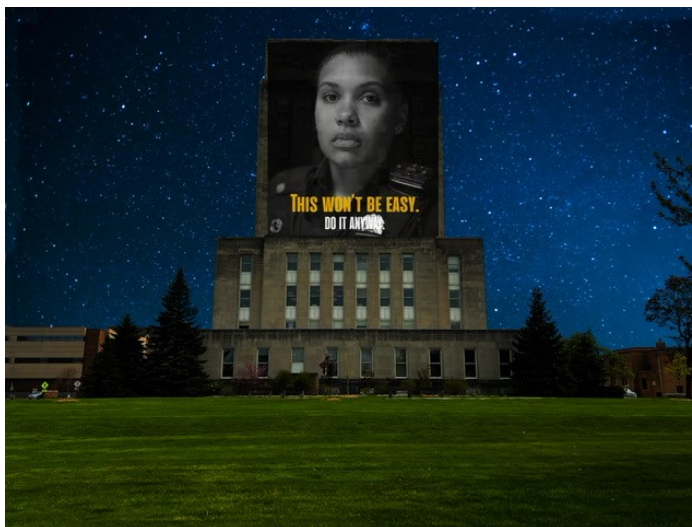
The featured movie, "Instant Family," directed by Sean Anders and starring Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne, tells the heartwarming story of a couple who decides to foster three siblings, embarking on an emotional journey that forever changes their lives. This relatable and poignant film perfectly sets the stage for the launch of Racine County's "Do It Anyway" campaign, which aims to encourage individuals and families to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

The event will be held on the north lawn of the Racine County Courthouse, located at 730 Wisconsin Avenue in Racine.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs, creating a cozy, and inviting atmosphere to enjoy the movie together. Free cotton candy, snow cones, and popcorn will be available for attendees while supplies last.

The event is free and open to the public, offering an opportunity for everyone to join in the celebration of love, resilience, and the unwavering spirit of the Racine County community. In addition to the movie screening, Foster Care will debut a video supporting the "Do It Anyway" campaign.

Anyone interested in foster care can contact Jessica Scheeler at [262-638-6595](tel:262-638-6595) or via email at [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com)



## Information Sessions

# Racine County Information Sessions

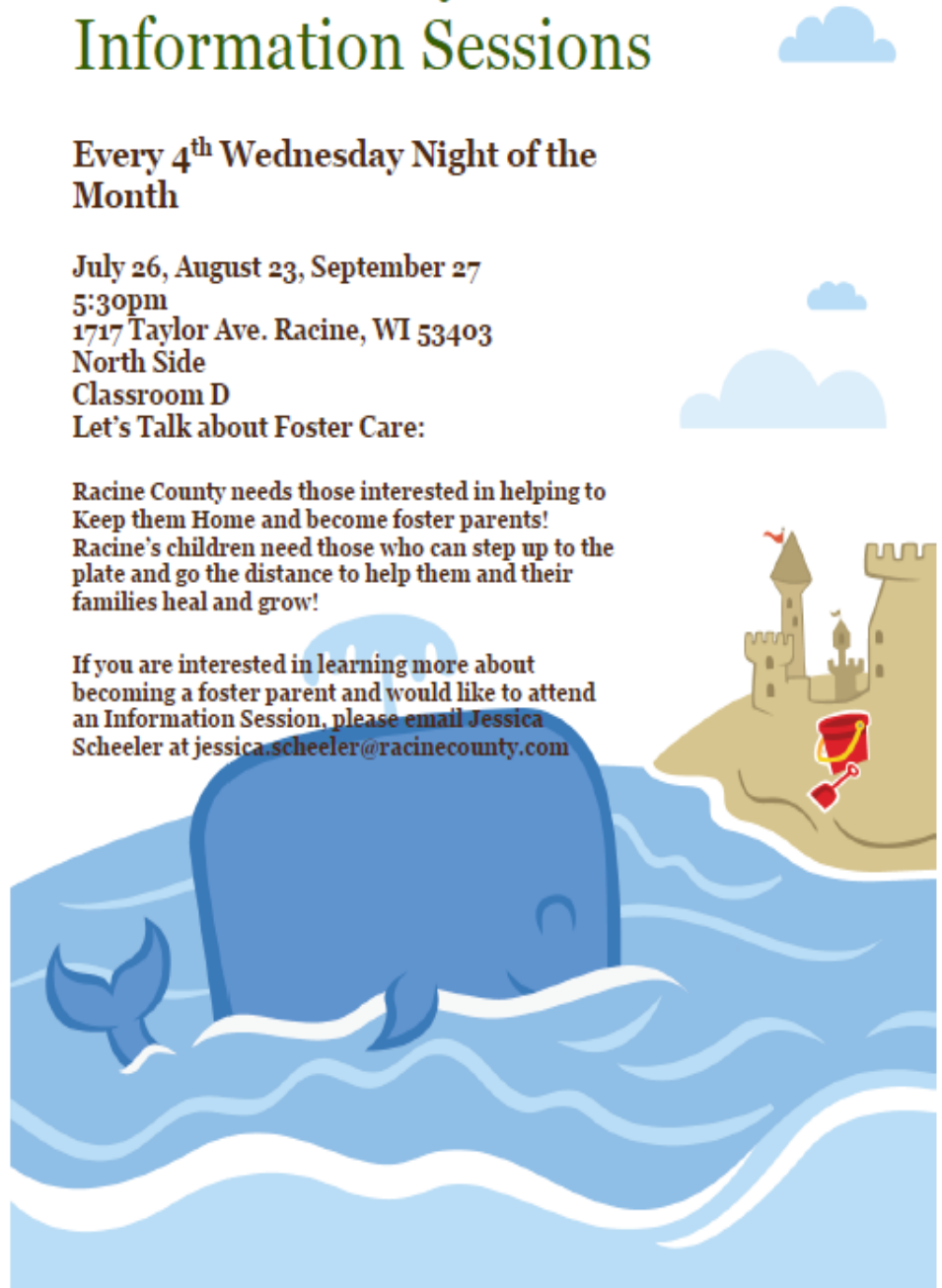
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night of the  
Month

