

Clothing Closet Corner

We need the following items for the Clothing Closet:

- Gift Cards for Teens



Waukesha Public Library

Location: [321 Wisconsin Ave.](#) Waukesha, WI.
Contact: (262) 524-3680
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.;
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
Summer Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.;
Sunday (October - April), 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Homework Helper sites
<http://www.waukesha.lib.wi.us/kc/homework/helpers.shtml>

Fun Stuff – Online Games and More
<http://www.waukesha.lib.wi.us/kc/fun/index.shtml>

Kids Library Information
<http://www.waukesha.lib.wi.us/kc/about/index.shtml>

Places to Explore Nature with Children this Fall Season

Retzer Nature Center
S14 W28167 Madison St
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 896-8007

Hours
Nature Center Grounds:
Sunrise to 10 pm (Year-Round)
Visitor Center:
8 am - 4:30 pm (Daily)

Apple Harvest Festival
When: Sat, September 20,
9am – 5pm
Where: Retzer Nature Center,
Waukesha, WI, United States
Description: Fun filled day for
the whole family. Don't miss all
the craft exhibitors, apple mar-
ket with heirloom apples,
homemade apple pie, chil-
dren's activity and craft area,
hayrides, concert and much,
much, more.



Wildlife of Summer General Public
When: Sat, September 6, 9am – 12pm
Where: Retzer Nature Center
Description: Seek out and discuss the wildlife of late summer with a
staff naturalist. Fee: \$5.00



What: NAMI Waukesha's 2014 **BASICS** Class

When: Start Date: Saturday morning, October 11, 2014
End Date: Saturday morning, November 15, 2014

Where: NAMI Waukesha (downtown office)
217 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite #300
Waukesha, WI 53186

Time: 9:00 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m.

Instructors: Robyn Hardt-Schultz and Christi Bowden

This is a FREE 6 week course that is taught by trained family members who have lived with a loved one diagnosed with mental illness. The course offers education and support for family members and is specifically designed for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness. The Basics program provides critical information and strategies related to caregiving and is taught by a team of trained teachers. It is designed to plant seeds of hope!

To register for this class, please contact Barb at (262) 409-2743 or e-mail at barb@namiwaukesha.org

The Women's Center Teaches Violence Prevention Skills to Middle School Students

This past spring, The Women's Center launched its Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) pilot program. The VPI is an educational program for middle school youth designed to curtail or reduce harmful behaviors including bullying and teen dating violence. By emphasizing nonviolent conflict resolution skills, the VPI helps students develop the ability to intervene when they witness bullying, establish and respect boundaries, and foster healthy friendships and relationships.

The pilot program took place at North Shore Middle School in the Hartland Lakeside School District. The Women's Center's Violence Prevention Advocate facilitated the program, which consisted of three meeting sessions per grade level. Each session focused on an age-appropriate topic such as Conflict Resolution, Healthy and Unhealthy Friendships, and Warning Signs in Unhealthy Relationships. Preliminary results of the pilot program are promising. 8th grade students in particular showed a significant increase in understanding of healthy versus abusive relationships after participating in the program.

"The Women's Center was happy to partner with the Hartland Lakeside School District on this initiative. The administrators were a tremendous source of support, and we look forward to working with them in the upcoming school year" noted Diane Ripple, The Women's Center's Director of Programs and Services. The Women's Center is looking to bring this program to school districts throughout Waukesha County.

About The Women's Center

Founded in 1977, *The Women's Center* is a non-profit human service agency that provides a wide range of free and comprehensive services designed to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse. These services include emergency shelter for abused women and their children, transitional living, 24-hour Hot-line, group and individual counseling, onsite childcare, child abuse prevention programming, legal advocacy and employment counseling. The Center also provides Hispanic outreach, community education and violence prevention programs, information and referral services. In 2013, The Women's Center served over 9,000 individuals.

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Know that you are an important link in meeting the special educational needs of the children you foster. Your daily support and encouragement can make all the difference in the educational achievement of these vulnerable children.

Resources

The following materials are available through our lending library at wiadoptionandfostercare.org.

