Date: September 2023

The Family Connection

September is National



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Special points of interest:

- September is Kinship Appreciation Month!
- A huge thank you to Grace Church, Safe and Sound and Tom Dunk for helping throw a Kinship Appreciation Event on September 21!
- Want to show support, donate a raffle item for the Kinship Event on September 21!
- Interested in learning more about foster care? Attend an upcoming Info Session
- Are you a school, hospital, organization and want to learn more, contact me to schedule a meeting!

Official Proclamation

By the County Executive Of Racine County, Wisconsin

Whiteds: Kinship Care Month is celebrated in September and recognizes the grandparents, aunts, uncles, relatives, and non-relatives who care for children when they cannot safely remain with their parents; and

WHEREAS, kinship care refers to circumstances where grandparents, extended family members, and other adults with family-like relationships with children take on the primary caregiving role when biological parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, when children are unable to live with their parents, it is critical that they live with someone they know and trust; and

WHEREAS, every child needs a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, kinship families who open their hearts and homes to support children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, unfortunately, not all children who are removed from their parents have an opportunity to live with their kin. Kinship Care Month is a reminder of the important work of keeping children connected to their kin; and

WHEREAS, Racine County is committed to partnering with families and collaborating with public and private organizations to prioritize a kin-first culture, where children are raised within their families whenever possible.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive of Racine County, hereby proclaim the month of September 2023, as

"KINSHIP CARE MONTH"

in the County of Racine and urges all residents to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of kinship caregivers and the children they are raising in stable, loving, and nurturing households.

Signed at the Courthouse this 31st day of August, 2023 at Racine, Wisconsin

Jonathan Delagrave Racine County Executive

Donations Requested

Dear Community Partner and Supporter of Racine County Foster Care,

Over the past couple of years, you have truly shown how supportive you are of the greater community. Various businesses, community organizations and community lay people stepped up to form partnerships with our program, showing the belief that it takes a village. In continuing to grow and show support for those who continue to commit to caring about Racine's children by becoming Court Ordered Kinship Providers, we generously ask you to think about donation to the Kinship Appreciation Family Movie Night. The month of September is considered National Kinship Care Appreciation Month. As of 2021, a new Act, the Families First Act, required Child Protective Services to seek out relative placements. Racine has been on the forefront of executing this act and would like to honor our providers as September is Kinship Provider appreciation month. This year, we are asking your support in appreciating our providers. To provide some perspective, Racine County has 150 children placed in out of home care and 29 kinship homes. This means that Racine County relative families are going over and above the call of duty to have a positive impact on the kids in our community by accepting more than one child in their home.

Our hope is that you will join in celebrating Kinship Care Appreciation Month and our providers by each donating a gift worth a minimum of \$25 in value. These gifts will be

given to our relative families during our Kinship Appreciation Family Movie Night, September 21st. Our ultimate goal is to receive enough donations to provide special "thank you" gifts to some families throughout the year for exceptional service, so your generosity in giving would be greatly appreciated.

There are a variety of ways in which you can help us show appreciation toward our providers and work collaboratively to grow a stronger community. We recognize you too were affected by the pandemic, so suggest, if you are unable to donate, that you help in the following ways:

- Like our Facebook page and share the information with your networks Talking about foster care, helps foster care.
- Host a Foster Parent
 Night, offering specials to our foster providers.
- Allow Foster Care Staff to come speak about foster care to your staff.
- Invite Foster Care staff to participate in events to assist with recruitment efforts.
- If you are part of a group or organization, allow Foster Care staff to speak at a meeting or gathering.
- Get on our community email list and receive our monthly newsletter. You are allowed to have free ad space for your company and promote if you make the newsletter available to your staff and/or patrons at your company.
- Have a staff fundraiser, make it fun and raise money to donate to Fos-

ter Care.

- Post Foster Care fliers and/or posters in your establishment or workspace showing you support us.
- Become a respite provider and offer breaks to our families.
- Become a foster parent.

We need kind-hearted and compassionate people like you to join us in showing Racine County kinship providers that we care about them and are proud of the work they are doing. Studies have shown that people continue the work that they are doing if they feel appreciated. It takes a village to grow and care for our community, will you help us retain relatives who are doing great work in our community with our kids?