July 26, August 23, September 27  
5:30pm  
1717 Taylor Ave. Racine, WI 53403  
North Side  
Classroom D  
Let's Talk about Foster Care:

Racine County needs those interested in helping to  
Keep them Home and become foster parents!  
Racine's children need those who can step up to the  
plate and go the distance to help them and their  
families heal and grow!

If you are interested in learning more about  
becoming a foster parent and would like to attend  
an Information Session, please email Jessica  
Scheeler at [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com)

For more info or to  
register, contact Jess at  
262-638-6595



## Training Opportunities: Resilient Co-Parenting

These topic specific online classes are designed for parents or caregivers raising children together while living apart. A new topic every month! Register today at <https://bit.ly/3ioqBJr>

# RESILIENT CO-PARENTING

A series of topic-specific classes for parents or caregivers raising children together while living apart.

Join us for any or all of the following sessions!

- Feb. 2nd: Families Fighting Fair
- Mar 2nd: Successful Stepfamilies
- April 6th: Navigate Difficult Conversations
- May 4th: Parenting from a Distance
- June 1st: Co-Parenting Teens
- July 6th: Cope with Stress through Transition
- Aug. 3rd: Help Children with Strong Emotions
- Sept. 7th: Relationship Readiness
- Oct. 5th: Self Compassion
- Nov. 2nd: Mindful Money Practices
- Dec. 7th: Forgiveness for Moving Forward

**7:00-8:00 pm over Zoom**  
**1st Thursday of each month**  
**in 2023!**

Scan code or  
use link to  
register!



<https://bit.ly/3ioqBJr>

For more info:

**Sarah Hawks**

Family and Community Educator  
UW-Madison Division of Extension -  
Racine County  
1072 Milwaukee Avenue  
Burlington, WI 53105

Phone (262) 767-2916  
WI Relay 7-1-1

New Email Address -  
[sarah\\_hawks@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah_hawks@wisc.edu)

Web site -  
<https://racine.extension.wisc.edu/>




**Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



**Human Development & Relationships Institute**

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# Training Opportunities: Triple P



## July Triple P Events



### Raising Resilient Children

**Time & Date:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am, Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Developing Good Bedtime Routines

**Time & Date:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Hurting Others

**Time & Date:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am, Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Raising Responsible Teenagers

**Time & Date:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### The Power of Positive Parenting

**Time & Date:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Hassle Free Shopping

**Time & Date:** 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Supporting Your Partner

**Time & Date:** 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Raising Confident, Competent Children

**Time & Date:** 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm, Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Balancing Work and Family

**Time & Date:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Dealing with Disobedience

**Time & Date:** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

Triple P teaches families with children 0-16 years of age how to spend less time battling challenging behavior and more time building close relationships. You'll develop positive parenting skills to manage stress and encourage healthy habits, and that can mean more good days for your family.

