

# The Family Connection

## Thank you for your support! Even though it rained a little, you showed you have what it takes to, "Do It Anyway!"

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### Special points of interest:

- Come catch me at an upcoming community event! Check out the events section to find out where I'll be!
- Thank you for the tremendous support on July 7th! Our event was a success because of you!
- September is Kinship Appreciation Month!

Racine County Foster Care launched their new recruitment initiative, "Do It Anyway," July 7th and thanks to all of you, it was a huge success. About 100 people attended the event and enjoyed refreshments of popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones, provided by a community member, Tom Dunk and drinks, provided by Safe and Sound: Raymond Ellison, Miracle Holmes and Elaine De La Cruz, a local community organization. Those who attended also got to participate in a raffle, where prizes included, various gift cards from local and near area companies and organizations, such as Bronco Barber, Rasmussen Diamonds, Cost Cutters, Milwaukee Milkman, Racine Art Museum, Millers Flowers, Partners in Design Hair Studio and Spa and Milwaukee Art Museum. Congratulations to all the winners!

The night kicked off with a short introduction about the campaign, followed by speeches from the featured Racine County foster parents appearing in the videos, Gabrielle Hood, Mary Andrews, Lesia Hill-Driver and Jennifer and Paul Durbin.

The crowd joined in a countdown to the big reveal of the first full

length, "Do It Anyway," video, featuring Gabrielle and Brittaney. One of seven families you will get to meet and hear from throughout the course of this initiative. Next, a montage of several of the other families was shown, giving a little bit of a sneak peak as to what's to come.

This initiative is estimated to run about two years. Within that time, several more events will be planned so the public can continue to meet the rest of the featured foster parents who are part of this message.

This won't be easy, Do It Anyway, is a targeted message to those who enjoy a challenge and wish to step up and step into a child's life, by becoming a treatment foster parent. Racine County's strategic approach to this initiative focuses on partnering with various, higher stress occupations, such as teachers through RUSD, doctors and nurses, through Aurora and Ascension and first respond-

ers through the Police Department.

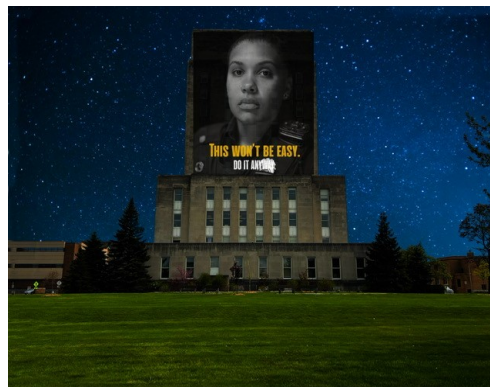
A huge thank you to our community partners that showed up to show support: Clerk of Courts, Amy Vanderhoef, thank you for use of your pop up too! County Board Supervisor District 5, Jody Spencer, Burlington Public Library, Emily Laidley, Racine Unified School District Community Connectors: Minister Johnny Ford, Dajuanna Sanders, Tenisha Winn and Tanya Wooden, Royal Family Kids Camp Leadership: Jill Kamm, Sue Toeller and Police Lieutenant, Richard Toeller. Of course, thank you to Youth and Family Division team mates who showed to assist with the event, Kim Serpe, Anid Perez and Catrina Brooks. Thank you to former Initial Assessment worker Michelle Pedersen for the use of your pop up too!

If you missed the launch, you can check out both videos here:

<https://youtu.be/LvO4ABnyLjU>

<https://youtu.be/kalbgM6GoZ8>

If you are interested in learning more: Contact Jessica Scheeler, [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com) or 262-638-6595