To coordinate donations, drop offs or pickups or if you have questions, comments, concerns or ponderings, or another way to partner, please contact me, Jessica Scheeler at 262-638-6595 or via email at jessi-

 $\frac{ca.scheeler@racinecounty.co}{m}.$

Your donation can also be mailed to: Racine County Human Services Attention: Jessica Scheeler, Foster Care 1717 Taylor Avenue Racine, WI 53403

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jessica M Scheeler Foster Parent Recruitment

Please donate a gift to show support to our Kinship Providers

Information Sessions

Racine County Information Sessions

Every 4th 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



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!

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 Web site -

https://racine.extension.wisc.edu/

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





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Training Opportunities: Triple P

September Triple P Events



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.

Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Time & Date: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursday, September 7th 2023

Location: Zoom

Raising Competent Teenagers

Time & Date: 9:30 am – 11:000 am, Tuesday, September 12th 2023

Location: Zoom

The Power of Positive Parenting

Time & Date: 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Friday, September 15th 2023 Location: Zoom

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Toilet Training

Time & Date: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Monday, September 18th 2023 Location: Zoom

Raising Confident, Competent Children

Time & Date: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, Thursday, September 21st 2023

Location: Zoom

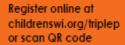
Hurting Others

Time & Date: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 26th 2023

Location: Zoom

Tantrum

Time & Date: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 28th 2023 Location: Zoom











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Training Opportunities: Strengthening Families

Strengthening Families Program Overview

Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an *Protective Factors:* 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 **monitor**ing 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/

SFP trains parents in skills to increase

- 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

Family conflict

Difficulties in communicating respectfully

Neglect; lack of love, care, & support

- 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 selfesteem





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@psqcip.com

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

For more info:

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

Training Opportunities: The Moral Imperative of Environmental Racism

For Immediate Release



August 11, 2023
On September 10, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM, North Pointe United Methodist Church is sponsoring a presentation by Tim Hall who will speak about the **Moral Challenge of Environmental Racism**. This presentation is the fifth in a series of bi-monthly Community Conversations sponsored by the church. All are welcome to attend.

In June 2022, Hall, originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, was named Promoter of Justice, Peace and Care of Creation for the Dominican Sisters of Racine. Prior to that time, Tim split his career between representing unions in labor litigation and teaching high school Latin and theology. Tim has a BA in Classics and a Law Degree from UW Madison, and an MA in Theology from Notre Dame.

For more information, contact: Nikki Fisher Cell: 262-930-7386 Home: 262-456-2919

Event Title:

North Pointe Community Conversations: The Moral Challenge of Environmental Racism

Date and time:

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Location:

North Pointe United Methodist Church 3825 Erie Street Racine, WI 53402

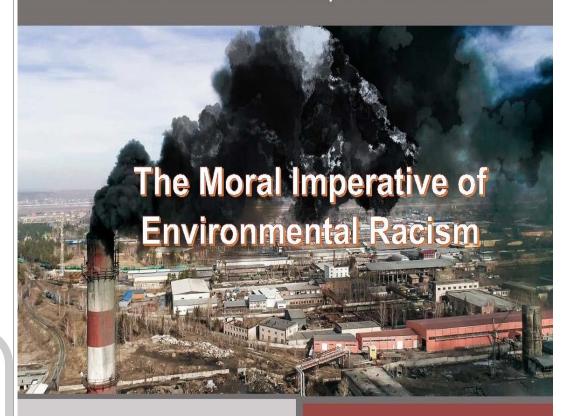
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North Pointe Community Conversations



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A Presentation by **Tim Hall**

Promoter of Justice, Peace and Care of Creation Dominican Sisters of Racine



September 10, 2023 2:00 to 3:00 PM

North Pointe United Methodist Church 3825 Erie Street Racine, WI 53402

09/01 FRIDAY 5-7 PM

OPEN HOUSE

Come & meet our staff!



For more info contact: Joseph Schurian Program Coordinator 5th-8th RUSD Esports joseph.schurian@rusd.org

RUSD

Intro to Esports 5th - 8th grade

410 Main St Racine, WI 53402



Introduction to Esports!