Register online at [childrenswi.org/triplep](https://childrenswi.org/triplep) or scan QR code



For more info:

**Jackie Schommer, CHES**  
 Pronouns: she/her/hers  
 Program Manager – Community Health and Education  
 Children's Wisconsin  
 Phone: 414-292-4204  
[childrenswi.org](https://childrenswi.org)

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## Training Opportunities: Strengthening Families

### Strengthening Families Program Overview

Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidenced-based parenting program developed by Dr. Karol Kumpfer, professor emeritus at the University of Utah. SFP is for all families, not just at-risk families. SFP helps parents improve their parenting skills in the areas of family **bonding**, establishing limits and **boundaries** and **monitoring** their children's social and emotional well-being. Additionally, it helps decrease drug and alcohol abuse and delinquency in their children.

*According to Strengthening Families Program, the program addresses the following risk factors (<https://strengtheningfamiliesprogram.org/>):*

- *Neglect; lack of love, care, & support*
- *Family conflict*
- *Difficulties in communicating respectfully*
- *Lax or harsh discipline*
- *Lack of supervision*
- *Substance use by parents (or child)*
- *Stressful life events*
- *Exposure to violence/abuse*
- *Low expectations for school success / failure at school*
- *Lack of family customs, traditions*
- *Low self-esteem*

*SFP trains parents in skills to increase Protective Factors:*

- *Strong, loving parent-child bonds*
- *Functional, well-managed home*
- *Mild, consistent discipline*
- *Clear rules against substance use*
- *Monitoring of child's activities & friends*
- *High expectations; involved parent*
- *School attendance and success*
- *Family customs & traditions*
- *Parents set a good substance use example*

For more info:

Luci Arroyo, M.S.E.  
Professional Services Group/  
Community Impact Programs  
Director of Racine Programs  
Work Cell: (262) 945-8856



### Strengthening Families (5-17)

Join us for a **FREE** 11-week group to help parents improve their parenting skills in the areas of bonding, boundaries, & monitoring. The program is for parents and their children, ages 5-17, and will be conducted weekly via Zoom or In-Person.

Parents and youth will have the opportunity to develop positive communication, family organization, family bonding, conflict solutions and pro-social skills.



**PSG**

To sign-up contact: Luci Arroyo at (262) 945-8856 Or

[larroyo@psqip.com](mailto:larroyo@psqip.com)

Or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cafab2fa6f8c25-strengthening>

# Community Events:

## Check out Racine Theatre Guild's 86th Season!

"Lighting up lives at all stages"



2023 | 2024 86th SEASON



JULY 14 - 23, 2023



SEPT 15 - OCT 1, 2023



OCT 27 - NOV 12, 2023



DEC 8 - 17, 2023



JAN 12 - 28, 2024



FEB 23 - MAR 10, 2024



APRIL 12 - 24, 2024



MAY 17 - JUNE 2, 2024

For more info:  
<https://racinetheatre.org/>























262.633.4218  
RacineTheatre.org

2519 Northwestern Ave.  
Racine, WI 53404



# Community Events: Raider's Football

## 2023 SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME/RESULTS	ARTICLE
13 May	 BALTIMORE LIGHTNING 	2 - 0	RECAP →
20 May	 CAPITAL CITY SEAHAWKS 	23 - 0	RECAP →
3 Jun	 ST. PAUL PIONEERS 	7:00 PM	PREVIEW →
10 Jun	 @ CIN CITY BUCCANEERS 	6:00 PM	PREVIEW →
17 Jun	 @ INDY BISON (BLUE) 	6:00 PM	PREVIEW →
24 Jun	 TBD	7:00 PM	PREVIEW →
1 Jul	 RIVER CITY ROUGH RIDERS 	7:00 PM	PREVIEW →
8 Jul	 CHICAGO FALCONS 	7:00 PM	PREVIEW →
15 Jul	 VS. MOTOR CITY (MI) RAMS - ALUMNI NIGHT 	7:00 PM	PREVIEW →
22 Jul	 @ ST. PAUL PIONEERS 	6:00 PM	PREVIEW →
5 Aug	 TBD	7:00 PM	PREVIEW →

For more info:  
[https://  
 racineraiders.com/](https://racineraiders.com/)

# Community Events:



**FREE**



**NOW ENROLLING**

**COPS 'N KIDS READING CENTER**

**“How Does Your Garden Grow?”**

**Summer Program starts June 19th & ends July 27, 2023**  
**NO Class - July 4th**

**Monday thru Thursday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Children entering 5K – entering Grade 6**

**@ 800 Villa Street**  
**262-632-1606**  
**www.cops-n-kids.org**

**This includes planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, reading, writing, measuring, graphing and garden related craft activities at Marquette Street & Villa Street Community Gardens. Plus learning about nutrition and healthy choices. Oh, don't forget the tasting! Snacks provided.**