## Information Sessions

# Racine County Information Sessions

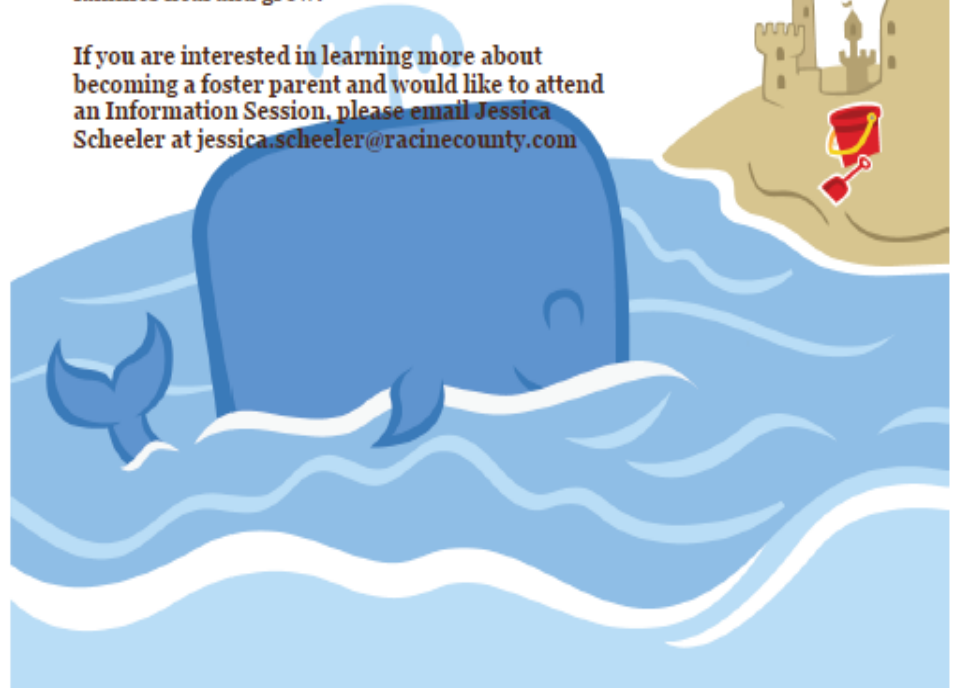
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night of the  
Month

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/>



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**Human Development & Relationships Institute**

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# Training Opportunities: Triple P

## August Triple P Events



### Hassle Free Meallimes

**Time & Date:** 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Raising Resilient Children

**Time & Date:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Hassle Free Meallimes

**Time & Date:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Hassle Free Shopping with Children

**Time & Date:** 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Self Esteem

**Time & Date:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Managing Fighting and Aggression

**Time & Date:** 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Coping with Stress

**Time & Date:** 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Location:** Zoom

### Getting Teenagers Connected

**Time & Date:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday, August 29<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



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For more info:  
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Pronouns: she/her/hers  
Program Manager – Community Health and Education  
Children's Wisconsin  
Phone: 414-292-4204  
[childrenswi.org](https://childrenswi.org)

## 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.



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:

**JOIN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUN**



**AUGUST 1, 2023**

**4:30- 6:30 PM**

**2915 Wright Avenue Racine, WI 53405**

*For more info:  
Candy Hernandez  
candy@livingfaithracine  
.org*

You are invited to join in the fun of National Night Out right here in your neighborhood. Hosted at Living Faith Lutheran Church (2915 Wright Avenue), there will be food, music, community resources booths, and activities for kids. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet your neighbors and law enforcement.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

# Community Events:



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



*For more info:*

Scarlette Kinderman - she/her/hers  
Regional Community Partnerships Coordinator  
262-770-5011 (Cell)  
414-289-3711 (Office)  
[Scarlette.Kinderman@ppwi.org](mailto:Scarlette.Kinderman@ppwi.org)

**The Cesar Chavez Community Center was chosen by Racine Neighborhood Watch as their 50th Anniversary Site!**

### Activities:

- Come see McGruff the Crime dog!
- Games & Prizes!
- Bounce House!
- Face Painting!
- Planned Parenthood backpack giveaway!
- Movies in the Park!



**Cesar Chavez Community Center**

**Tuesday, August 1st, 2023  
4 PM - 7 PM**



# Community Events:

## ¡Regreso

Jueves, 10 de agosto  
3-7 p.m.

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## Clases!