Are you curious about the exciting world of Esports? Have you heard about games like Rocket League, Smash Brothers Ultimate, Overwatch 2, and Valorant? Whether you're a parent looking to understand this phenomenon or a newcomer eager to learn, this informative flyer is here to guide you through the incredible realm of Esports and its educational potential!

What is Esports?

Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competitive video gaming. Just like traditional sports, it involves teams or individuals competing against each other in a virtual environment. Esports have gained massive popularity globally, attracting both players and audiences in the millions.

Why are These Games Important?

Rocket League: Imagine soccer mixed with acrobatic cars! Rocket League promotes teamwork, quick decision-making, and precision. Players strategize and collaborate to outscore opponents.

Smash Brothers Ultimate: This iconic fighting game encourages reflexes, adaptability, and creativity. It's a platform where characters from various franchises battle it out, teaching players to adapt strategies on the fly.

Overwatch 2: A team-based shooter that emphasizes cooperation, Overwatch 2 challenges players to think critically, coordinate tactics, and develop leadership skills in fast-paced matches.

Valorant: Combining tactical shooter elements with hero-based gameplay, Valorant requires strategic planning, communication, and precise aim. It's a game where teamwork and strategy reign supreme.

For more info contact: Joseph Schurian Program Coordinator 5th-8th RUSD Esports joseph.schurian@rusd.org

Education and Esports: The Perfect Match

Surprisingly, Esports aren't just about entertainment. They offer valuable educational opportunities that can pave the way for future success:

Critical Thinking: Esports demand quick thinking and adaptability, fostering critical thinking skills applicable in various aspects of life.

Teamwork: Collaborative play teaches players how to work harmoniously in diverse groups, a skill crucial for success in any field.

Problem Solving: Overcoming challenges in games sharpens problem-solving abilities, which translates to real-world scenarios.

Digital Literacy: Esports enhance digital skills, an essential asset in today's technology-driven world.

Career Pathways: From professional gaming to event management, Esports open doors to various career avenues like coaching, streaming, marketing, and more.

Collegiate Scholarships: Many universities offer esports scholarships, recognizing the dedication and skills of talented players.

Embrace the Future

As technology continues to shape our world, Esports are becoming an integral part of it. They provide a platform for personal growth, educational development, and future career paths. So, whether you're a parent supporting your child's passion or an individual eager to explore new horizons, don't miss out on the incredible opportunities esports have to offer!

For more information and resources about Esports, its educational benefits, and potential pathways, reach out to Joseph Schurian via email.

Contact at (Joseph.Schurian@rusd.org) to learn more about how Esports can positively impact education and future prospects.

Join the Game. Shape the Future.

For more info contact: Joseph Schurian Program Coordinator 5th-8th RUSD Esports joseph.schurian@rusd.org







RUSD INTRO TO ESPORTS

5th-8th grade level students learn from our experienced staff members about the importance of a healthy gaming environment. They will learn what it takes to create teamwork, friendships, and learn how navigate through gaming using official esports guidelines.

Monday-Thursday 4:30-6 PM

RUSD Extended Learning Program invites you to register online today!

NO COST!

USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER:



For more info contact: Joseph Schurian Program Coordinator 5th-8th RUSD Esports joseph.schurian@rusd.org



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lunes a viernes de 4:30 - 6:00pm

¡El Programa de Aprendizaje Extendido de RUSD le invita a registrarse hoy!

¡SIN COSTO!

USE ESTE ENLACE PARA REGISTRARSE:



BACK TO SCHOOL HAIR FAIR

Join us to freshen up your child's hair before they head back to school! This FREE event is offered to foster and adoptive families with children who have textured hair.

Saturday, September 2nd, 2023

Appointments available between 8:00am - 5:00pm

Limited appointments available and registration is required.

> Contact Us With Any Questions. herkindnessministries@gmail.com



REGISTER HERE!

For more info contact: Christa Scott herkindnessministries@gma

Check out Racine Theatre Guild's 86th Season!

