

# The Family Connection

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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!

## There is a new organization in town: Welcome Foster Closet of Racine County

There is a new organization in town! Foster Closet of Racine County. A new resources started by two Racine County Foster Parents who wanted to be able to provide more support to the foster and kinship community.

Last month foster parents voted on a logo and this month we would like to introduce you to Foster Closet of Racine County.

Foster Closet of Racine County:  
WE DID A THING!

Thank you for all that voted on the logo!!

We would like to formally introduce you to the Foster Closet of Racine County! Being seasoned foster parents ourselves we recognized there is a gap in support that we could fill with the community's help. We have collected donations of clothing and other necessities to help support foster parents with new and ongoing placements as needs arise.

We know that removal is often abrupt and is a stressful time for all involved. Foster/Kinship placements arrive with little and need a lot! Our hope is to lighten the load of the foster/kinship parents so they can focus on all of the other things that come with placements- phone calls, appointments, paperwork, and most importantly, comforting a child/children during what is undoubtedly a very scary time.

You can find us on Facebook (Foster Closet of Racine County), Like and Share to spread awareness, or email us at [fosterclosetracine@gmail.com](mailto:fosterclosetracine@gmail.com).

We look forward to meeting more of our foster community. Ashley and Casey

See a need, fill a need, for you by you!

If you are interested in donating you may email them at [fosterclosetracine@gmail.com](mailto:fosterclosetracine@gmail.com) or you can reach out to me, Jessica Scheeler, [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com) and I'll connect you!



## Information Sessions



### Racine County Information Sessions

Wednesday Nights:  
October 25, November 22 and December  
20


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:

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



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# Training Opportunities: Triple P

## October Triple P Events



### Balancing Work and Family

**Time & Date:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 am, Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Dealing with Disobedience

**Time & Date:** 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Coping with Frustration (Formerly Tantrums)

**Time & Date:** 12:00 pm – 1:30PM, Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Toilet Training

**Time & Date:** 11:15 am – 1:15 pm, Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Location:** Merrill Office

### Coping with Teenagers' Emotions - TEEN

**Time & Date:** 9:00 am -11:00 am, Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Location:** Zoom

### Coping with Frustration (Formerly Tantrums)

**Time & Date:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 25<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](http://childrenswi.org/triplep) or scan QR code



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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:

## STEPPING STONE FARMS FALL OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
10:00 – 5:00

1439 92nd Street, Franksville, Wisconsin

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

[Lia@steppingstonefarms.org](mailto:Lia@steppingstonefarms.org)

414-379-2314



Horse petting  
Riding opportunities  
Food and bake sale  
Silent auction  
Live music

Stepping Stone Farms is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Help us help the horses.

For more information:  
Lia Sader  
<liafarrier@gmail.com>

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## TEENS IN TRADES DAY



**FREE  
EVENT!!**

Friday, October 6

7:00AM-3:00PM

Roma Lodge

7130 Spring Street | Racine, WI 53405

### Included:

- Swag Bag & TShirt
- Hands on Activities
- Live Demos
- Employment Opportunities
- Light Snack
- And More...

Teens in Trades Day is a great opportunity for teens to explore the different careers in Apprenticeships, STEM, Manufacturing, and Skilled Trades. It is also a great opportunity to network with employers and professionals in these careers. If you are a teen who is interested in learning more about the trades, I encourage you to attend Teens in Trades Day.

For Registration:

<https://forms.gle/jHvYufthTm6g1DoH8>



Hosted by:



[PROFESSIONAL\\_WIT@WOMENSTRADES.COM](mailto:PROFESSIONAL_WIT@WOMENSTRADES.COM)

(262) 900-7218 Cell or (262) 456-1918 Office

Contact:

Kidia Burns

Executive Director / Founder

**Apprenticeships • Manufacturing • STEM • Skilled Trades**

For more information:  
If you have any questions about the events, please contact Kidia Burns via cell at 2629007218 or via email at [KidiaBurns@gmail.com](mailto:KidiaBurns@gmail.com).

# Community Events:

## WOMEN IN TRADES DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

10 am-3 pm

JI CASE HIGH SCHOOL

7345 Washington Ave. | Racine, WI 53406

HOSTED BY: PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN TRADES, INC.



- Learn about careers in manufacturing & skilled trades
- Guest Speakers
- Light snack and lunch included
- Panel discussions
- Networking
- Welding contest and demos
- Employer interaction

Receive a T-Shirt & Swag Bag for Attending!