¡Un evento comunitario celebrando el regreso a clases! Park High School 1901 12th St. En el estacionamiento de lado oeste

¡Es necesario registrarse!  
Habrá:

- ★ Entrega de mochilas con útiles escolares
  - ★ Comida gratis: hamburguesas y salchichas
  - ★ Feria de recursos comunitarios
  - ★ Brincolín, música, juegos y mucho más
- \*Todo hasta agotar existencia\***  
**¡Escanee el QR hoy mismo para registrarse al sorteo de Mochila!**



For more info:

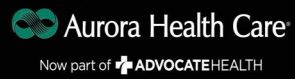
Rebecca Estrada  
Family & Community  
Engagement Specialist



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Street | Racine, WI 53404  
Tel: 262.631.7118, Cell:  
262.221.6479 | Fax: 262.631-  
7097 Web: [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org)



THE SPANISH CENTER  
OF RACINE



Now part of ADVOCATEHEALTH

# Community Events:

# BACK

Thursday, August 10, 2023  
(3-7 pm)

# To

# SCHOOL

Community Back-to-School Event!  
Park High School,  
1901 12th Street West Parking Lot

For more info:

Rebecca Estrada  
Family & Community  
Engagement Specialist



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Come out for:

- ★ Free Backpacks with free school supplies
- ★ Free hamburgers and hot dogs
- ★ Community Resource Fair
- ★ Bounce house, music, games, face painting and more.

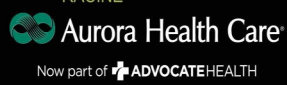
**Registration is required  
for Backpack Giveaway!**

**Scan the QR Code to Sign Up**

**Now!  
While Supplies Last**



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# Community Events:



STOP CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PRESENTS:

## CONES FOR KIDS

Wed, August 23 6-8:30 PM



Fountain Hall  
8505 Durand Ave  
Sturtevant, WI



For more info:  
<https://beleafsurvivors.org/events/>



### TICKET INCLUDES:

- (5) MINI FROZEN TREATS
- KIDS GAMES
- CRAFTS
- BODY ART
- SILENT AUCTION

ADVANCE TICKETS



AT THE DOOR



CHILDREN 0-2 yrs



Tickets @ [beleafsurvivors.org/events](https://beleafsurvivors.org/events)  
262-619-1634 X112 info@beleafsurvivors.org

## 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:



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## 2023 College Readiness Fair

AUGUST 26 | 10 AM - 12 PM



For More Info:  
Jessica Diaz  
<jjdiaz2250@gmail.com>

### FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON:

- ✔ College applications
- ✔ Scholarships and Financial Aid
- ✔ Career choices
- ✔ College resources

### JOIN US

2501 Douglas Avenue

262-635-9532

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

REGISTER AT: [BIT.LY/2023COLLEGEFAIR](https://bit.ly/2023collegefair)

# Community Information:



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OF RACINE



## 2023 Feria de Preparación Para el Colegio

AGOSTO 26 | 10 AM - 12 PM

For More Info:  
Jessica Diaz  
<jjdiaz2250@gmail.com>

### ENCUENTRE MÁS INFORMACIÓN EN:

- ✓ Aplicaciones para el colegio
- ✓ Becas y ayuda financiera
- ✓ Elección de carrera
- ✓ Recursos para el colegio

REGISTRARSE EN: [BIT.LY/2023COLLEGEFAIR](https://bit.ly/2023collegefair)

### ÚNETE A NOSOTROS:

2501 Douglas Avenue

262-635-9532

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

# 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:

Camp Hope! A Free Camp for Foster and Kinship Teens!

Boys Camp is held October 27-29

Girls Camp is held September 22-24

To Register for Camp Hope:

Boys: <https://form.jotform.com/230466191208150>

By September 29th

Girls: <https://form.jotform.com/230466589962168>

By August 31st



### *For more info:*

If you have any questions  
please e-mail: Camp  
Director - Heather Lojeski -  
[hlojeski@fhlforkids.org](mailto:hlojeski@fhlforkids.org)

<https://fhlforkids.org/camp-hope>

## Camp Hope Registration

Camp Hope is a positive, faith-based summer camp experience especially designed to ensure success for youth residing in foster care who have likely experienced abuse, abandonment or neglect.