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JULY 14 - 23, 2023



SEPT 15 - OCT 1, 2023



OCT 27 - NOV 12, 2023



DEC 8 - 17, 2023

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JAN 12 - 28, 2024



FEB 23 - MAR 10, 2024



APRIL 12 - 24, 2024



MAY 17 - JUNE 2, 2024



262.633.4218 RacineTheatre.org 2519 Northwestern Ave. Racine, WI 53404



Vigil for Healing Our Community our Nation our World.

Wednesday, September 6th at 1:00 p.m.
In the Wayman AME Church Parking Lot
424 North Memorial Drive
Racine, Wl. 53405



During times like this prayer must be our first response and never our last resort. The entire community is invited to join us as we take a stand in praying for our WORLD.

Prayer Warriors of Wayman AME Church

Rev. Ernest J. Ni'A, Pastor

Please join us in prayer.

For more info: Pastor Ernest Ni'a <ernestnia@gmail.com>

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Golden Rule Flyer Public (R), png



THE GOLDEN RULE COMES TO REEFPOINT MARINA IN RACINE, WI SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH, 2023

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PROJECT OF VETERANS FOR PEACE

September 5

3:30 Golden Rule arrives at the Reefpoint Marina, 2 Christopher Columbus Causeway

4:15-5:00 pm "Open Boat"- Visit the boat. Meet the crew. Discuss what you can do to stop the possibility of nuclear war.

September 6

1:00-5:00 pm "Open Boat, Reefpoint Marina 1:00-1:45 pm Live music by David HB Drake

2:45-3:15 pm Live music at Ground Zero Veterans Outreach in Union Grove, 1011 Main Street.

3:15-4:30 pm Presentation at Ground Zero Veterans Outreach, Union Grove

5:15-6:30 pm Dinner at Infusino's, 3225 Rapids Drive. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Please RSVP by September 1 at rcpjpeace@yahoo.com

7:00-8:15 pm Presentation First Presbyterian Church 716 College Avenue.

EVENT SPONSORS: RACINE COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, GROUND ZERO VETERANS OUTBEACH IN UNION GROVE, KENOSHA/RACINE QUAKERS, SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIA BROWN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, COMING TOGETHER RACINE, RACINE DOMINICANS, MICHAEL KELLEY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RACINE, RACINE INTERFAITH COALITION, DR. AARON CRUTHERS, TERRY MARCUS, AMY CERMAK, AND RACINE YACHT CLUB, MUSIC DONATED BY FLAGSHIP WISCONSIN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL RCPJPEACE@YAHOO.COM

The Golden Rule, a storied sailboat that helped bring about an end to atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, will stop in Racine during an 11 000-mile voyage to 11,000-mile voyage to inform and educate the public about the dangers of nuclear weapons proliferation.

For more info: Pastor Ernest Ni'a

<ernestnia@gmail.com>



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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
Register Today!



For more info:

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



CELEBRATE

30 YEARS OF RIC!

Join us for a fun night of socializing, celebrating our accomplishments and learning about RIC's history! We will have a live auction, wine pull, cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres! Purchase your \$60 ticket online or send cash or check to our office.

Our Speakers

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Marian Boyle Rohloff

Speaker



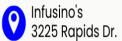
David Liners

Speaker



Ana Garcia Ashley

Speaker





Purchase \$60 Ticket ricracine.org/30-year









EMPOWER STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR ACADEMIC FUTURE."

United Way of Racine County

OPEN HOUSE

KNAPP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 2:30 PM - 4:45 PM

ASPIRING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

A TUTORING COMPONENT OF EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT



WHO WE ARE

YATE is an amazing remedial reading program that's designed to help improve students' academic performance! We adopt a holistic approach to support our students and families.

Contact us at educationempowerment2021@gmail.com

WHAT WE OFFER

- One-on-One instructional sessions for students attending Knapp Elementary school.
- Lessons uniquely tailored to students that will complete 3rd and 4th grades.



Find us on the web at www.educationempowerment2021@gmail.com

For more info:

https:// www.educationempowerme nt2021.org/

Schools of Hope_™



WHAT IS SCHOOLS OF HOPE?

Schools of Hope is a United Way-led initiative that provides young children with tutors to increase reading achievement in the early grades.



WHO WILL I TUTOR?