Books

- Every Child Deserves a Chance: A Parent's Welcome to the Special Education Process
- S.A.F.E. at School
- Writing Measurable IEP Goals & Objectives
- Our Labeled Children: What Every Parent and Teacher Needs to Know About Learning Disabilities

Other Helpful Tip Sheets

- *Helping Kids in Care Change Schools*
- *Helping Achieve School Success*

Other Resources

Special Education In Plain Language: User Friendly Handbook on Special Education Laws, Policies and Practices in Wisconsin, Fall 2007, Third Edition;
www.specialed.us/pl-07/pl07-index.html

Educational Services for Children Placed in Out-of-Home Care
<http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/files/sspw/pdf/sswedfostercare.pdf>

Wisconsin Agencies

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

(800) 441-4563
TTY: (608) 267-2427
Fax: 608 267-3746
Website: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov>

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support (WI FACETS)

(414) 374-4645
(877) 374-4677 (toll-free)
TDD: (414) 374-4635
Fax: 414-374-4655
<http://www.wifacets.org>
Email: wifacets@wifacets.org

Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI)

(877) 844-4925 (toll-free)
<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html>

Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS)

(888) 298-3857 (toll-free)
Fax: (262) 538-1348
(262) 538-1618 (TTY)
<http://www.wsems.us>

Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)

(608) 267-0214
(800) 928-8778
<http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

Legal Action of Wisconsin

(414) 278-7722
<http://badgerlaw.net/Home/PublicWeb/LAW>

National Agencies

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

(800) 872-5327
TTY: 800-437-0833
Fax: (202) 401-0689
Website: <http://www.ed.gov>

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Look Before You Lock

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, heatstroke is the number one vehicle-related killer of children, outside of car crashes. That's why the Administration for Children and Families has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in an attempt to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke and leaving children in hot cars. Join the national movement to *look before you lock*. DCF has a link to a document that can be shared with parents and staff about the dangers of leaving children in hot cars on its website: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/licensed/pdf/look_before_lock.pdf (Information provided below)



Courtesy of U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Care

As temperatures across the country continue to escalate above average highs, it is more important than ever to understand the health effects for children. Infants and young children are particularly sensitive to the effects of extreme heat and must rely on others to keep them safe. When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's body temperature can increase three to five times as quickly as an adult's.

On average, every 10 days a child dies from heatstroke in a vehicle (<http://www.safekids.org/heatstroke>). These deaths are **preventable**, and everyone in the community, especially Head Start and child care providers, has a role to play in protecting our children.

Here are a few simple things you can do:

- Make it part of your everyday routine to account for all children in your care. Set up backup systems to check and double-check that no child is left in the vehicle. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle—even if the windows are partially open or the engine is running with the air conditioning on. Vehicles heat up quickly; if the outside temperature is in the low 80s, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in only 10 minutes, even with a window rolled down 2 inches.
- Always make a habit of looking in the vehicle—front and back—before locking the door and walking away.
- Get in touch with designated family members if a child who is regularly in your care does not arrive as expected.
- Use the child safety alarm if available, or create reminders to ensure that no child is accidentally left behind in the vehicle. Place an item that is needed at your final destination in the back of the vehicle next to the child or place a stuffed animal in the driver's view to indicate that a child is in the car seat.
- Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately if you see a child alone in a hot vehicle. If he or she is in distress due to heat, get the child out as soon as possible and cool him or her down rapidly.

Take [Ray Ray's voluntary pledge](http://www.rayrayspledge.com/Take-the-Pledge-HERE-.html) (<http://www.rayrayspledge.com/Take-the-Pledge-HERE-.html>) for providers and parents to make a commitment to working together to keep children safe.

Training and Events



Training Offered By Waukesha County

Parent Café

Parent Café's are an educational opportunity for parents to come together and deal with the stressors, worries and challenges of parenting in a supportive environment.

October 7, 2014, and December 2, 2014
5:30 to 8:00 PM

Center for Excellence, N4W22000 Bluemound Road, Waukesha

To register for childcare, RSVP or for questions call, 262-521-0317.

Foundation Training – Level 2 Only

A new session of Foster Parent Foundation Training will begin in September. If you need to complete this training, please sign up as soon as possible. To register for the training, go to: <https://pdsonline.csod.com/client/pdsonline/default.aspx>.

If you have not signed up for a training in PDS Online before, please go to:

<http://wcpds.wisc.edu/pdsonline/fosterparents.aspx>

All of the fall training sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM at Waukesha County Human Services, 514 Riverview Ave., Waukesha, WI 53188. The dates for the training are **September 16, 2014 - November 11, 2014**.