Each three-day camp focuses on safety by providing a unique ratio of one counselor to every two campers. Rather than being co-ed, each camp is single-sex to promote a greater level of comfort between staff and attendees. Volunteers are vetted and trained, including a camp nurse and behavioral specialist who are available to meet the needs of campers.

Every youth is offered complete confidentiality. No volunteers will take photos, other than the camp photographer who will take pictures for individual camper photo albums. All Camp Hope promotional videos/pictures will be edited for confidentiality.

Campers explore the wilderness, enjoy waterfront activities, make crafts and participate in a low-level challenge course designed to build self-respect, teamwork, trust and communication while having fun. Through encouragement and quality time with each teen, volunteers at Camp Hope strive to give campers a sense of hope that the past doesn't have to define the future.

If you have any questions please e-mail: Camp Director - Heather Lojeski - [hlojeski@fhlforkids.org](mailto:hlojeski@fhlforkids.org)



# Community Information:



Urban League of  
Racine & Kenosha, Inc.



## 3rd Annual Racine Lakefront Expo

**Business Networking & Community Resources!**

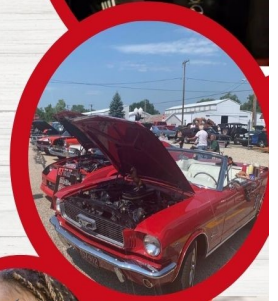
**FOOD, MUSIC, FASHION SHOW, TAE KWON DO OF RACINE,  
CAR SHOW, FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS, FUNK BROTHERS,  
MILWAUKEE FLYERS, FACE PAINTING, GAMES AND MUCH  
MORE.**

**When**

**SEPTEMBER 9TH  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Where**

**RACINE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
75 7TH ST, RACINE, WI**



For more info:  
<https://www.ulrk.org/>



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE  
A VENDOR CONTACT  
262-456-7427  
OR AACCGR@DLS.NET**



# 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.accelero.net/careers](http://www.accelero.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/accelero>



*Head Start for the Best Start*

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

For more info contact:

**Lori McLaughlin** | Executive Assistant to Family Services and Health | **Acelero Learning Wisconsin** | Walton Center 7833 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee WI 53222 | C: (262) 221.6621 | E: [lfritz@accelero.net](mailto:lfritz@accelero.net) | Website: [www.accelero.net](http://www.accelero.net)

# 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

Mobile 847-951-7756  
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**



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click on  
**START NOW**

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

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## 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:



Transitional Jobs (TJ) participants may be eligible to receive a **JOB TRANSITION STIPEND**

# \$2500

Are you a parent aged 18+ with a child support order or reunification plan?

Or, are you a parent aged 18+ and an ex-offender?

Or, are you 18-24 years old without children?

Or, are you 18-24 years old and current/former foster care or youth Justice-Involved (CHIPS, JIPS, or Delinquency)

Are you also:



- A Racine or Kenosha County Resident?
- Able to get a new Job (unsubsidized) while enrolled?
- Provide proof of new employment?

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE!

For more information and all eligibility requirements:

Contact - Program Coordinator Bouavanh Xiong  
(262)-345-7861 / [Bouavanh.Xiong@EquusWorks.com](mailto:Bouavanh.Xiong@EquusWorks.com)



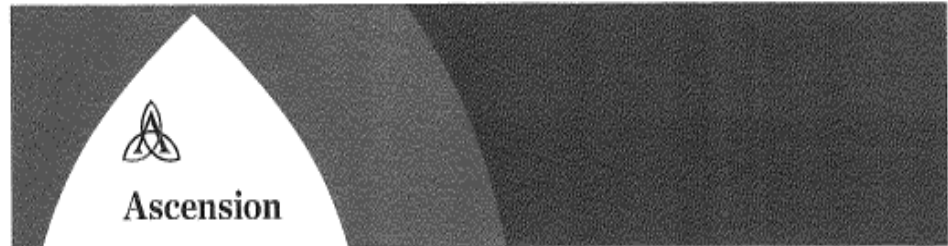
For more information contact:

**Bouavanh Xiong**  
**TJ/TMJ Project**  
**Coordinator/Supervisor**

1915 N Dr. MLK Jr Dr  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
262-345-7861

| [bouavanh.xiong@equusworks.com](mailto:bouavanh.xiong@equusworks.com)

# 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

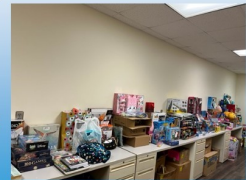
Racine County Employee:  
Kim Bartel



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~!



You must do the things you think you cannot do.  
Eleanor Roosevelt

### Yum Yum for Your Tum Tum: CHERRY TOMATO PASTA

#### INGREDIENTS

- 8 ounces short pasta (penne, rigatoni, orecchiette (shown here), shells, cavatappi, etc)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 pints whole cherry tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- Kosher salt
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 2 garlic cloves
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- ¼ cup pasta water
- 1 handful fresh small basil leaves, chopped if large

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make the pasta: Start a pot of well salted water to a boil. Boil the pasta until it is just al dente. Start tasting a few minutes before the package recommends: you want it to be tender but still a little firm on the inside; usually around 7 to 8 minutes. Before draining, reserve some pasta water with a liquid measuring cup (at least ¼ cup). Drain the pasta.
2. Blister the tomatoes: Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a very large heavy skillet over

medium high heat. Once hot, add the tomatoes, making sure there is space around each tomato (they are not touching) and the pan is not crowded. If you're using a medium pan, cook the tomatoes in 2 batches.\* Cook for 1 minute without touching the pan, then 2 to 3 more minutes until blistered, shaking the pan several times to rotate the tomatoes. Turn off the heat and drizzle with the balsamic vinegar, gently shaking several times to coat. Add 2 pinches kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste. Remove the tomatoes from the pan to a bowl.

3. Finish the dish: Mince the garlic. Once the pasta is done, in the same pan, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium low heat. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute until fragrant. Deglaze the pan with ¼ cup pasta water, scraping the pan with a spoon to release all of the flavor of the tomato juices. Turn off the heat.
4. Add the pasta to the pan and toss to coat. Add the blistered tomatoes, ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, and basil. Season with 2 pinches of kosher salt and lots of fresh ground pepper. Taste and add more salt if necessary. Serve with the remaining ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.



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FOSTER CARE**

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[jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com)

<https://racinecounty.com/residents/bring-them-home-3113>

<https://www.facebook.com/racinecountyfostercare/>

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.

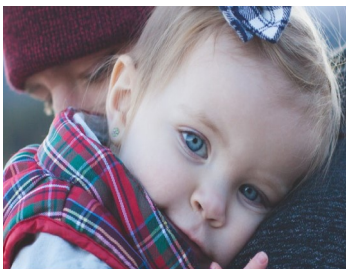
<https://racinecounty.com/government/human-services/youth-and-family/foster-care>

## We Need You!! Harvest the Seeds of Love: Become a Foster Parent

As we reach the end of summer and enter into Harvest time, we need you to help us harvest the most important commodity, love.

Harvest the seeds of love, become a foster parent.

Attend an Information Session to learn more on August 23rd at 5:30pm.



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

**ABOUT**

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of children in the County. Foster care is a critical part of DCS's mission to provide a safe and stable home for children who cannot live with their biological families.

Racine County's 1000 Bring Them Home campaign reached the number of children placed in foster care outside the County from over 100,000 to over 10,000 in 2015.

How do we do it? We have a team of dedicated professionals who work together to ensure that every child has a safe and stable home.

**CONTACT**

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[racinecounty.com/fostercare](http://racinecounty.com/fostercare)

The images and graphics used here are not of actual foster kids.