In the 2023-24 school year, students from first through third grade at Wadewitz Elementary and Racine's three community schools — Knapp, Julian Thomas and the Academies of Racine Mitchell (AoR Mitchell) — will receive tutoring on a regular basis.

We are in need of bilingual English/Spanish speaking volunteers to tutor students in the dual language program at the AoR Mitchell and Julian Thomas Community School.



For more info:

Lori Riffer | She/Her/Hers United Way of Racine

Initiatives Director **O:** 262.456.6468 | **C:**

262.994.9759

County

WHEN WILL I TUTOR?

Tutoring occurs during school hours, October through May. The minimum commitment is just 30 minutes per week.



SUPPORTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Early grade reading is critical to a child's academic success. A child who reads proficiently by the end of third grade is more likely to graduate from high school on time.



TRAINING TUTORS FOR SUCCESS

No previous experience is needed. Volunteers receive training, materials and ongoing support to ensure they're equipped to help students succeed.



WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

To learn more about Schools of Hope, or to apply to be a tutor, visit: UnitedWayRacine.org/SOH.



WHEN KIDS CAN READ, THEY CAN SUCCEED.



MAKE AN IMPACT IN 30 MINUTES PER WEEK.



United Way of Racine County

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Quad Quilters

3320 S Colony Ave Union Grove, WI 53182

262-878-3476

Fabric donations are always appreciated!

The Quad Quilters is an open group for who enjoys quilting, crocheting/knitting & socializing. We offer teaching, idea exchanges, tips, demonstrations, speakers fellowship without any membership fees! We are primarily comprised of members of the four parishes of KR County Line Catholics; St. John the Baptist Parish, Paris; St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove: St. Frances Xavier, Brighton; and St. Mary of the Assumption, Dover, but we warmly welcome anyone to join, parishioner or non-parishioner!



To promote fellowship through faith & community service. We focus on socialization, charity work & education.



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2023/2024 EVENTS

Our events are geared toward helping us live out our mission with fun, educational and fruitful meetings throughout the year. Join us at one of our upcoming events!

SEWING DAYS

Paris Safety Building Union Grove, WI 53182 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2023 2024

Aug 12	Jan 13	May 11	Sept 14
Sept 9	Feb 10	June 8	Oct 12
Oct 14	Mar 9	July 13	Nov 9
Nov 11	Apr 13	Aug 10	Dec 14
Dec 9			

SIT 'N SEW FOR CHARITY

St. Robert Bellarmine Union Grove, WI 53182 First Monday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. & First Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2023 2024

Aug 7 & 8 Feb 5 & 6 Aug 5 & 6 Oct 2 & 3 Apr 1 & 2 Dec 4 & 5 June 3 & 4 Dec 2 & 3

RETREATS

Gathering Place - St. John the Baptist 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m

2023/2024 Dates

Oct 26, 27, 28 Jan 25, 26, 27 Apr 25, 26, 27 July 24, 25, 26 (at SRB) Oct 24, 25, 26



LEARN TO KNIT, CROCHET OR QUILT

sewer or knitter - or just interested in getting started - you will find the friends and inspiration that will help you develop your skill level. You will also have the fulfillment of participating in projects that benefit the community and less fortunate among us. Our membership is free!





CONTACT US

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- 1101 Douglas Avenue, Racine WI 53402
- www.john23educenter.org



John 23 Educational Center A Ministry of St. Patrick's Parish

ABOUT US

John 23 Educational Center runs an Afterschool Program which offers help with homework and enrichment activities for students, collaborates with local schools to provide outreach groups and academic support, and offers opportunities for parents through student/parent workshops and ESL classes.

J23 Educational Center serves middle and high school students of any race, ethnic origin, gender or religious affiliation.

OUR MISSION

- to prepare students to graduate from high school with the skills needed for success in the workforce and higher education.
- to strengthen the family to create a supportive home environment.



For more info:

Darci Green, MPA
Executive Director
John XXIII Educational
Center
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Parish
1101 Douglas Ave
Racine, WI 53402



Empowering our youth to become lenders of tomorrow

How can you help?