**We are looking forward to a fun summer of reading, writing and learning about seeds, plants and tasting good foods that come from our gardens. Plus learning about nutrition and healthy choices.**

**For more information & to sign up please contact:  
Becky St. Martin – 262-939-0107**

For more information contact;  
Becky: Becky St. Martin  
<bstmartin@cops-n-kids.org>



# Community Events:

## Tichigan Lake Lions & Waterford High School are Proud to Present:



# WATERFORD BALLOONFEST



Sponsored by: *Scherrer Construction*

## July 15, 2023



- 6-7am Morning Media Launch
- 12-6pm Helicopter Rides
- 12-8pm Drone Races
- 12-6pm Craft Fair
- 12-6pm KidZone
- 12-8pm Food Trucks Vendor Court

- 12-8pm Beverage Tent
- 2-6pm Music by Local DJ
- 5-8pm Tethered Balloon Rides
- 6-7:30pm Mass Ascension Launch Window
- 8:30-9:15pm Night Glow at Dusk

Waterford Town Park on Jensen Parkway

[www.waterfordballoonfest.com](http://www.waterfordballoonfest.com)

# Sprecher™

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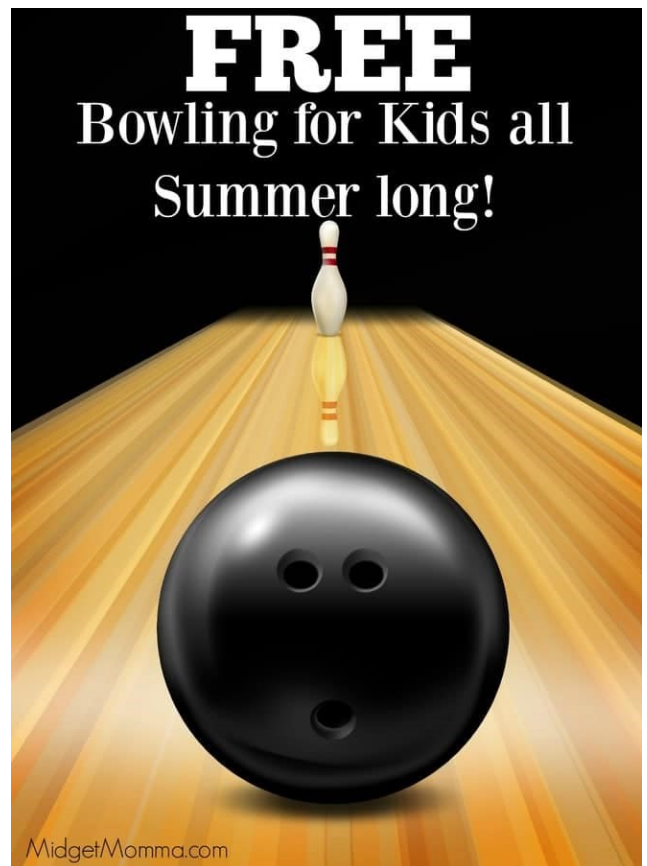
For more information:  
Kate Brown  
<[kbrown@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us](mailto:kbrown@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us)>

## Community Information:

The Kids Bowl Free Program is a great opportunity for kids ages 2-17 to get 2 free games of bowling a day during the summer. The Lanes in Racine is a participating alley, however, there are locations throughout the State that participate in the program. Attached is a link to the website where someone can sign up and get more information. A great resource to help keep kids busy doing something fun and positive.

[www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com)

For more info :  
[www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com)



# Community Information:

Contact Angel for more info!



**FREE MEAL**

**GIVE AWAY**

*To All Who Are Hungry*

**July 1st, 2023 @ Noon**

Located  
**@Island Park**

**Free Meal**

Hotdogs, Baked Beans,  
Chips, & Your Choice of Juice or  
Soda

For further questions contact  
Angel @2626643686



# Community Information:

# WALK together

TO END CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

**MILWAUKEE**

**September 16 ~ 9am**

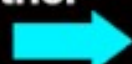
Lake Vista Park, Oak Creek, WI

Walk Together events celebrate the strength of child abuse survivors while bringing communities together to create cultural change. All event proceeds go toward The National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect's (EndCAN) child abuse prevention, advocacy, education, and research efforts.



[endcan.org/walktogether](http://endcan.org/walktogether)

Register Today!