Scan QR Code to Register:

<https://forms.gle/SwYQI9IDYS8rugpQ6>



Questions? Contact:

Kidia Burns

Professional\_WIT@womenstrades.com

(262) 900-7218

For more information:  
 If you have any questions about the events, please contact Kidia Burns via cell at 2629007218 or via email at [KidiaBurns@gmail.com](mailto:KidiaBurns@gmail.com).



# Community Information:



### 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.



### 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](http://UnitedWayRacine.org/SOH).



**WHEN KIDS CAN READ, THEY CAN SUCCEED.**



**MAKE AN IMPACT IN 30 MINUTES PER WEEK.**



**United Way  
of Racine County**

2000 Domanik Drive, Racine, WI 53404 • 262-898-2240

*For more info:*

**Lori Riffer** | She/Her/Hers  
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Initiatives Director  
O: 262.456.6468 | C: 262.994.9759

# Community Information:



## Contact Us

KR County Line Catholic Parish  
Quad Quilters

3320 S Colony Ave  
Union Grove, WI 53182  
262-878-3476

*Fabric donations are always appreciated!*



## About Us

The Quad Quilters is an open group for anyone who enjoys quilting, crocheting/knitting & socializing. We offer teaching, idea exchanges, tips, demonstrations, speakers and 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!



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

*For more info:*

Cathy Jacobs-President  
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262-878-4272 frederic.805@hotmail.com
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace** Barb Willkomm  
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- Knitted & Crocheted Items** Pat Murray  
262-237-0512 pzmurray@yahoo.com



## 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	Oct 7 & 8
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

Whether you are a seasoned quilter, 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!



# Community Information:



## CONTACT US

- 262-898-7250
- 1101 Douglas Avenue, Racine WI 53402
- [www.john23educenter.org](http://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  
 A ministry of St. Patrick's Parish  
 1101 Douglas Ave  
 Racine, WI 53402



*Empowering our youth to become leaders of tomorrow*

## How can you help?

- Looking to donate?**  
[www.john23educenter.org/donate](http://www.john23educenter.org/donate)
- Looking to volunteer?**  
[communication@john23center.org](mailto:communication@john23center.org)



## 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 Out! 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.



## 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

- Afterschool Program**
- Reach Out! Program**
- Academic Support**
- Family Support**
- Juntos Program**  
in partnership with the University of Wisconsin

# Community Information:

## ACELERO LEARNING

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



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO APPLY

**Head Start Teachers:**

- Extended day/4K
- Full-time/Part-time
- Infant/toddler
- Substitutes
- Floaters

**Family Service & Health Advocates:**

- Family Health Advocates
- Family Engagement Advocates
- Family Engagement Support Advocates

**Food Service Workers**

**NOW ENROLLING: Children 6 weeks to 5 years**

- Full Day Head Start and Early Head Start
- Year- Round Program
- Our Trained Staff Will Help Get Your Child Ready for Kindergarten
- Families of Children with IEPs and/or IFSPs Encouraged to Apply

**\*\*NEW! ALL FOODSHARE RECIPIENTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE!**

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

**Next Generation Now**  
**3 weeks Old to 3 Years Old**  
 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, WI 53404  
 (262) 635-1920

**Green Street**  
**6 Weeks Old to 5 Years Old**  
 1023 Green Street, Racine WI 53402  
 (262) 456-0014



Use this QR code or link below to enroll your child:  
<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)**  
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Orthodontic Experts

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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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IL | 60018

## Braces & Clear Aligners!

### NO-COST CONSULTATIONS



**ORTHODONTIC  
EXPERTS**

SCAN HERE TO  
SCHEDULE



# (855) 720-2470



# Community Information:

## FRIDAY GROW

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

STARTING OCT.6TH

WHERE: WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

TIME: 430PM-6PM

WHO: BOYS & GIRLS AGE 10-16

AGENDA: MAKING FRIENDS , WORKING ON  
EMOTIONS,BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

SAFE START PROGRAM

CONTACT: ASHLEY

262.865.4791

AHESS@RACINEWRC.ORG

For more information contact:

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

**Business Phone:**  
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**Cell:** 262.865.4791

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

**Fax:** 262.633.5523

**Crisis Line:** 262.633.3233

## Community Information:



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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*



This institution is an equal opportunity provider

# 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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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

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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



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# 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:

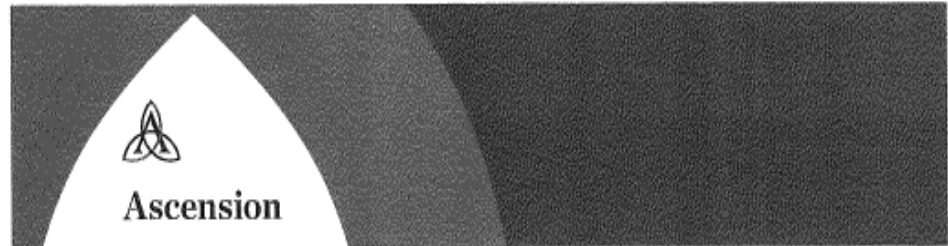
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**TJ/TMJ Project**  
**Coordinator/Supervisor**

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# 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/>

## Foster Care Hero: Quarter 4, 2023:

### Foster Parent Hero Quarter 4, 2023: Racine Correctional Institute Welcome Fall!

We have reached the final quarter of the year! Welcome Fall and welcome the last Hero of the Year. This final quarter we extend our gratitude to Nicholas Filkins and his co-workers at the Racine Correctional Institute, who donated 38 backpacks full of school supplies for our kiddos! Nicholas, being a foster parent himself, reached out to the Foster Care unit to ask if his co-workers and himself at the Racine Correctional Institute; could provide backpacks for foster children in need. They were connected with the Ongoing Case Management Unit who identified several children in need. Nicholas' original goal was to collect 8-10



backpacks, however, his co-workers shined and help collect more than double that! Thank you so much to Nicholas and the other Racine Correctional Institutional staff for helping our community's children start the year off great!

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  
October 25, November 22 or December  
20th at 5:30pm, contact Jess for location  
information~!

There is never time in the future in which we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment; the time is always now.

James Baldwin

#### Yum Yum for Your Tum Tum: Black Bean Crunch Wrap

##### Ingredients:

##### Black Bean Mix:

1 tsp olive oil  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup white onion, chopped  
 1 jalapeño, finely chopped  
 2 15 oz black beans, drained and rinsed  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup tomato, chopped  
 1 tsp garlic powder  
 1 tsp chili powder  
 1 tsp paprika  
 1 tsp cumin  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt  
 2 Tbsp hot sauce

##### Crunch Wrap:

6 large tortillas burrito size  
 6 tostadas  
 6 fajita size tortillas \*to close the wrap  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup sour cream  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cup cheese, shredded  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cup romaine, shredded  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup salsa \*optional  
 1 avocado, sliced thin \*optional  
 2 Tbsp cilantro, chopped

##### Instructions:

1. Prepare and gather ingredients. Rinse and drain the canned beans, chop the veggies. In a large skillet, add oil and onions. Let the onions sauté for about 3 minutes, add in seasoning, tomato, black beans, jalapeños, and hot sauce.
2. Let the bean mix simmer together and turn the heat off. Next prepare the crunch wrap..
3. Start with laying the large burrito size tortilla on a cutting board. Add a scoop of black bean mixture, cheese, sour cream, lettuce, avocado then add the tostada on top. Carefully push it down to ensure it's in place. Layer the small fajita tortilla over it and begin to fold the excess burrito in all around the tostada.
4. Grab a clean pan, I like

to place an empty bowl or plate over the folded crunch wrap while I heat the clean pan. Spritz it with oil, add the black bean crunch wrap supreme to the pan with the folded side down first. This will seal it closed.

5. Let the crunch wrap cook for about 2-3 minutes on medium heat until the bottoms are browned and it's sealed up. Flip the crunch wrap and toast the other side for another 3 minutes or until it's browned.
6. Repeat the above until you have all your crunch wraps made. Top with optional toppings and enjoy



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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!! 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

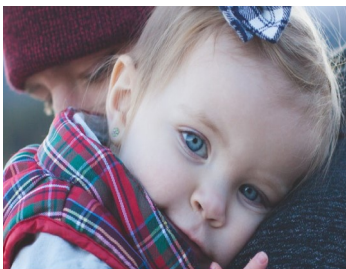
WE OPERATE OFF OF DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED & NEW ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE FOSTER CLOSET.

SO IF YOU REACH OUT AND WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE IT, PLEASE BE PATIENT AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO OBTAIN THE ITEMS FOR YOU!

#### HOW TO CONTACT US

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Racine County

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#### ABOUT

The Department of Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) is a division of Racine County, Wisconsin. Our mission is to ensure the safety, well-being and permanency of all children in our care.

Racine County's CYFS Bring Them Home campaign reduced the number of children placed in foster care outside the County from over 100 last year to just 15 in 2015.

How do we do it? Bring Them Home. Our goal is to never place a foster child outside of our community.

For More Information:

Callings with a Foster Family to see firsthand.

Callings with a Foster Family to see firsthand.

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