Looking to donate? www.john23educenter.org/donate

Looking to volunteer? communication@john23center.org



J23 Educational Center Afterschool Program

J23's Afterschool program for grades 5-12 offers a supervised study hall with academic help in all subject areas, one-on-one tutoring, and enrichment activities through the new Thriving Thursdays initiative.

Thriving Thursdays are designed to help students thrive academically and socially. Enriching educational activities are provided to make learning fun and engaging to build on the foundation of their future-preparing students with social and life skills that will benefit them in middle school, high school, and beyond.

September through May Monday-Thursday, 4-6:30 pm

Our Programs

The Afterschool Program offers help with homework and provides enrichment activities Monday-Thursday throughout the school year. J23 collaborates with local schools to provide 5-6 week sessions addressing academic or social barriers with small groups of students in our Reach Outl Program. J23 also works with local schools to provide Academic Support through tutoring on campus. Family Support is offered through ESL classes for parents. And J23 partners with UW Extension for the Juntos Program which offers student/parent workshops.



Afterschool Program



Reach Out! Program



Academic Support



Family Support



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

https://fhlforkids.org/camphope

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

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

Sate 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://safefamilies.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

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3 Years Old to 5 Years Old

1032 Grand Avenue, Racine WI 53403 (262) 456-2054

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6 Weeks Old to 5 Years Old

1923 Green Street, Racine WI 53402 (262) 456-0014

Some Documents are Required:

- I. 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)







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195 Gardner Avenue, Burlington WI 53105

3 Years Old to 5 Years Old

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1220 Mound Avenue, Racine WI 53404

Next Generation Now

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(262) 635-1920

Use this QR code to enroll

Or use this link to enroll: https://familyapplication.shineinsight.com/acelero

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For more info contact:

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@acelero.net | Website: www.acelero.net

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For more information contact:

Behavioral Health Services of Racine County 262-638-6744

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Patient Experience Manager
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Mobile 847-951-7756

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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
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



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@Equ**

usWorks.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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REGION 1

KENOSHA COUNTY JOB CENTER 8600 Sheridan Rd Kend

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 prefer help you with getting a job.

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

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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

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)

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

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
- · Training for over 100 workforce industries certificates of completion available for many

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
- · Game Changers
- · Hiring Events & On Site Recruitments
- 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

- · 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









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)



- ✓ 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

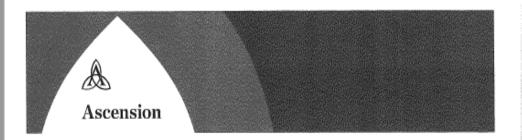


For more information contact:

Bouavanh Xiong TJ/TMJ Project Coordinator/Supervisor

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

| <u>bouavanh.xiong@equuswork</u> <u>s.com</u>



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

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- Not sure? Come test drive!



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Questions? Interested? Call (262)910-1310

Apply @ www.dtcbus.net



For more info: https://dtcbus.net/contact-

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 verents. 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 Leiman-Fennig

Racine County Employee:



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~!



"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

- Nelson Mandela

Yum Yum for Your Tum Tum: Risotto with Chicken and Mushrooms

Ingredients

- 1 carton (32 ounces) chicken broth
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups water
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 pound sliced baby portobello mushrooms
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 cups uncooked arborio rice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon lemon iuice
- 2 cups shredded ro-

- tisserie chicken
 3 tablespoons grated
 Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

- In a large saucepan, bring broth and water to a simmer; keep hot. In another large saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons butter and oil over medium heat. Add mushrooms and onion; cook and stir 6-8 minutes or until tender. Add rice; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until rice is coated.
- Stir in wine and lemon juice. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer; cook and

stir until wine mixture is absorbed. Add hot broth mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, cooking and stirring until broth has been absorbed after each addition, until rice is tender but firm to the bite and risotto is creamy.

3. Stir in chicken, cheese, parsley, salt, pepper and remaining butter; heat through. Serve immediately.



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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.

We Need You!! Foster Closet of Racine County!

Now accepting donations! By foster parents, for foster parents



FOSTER CLOSET INFORMATION

HOW IT ALL WORKS!



WHAT WE OFFER

CLOTHING DIAPERS WIPES SIPPY CUPS / BOTTLES

HOW WE OPERATE

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HOW TO CONTACT US

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