*For more info:*

Candace Sanchez  
Author | Life Coach |  
Motivational Speaker |  
Podcast Host  
[www.candacesanchez.com](http://www.candacesanchez.com)  
[info@candacesanchez.com](mailto:info@candacesanchez.com)

# Community Information:

## Who We Serve:

We build family-like systems around families experiencing:

- Hospitalization
- Illness or depression
- Unemployment
- Domestic violence
- Homelessness
- Alcohol/drug rehabilitation
- Many other life situations

## More Information:

- Safe Families is NOT foster care or adoption. It is a voluntary partnership focused on family preservation.
- We will do our best to connect you to caring and compassionate volunteers who will become family-like support systems.
- Volunteer families are extensively screened with background checks, a home screening, and references.

"Safe Families connected me with a lot of the relationships I have now. Through Safe Families, I've met an extended family. They supported me and my family, while we got back on our feet."  
-Safe Families parent

## Safe Families For Children

Connecting parents to a network of support through family-like relationships with volunteers



Safe Families for Children *Circle of Support*

- **Family Friends:** provide friendship and support to parents or host families through getting together, encouragement, mentorship, transportation, hot meals, etc.
- **Family Coaches:** walk alongside parents to help them reach their goals and support volunteers while in service.
- **Host Families:** are screened and approved by SFFC to host children for short periods of time (average length is 6 weeks, can range from 2 days to 1 year).



Call for support:  
262-725-5199 ext. 1  
Or visit:  
<https://safe-families.org/get-help/>



For more info contact: **Amy Wolfe**  
Director of Development  
SFFC-Racine and Kenosha  
Cell: 262-757-3365  
Office: 262-725-5199 ext. 700  
E-mail:  
[amywolfe@safefamilieswi.org](mailto:amywolfe@safefamilieswi.org)

# Community Information:

## FREE Early Head Start and Head Start!

Programs for Children  
6 Weeks-5 Years Are Enrolling Now!

- **K4 Available** (must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible and registered with RUSD or Burlington School District)
- **Full Day & Extended Day** (CCA required)
- **Year- Round Programs**
- **Our Trained Staff Will Help Get Your Child Ready for Kindergarten**

**NOW HIRING!** Go to [www.acerlo.net/careers](http://www.acerlo.net/careers)

**Grand Avenue**  
**3 Years Old to 5 Years Old**  
1032 Grand Avenue, Racine WI 53403  
(262) 456-2054

**Burlington-Waller Elementary**  
**3 Years Old to 5 Years Old**  
195 Gardner Avenue, Burlington WI 53105  
(262) 289-0940

**Green Street**  
**6 Weeks Old to 5 Years Old**  
1923 Green Street, Racine WI 53402  
(262) 456-0014

**Next Generation Now**  
**6 Weeks Old to 5 Years Old**  
1220 Mound Avenue, Racine WI 53404  
(262) 635-1920

**Some Documents are Required:**

1. Immunization Record
2. Medical Card
3. One of the following:  
W-2 Statement-OR-SSI/SSA Award Letter-OR- most recent tax return-OR-paystubs showing year-to-date totals
4. Most recent physical, dental and lead exam reports
5. Proof of Child Care Authorization (if applicable)



Use this QR code to enroll

Or use this link to enroll:  
<https://familyapplication.shineinsight.com/acerlo>



*Head Start for the Best Start*

*For more information about Acelero Learning Head Start Programs, visit [www.acerlo.net](http://www.acerlo.net)*

For more info contact:

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# Community Information:

**BEGINNING 1/4/23**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SERVICES OF RACINE  
COUNTY**

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

For those that lost a loved  
one from a violent crime,  
accident or overdose

**EMOTIONAL, MENTAL  
AND SPIRITUAL  
SUPPORT TO RACINE  
COUNTY RESIDENTS**

1717 Taylor Avenue,  
South Entrance  
Racine, WI  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of  
the month  
5:00pm to 6:00pm  
Adults - 18 or older



*For more information  
contact:*

**Behavioral Health Services  
of Racine County  
262-638-6744**

# Community Information:

**ENROLLING  
PATIENTS NOW**  
CALL TODAY  
(262) 770-3110



## The Blue Way Dental Backpack Program



**Provides FREE Dental Care Services to  
children and teens ages 5-18**

Blue Door Dental cares about kids and their teeth.  
**Providing quality care in a caring way. The Blue Way!**

**Good Dental Health. A Lot to Smile About.**

To learn more, call Dr. Debbie Reddick at Blue Door Dental  
**(262) 770-3110**



For More Info:  
<https://bluedoordental.com>



# Community Information:



For more information contact:

**Ben Weisberg (He/ Him)**  
Patient Experience Manager  
Orthodontic Experts

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Email [bweisberg@orthoexp.com](mailto:bweisberg@orthoexp.com)  
1700 W Higgins Rd | Des Plaines, IL |  
60018

**Frenos o Alineadores Transparentes**

**Consultas Sin Costo**



**ORTHODONTIC  
EXPERTS**

**ESCANEE AQUÍ PARA  
PROGRAMAR**



**(855) 720-2470**

# Community Information:



*For More Info:*

**Ben Weisberg (He/ Him)**  
Patient Experience Manager  
Orthodontic Experts

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Email  
[bweisberg@orthoexp.com](mailto:bweisberg@orthoexp.com)  
1700 W Higgins Rd | Des Plaines,  
IL | 60018

## Braces & Clear Aligners!

### NO-COST CONSULTATIONS



**ORTHODONTIC  
EXPERTS**

SCAN HERE TO  
SCHEDULE



# (855) 720-2470

## Community Information:

# Youth connection

## Racine Women's Resource Center

A Safe and confidential place for  
youth 10-18 to learn about healthy  
relationship skills, discuss challenges.

Group is FREE

Please contact Ashley to register

[ahess@racinewrc.org](mailto:ahess@racinewrc.org)

262.865.4791

**Tuesday's**  
**5:00pm- 7:00pm**

For more information contact:

Ashley Hess  
Youth Specialist/ Safe Start  
Coordinator  
PO Box 1764, Racine WI  
53401

**Business Phone:**  
262.633.3274 ext. 107

**Cell:** 262.865.4791

**Text line:** 262-221-0058

**Fax:** 262.633.5523

**Crisis Line:** 262.633.3233

## Community Information:



For more information contact:  
 Shemayah Paige  
 Facilitator and Community  
 Outreach Coordinator  
 1717 Taylor Ave- Third Floor  
 Racine, WI 53403  
 Office: 262-638-7797  
 Email: [Shemayah.Paige@EquusWorks.com](mailto:Shemayah.Paige@EquusWorks.com)

This informative and empowering workshop is designed to help job seekers with criminal backgrounds learn to address this barrier during all stages of the job search process.

Activities include:

- how to address the background question on an application
- discussing it effectively during an interview
- creating a turnaround packet
- learning about available resources

Contact your Talent Development Specialist to be scheduled.

### DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS

1717 Taylor Street  
 Racine, WI  
 Classroom E

*Sessions available by  
 Appointment*

*See your Case Manager to  
 schedule*



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# Community Information:

## REGION 1

**KENOSHA COUNTY JOB CENTER**  
8600 Sheridan Rd Kenosha, WI 53143  
262-697-4500

**RACINE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
1717 Taylor Ave Racine, WI 53403  
262-638-6312

**WALWORTH COUNTY JOB CENTER**  
400 County Rd H Elkhorn, WI 53121  
262-741-5195

## REGION 3

**WAUKESHA COUNTY JOB CENTER**  
327 E Broadway Waukesha, WI 53186  
262-695-7800

**OZAUKEE NON PROFIT CENTER**  
2360 Dakota Dr, Grafton, WI 53024  
262-376-5272

**WASHINGTON COUNTY JOB CENTER**  
2200 Green Tree Rd West Bend, WI 53090  
262-335-5300

## WHAT IS FSET?

The FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program is a free program that helps FoodShare members build their job skills and find jobs. FSET will assess your strengths, needs and preferences to help you with getting a job.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/fset/>

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

mail:  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

fax:  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

email:  
Program.Intake@usda.gov

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**FSET**

**FoodShare  
Employment  
& Training**



Visit us at  
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click on  
**START NOW**

**IT'S YOUR GAME.  
CHANGE IT.**

For more info:  
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Racine, WI 53403  
Office: 262-638-7797  
Email: [Shemayah.Paige@EquusWorks.com](mailto:Shemayah.Paige@EquusWorks.com)

## HOW TO ENROLL IN FOODSHARE

If you are not receiving FoodShare but think you might be eligible due to low income or unemployment there are several ways to find out:

You can apply online at the following website: [www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov) or

You may talk to someone about eligibility and enrolling by calling:  
**888 - 794 - 5820** (Racine/Kenosha)  
or **888 - 446 - 1239**

(Waukesha, Ozaukee, Walworth & Washington Counties)  
or

You can also apply in person or by mail. The phone numbers listed above can be used to find out more information about these application options.