Relative Caregivers Support/Education Group

Third Tuesday of each month.
September 16, 2014

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI

Guest Speaker for the September 16 Meeting:
 Margaret Bayer, Addiction Resource Counsel

Free childcare available. Please call Parents Place to reserve your spot. 262-549-5575

Waukesha County Relative Resource Families
 Please RSVP to Janis (262-548-7267) or Libby (262-548-7277)

Waukesha County Foster Parent Orientation

Waukesha Department of Health and Human Services invites you to attend a foster parent orientation meeting. These meetings are open to anyone who is interested in learning about our foster care program. **If you are currently in the process of becoming a licensed foster parent, you are required to attend an orientation session prior to approval of your foster care license.**

We encourage you to complete the online foster parent pre-placement training prior to attending this information session. The training can be found online at <http://wcpds.wisc.edu/foster-parent-training/>. Please save the

certificates after you have completed each module. These are required to become licensed.

When:

October 6, 2014, November 3, 2014, and December 1, 2014

All orientation sessions occur from 6:00- 8:00 PM

Where: Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Ave., Waukesha, WI 53188

To register for an orientation session, contact your foster care coordinator.

Trauma Informed Parenting

Many caregivers keep hearing about Trauma Informed Care or TIC and are left wondering what it exactly means. This training will do more than help caregivers understand what TIC means, it will also offer concrete suggestions for how Foster Parents can implement TIC in their work with the children and families they serve. The training introduces caregivers to TIC and engages caregivers in thoroughly understanding it and talking about steps they can take to improve the behaviors they see from the kids in their care.

When: Thursdays, September 25, 2014 to October 30, 2014
5:30 to 8:00 PM

Where: Waukesha County Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Avenue, Waukesha

A Minimum of 6 people is required to have the training. Register online at <https://pdsonline.csod.com/client/pdsonline/default.aspx>

This series will provide 18 hours of foster care training hours.

Training

Parents Place Programs
262-549-5575 www.ppacinc.org

- **Calming the Explosive Volcano**
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 - 30 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Active Parenting for the Challenging Times**
Mondays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 6 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- **Parenting: The Early Years/Born Learning**
Mondays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 6 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- **Easter Seals to present: Services for Children with Disabilities**
Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Having Fun with Your Kids in the Kitchen**
Tuesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 11 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- **Love and Logic®**
Mondays, Oct. 20 - Nov. 10 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Coalition for Children
www.coalitionforcyf.org

For other training opportunities, see the Coalition for Children, Youth & Families website: www.coalitionforcyf.org. They offer interactive webinars that count toward the required face to face training hours.

Contact Numbers:

Waukesha County
Health & Human Services
 262-548-7212

Eve Altizer, Supervisor
 262-548-7272

Rebecca Hollister, Supervisor
 262-548-7271

Kathy Mullooly, Supervisor
 262-896-6832

Janis Ramos, Foster Care Coord.
 262-548-7267

Libby Sinclair, Relative Licensing
 262-548-7277

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Tracy Clark..... 262-548-7270

Megan Fishler..... 262-896-8570

Laura Jahnke..... 262-548-7359

Becca Kuester..... 262-896-6857

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Maria Maurer..... 262-548-7345

Jessica McDonald.... 262-548-7639

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Stacy Pawlak..... 262-548-7262

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Michael Reed..... 262-548-7347

Elizabeth Russo..... 262-548-7349

Kim Sampson..... 262-548-7273

Linda Senger..... 262-548-7698

Kinship Workers:

Linda Finn..... 262-548-7254

Deb Fosberg..... 262-548-7256

Children's Mental Health Outreach
 262-548-7666

Medical Emergency: 911
Family Emergency: 211

Foster Parent Mentor

Jen Mersfelder..... 262-542-2926
 David Mersfelder..... 262-542-2926

If an Allegation of Abuse or Neglect has been made against you, please call:

FASPP
 Norma Schoenberg
 920-922-9627

July 2014 Placements

Level 2 Placements: 44 Children	Juvenile Corrections: 0 Children	Group Homes: 1 Children	Residential Care Facilities: 3 Children
Level 1 Placements: 42 Children	Level 2 Foster Homes: 99 Homes	Level 1 Foster Homes: 50 Homes	Total Children in OHC: 93 Children