## HOW TO BE REFERRED TO FSET

### DO YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE FOODSHARE?

Contact the Equus office in the county you reside in and we will obtain the referral for you.

You must apply and be approved for FoodShare prior to being referred to FSET.

Visit us at [gamechangewi.org](http://gamechangewi.org)

## SERVICES EQUUS OFFERS

### JOB SKILLS TRAINING

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Childcare Certification
- Commercial Driver's License
- Community Based Residential Facility
- Entry Level Construction
- Forklift Certification
- OSHA 10 (Occupational Safety Health Administration) Certification
- CNC (computer numerical control)
- And more

### EDUCATION

- English as a second language courses
- LinkedIn Learning - Learn business, creative and technology skills at your fingertips and by industry recognized professionals
- GED/HSED (High School Equivalency Diploma) preparation & testing
- The Academy over 4000+ career enhancement courses
- Training for over 100 workforce industries certificates of completion available for many courses

### JOB READINESS & PLACEMENT SERVICES

- Career Accelerate Workshop which creates and develops soft skills including professional communication, customer service and employer expectations
- Fresh Start Workshop for Justice Involved
- Resume Assistance
- Game Changers
- Hiring Events & On Site Recruitments
- Talent Market
- Work Experience / Internship
- Career Pathways Explorer

## MORE SERVICES

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

We may be able to assist you with:

- Clothing for Interviews
- Transportation Help
- Clothing needed for Employment (Uniforms)
- Training Materials & Books
- Course Registration Fees
- And more

### JOB RETENTION SERVICES

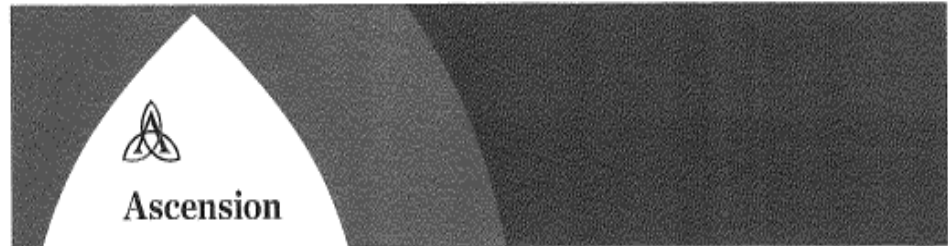
Transitional services may continue for up to 90 days after finding new employment. Examples include:

- All Supportive Services as Listed Above
- Reviewing Workplace Demands & Employer Expectations
- Strategies to Stay Empowered
- Crisis Resolution
- Continued Education & Training as related to Employment
- One-on-one with Job Developer



<https://gamechangewi.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GameChangeWI>  
<https://www.instagram.com/gamechange>

# Community Information:



Greetings!

We are excited to announce that we have a new adolescent day treatment/partial hospitalization program for teens ages 13-17. Please see attached brochure.

- The Adolescent Day Treatment (ADT) program provides group treatment Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 2:00pm.
- Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings, and struggles and to learn healthy ways to successfully cope with life's stressors.
- Family and Individual sessions are incorporated into the daily schedule.
- Treatment team includes: psychiatrist, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, occupational therapist and clinical therapist.

We also offer a 60 minute Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills group for teens. During group sessions, teens have the opportunity to learn and practice skills that can help them deal effectively with daily emotional struggles.

This group offers education on DBT skills, such as:

- Emotion Regulation
- Distress Tolerance
- Interpersonal Effectiveness
- Mindfulness

If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact us at 262-687-2222.

Thank you,

Mental Health and Addiction Care Team

For more information contact:  
262-687-2222

## Community Information:

# WE ARE HIRING DTC-WATERFORD

*Bus Drivers and Van Drivers*

- CDL training provided for new bus drivers
- No experience needed
- Bring your kids along!
- Health, Dental, and Vision
- Not sure? Come test drive!



Questions? Interested? Call (262)910-1310

Apply @ [www.dtcbus.net](http://www.dtcbus.net)



For more info:  
<https://dtcbus.net/contact-dtc/>

## Community Information:



**SCAN's**  
**CONES FOR KIDS**

**AUGUST**  
**23**  
**6-8:30PM**

For more information:  
<https://beleafsurvivors.org/>



## Foster Care Hero: Quarter 3, 2023: Merz Cares

### Foster Parent Hero Quarter 3, 2023: Merz Cares Welcome Summer!



This Quarter we honor Merz Cares! A company that continues to support the Foster Care Program through various donations. In April, Merz Employees held a diaper drive and donated a plethora of diapers and pull-ups of all sizes. The following were donated:

- 15 cases of diapers
- 11 cases of pull-ups
- 25 boxes/packs of diapers
- 15 boxes/packs of pull-ups

Merz staff began donating to Racine County Foster Care through a subsidiary organization, The Sunshine Club, a club dedicated to gifting foster children on their birthday and providing them with the means to celebrate with a cake and decorations. Communications began in October of 2022, when Michelle Dubs, the Merz Cares chairwoman, was referred to the Sunshine Club by Zach Zdroik, former Racine County Veterans Service Officer, as Merz Cares sponsored Veterans events. During the holiday season, the company usually does a Christmas Angel Tree for staff to purchase Christmas gifts. This past holiday season, they still did a tree at Christmas, however they changed it up a bit to collect birthday gifts for Sunshine Club. In addition to their birthday gift donation, they also donated 44 gift cards for Target, Walmart, Amazon and Visa



Featured: Merz Cares Employees  
Nohemi Lopez  
Kyle Franzen  
Michelle Dubs  
Grace Lejman-Fennig

Racine County Employee:  
Kim Bartel



Foster care and the children and families we serve very much appreciate your generous donations and ongoing support and partnership. Thank you so much!

If interested in learning what more you can do to either support our providers and/or become a foster parent?

Contact Jessica Scheeler:  
jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com or 262-638-6595 for more information. Or attend an Information Session on either July 26th, August 23rd, and September 27th at 5:30pm, contact Jess for location information~!



“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes, courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow’.”  
— Mary Anne Radmacher

### Yum Yum for Your Tum Tum: Egg Roll Bowls

#### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. minced fresh ginger
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 tbsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 c. shredded carrot
- 1/4 green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 c. low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. sriracha
- Kosher salt
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp. toasted sesame seeds

#### Directions

Step 1: In a large skillet over medium heat, heat vegetable oil. Add garlic and ginger and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add pork and cook, stirring occasionally, until meat is golden in parts and cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes, breaking meat into small pieces with spoon or spatula.

Step 2: Push pork to the side and add sesame oil. Add onion, carrot, and cabbage. Stir to combine with meat and add soy sauce and sriracha. Cook until cabbage is tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Season to taste with salt.

Step 3: Transfer mixture to a serving dish and garnish with scallions and sesame seeds.



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Racine County Foster Care Unit is a team comprised of dedicated staff ensuring the safety and stability of children placed in out of home care. As well as, educating the community on the need for foster providers and what the foster care program is, our staff is also responsible for screening, interviewing and licensing all our prospective foster home. Additionally, the Racine County Foster Care unit is responsible for maintaining exceptional customer service with our families, to ensure all needs are being met, by providing support to our homes to ensure they succeed. The Unit is also responsible for placement of all children who enter out of home care. We are the family connection.

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**We Need You: Join us July 7th for the reveal of our new campaign and a Movie Night!**

You're invited to our Racine County Foster Care reveal party, as we unveil our first-of-its-kind campaign initiative on **July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9pm on the Racine County Courthouse lawn**, following the ever-popular First Fridays! The premier of our new recruitment efforts will be projected onto the Courthouse, followed by the fun, family movie, *Instant Family!* Enjoy popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones while supplies last! And we'll be raffling off some great prizes! So grab a blanket or a chair and join us for a fun evening under the stars as we present reasons why you should, "Do it Anyway."

*Instant Family* Movie Night and the premiere of our "Do it Anyway" campaign

July 7<sup>th</sup>  
9pm (around dusk)  
Racine County Courthouse Lawn  
730 Wisconsin Ave., Racine, WI 53403




**Keep them Home**  
Racine County  
Fostering Our Community • Fostering Our Kids

**ABOUT**

The Department of Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) is committed to keeping children in their family homes, but when that's not possible, we help find safe, stable, and loving foster families to care for them.

Racine County's **Bring Them Home** campaign reached the number of children placed in foster care outside the County from over 100 kids last year to just 50 kids this year.

How do we do it? **Bring Them Home**. Our goal is to help place a foster child in a safe and loving home.

**CONTACT**

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\*The images and logos used here are not of actual foster kids.



**THIS WON'T BE EASY.  
DO IT ANYWAY.**

Join us at the premiere of our "Do it Anyway" campaign followed by the movie *Instant Family*, projected on the Racine County Courthouse.



July 7th at 9pm  
North Side  
of the Courthouse lawn  
730 Wisconsin Ave

**DoItAnyway.org**

Or call **262-638-6595** to speak with a foster care specialist.