

DANE COUNTY KINSHIP RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

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MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES



The **Behavioral Health Resource Center** (BHRC) is a non-crisis, voluntary person and family centered service designed to help all Dane County residents access behavioral health services, regardless of insurance status, financial status, age, identity, ability or legal status. The BHRC assists Dane County residents from all ages, backgrounds and walks of life.

- Call the BHRC at (608) 267-2244
- Email the **BHRC** at BHRC@danecounty.gov.

Dane County's Trauma Informed Caregiving: Supporting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma

A workshop for birth, foster & adoptive parents, grandparents, relative caregivers, child-serving professionals and community members to share information about trauma and the effects on children to strengthen positive relationships between children and adults.

- When: Tuesdays June 11 - July 30, 2024, 9-11am
- Where: Virtual Via Zoom
- Register with **Kelsey** ph # 608-332-7748

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FAFSA INFO

FAFSA season is in full swing!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (or FAFSA) is the main hub for all college goers to apply for federal and state grants (free money) as well as public loans (borrowed money). According to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov), over 19 million current and prospective students complete the FAFSA every year.

Why This Matters For Kinship Youth

There are a wide range of financial opportunities available to current kinship care and former foster youth to help pay for college. If a young person was in kinship care or foster care for one day after their 13th birthday and can provide documentation of their care status, they could be eligible to receive thousands of dollars in aid.

This could not only pay for their tuition, but also potentially put some money in their pockets to help ease the burden of balancing work and school responsibilities. Because kinship and foster youth are considered "independent students," they don't have to report any financial information about biological parents, foster parents or guardians. The only financial information they need to include is their own, making them eligible for many grants that they don't have to pay back.

You can assist your student by going to the www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
The absolute can't-miss-it deadline is June 30, 2024 – but be sure to check with your student's college or trade school to be sure, as deadlines can vary by institution.



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FAMILIES LIKE MINE
CONFERENCE

Families Like Mine Conference is a one day conference supporting relative caregivers of children. All relative caregivers of children are welcome to attend whether they are formally a part of the child welfare system or not. The conference topics focus on resources, training, and complex family relationships. This is a free conference for relative caregivers.

SAVE THE DATE: September 14, 2024

LOCATION: Wisconsin Dells



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TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING

This group is designed to offer support to Wisconsin foster, adoptive, kinship, and guardianship caregivers with a high level of need due to complex trauma histories.

For more information, or to register today, go to <https://traumainformedparenting.eventbrite.com>

WIFamilyConnectionsCenter.org



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DAY CAMPS

**Viking Day Camp (Stoughton)**

Ages: 5-12

Dates: June 10-Aug 30

Website: <https://www.vikingdaycamp.com/>

Madison B.E.S.T Summer Camp

Ages: 5-12

Dates: June 10-Aug 30

Website: <https://www.blackbeltamerica.com/>

Infinity Martial Arts

Ages: 7-12

Dates: June 10-Aug 23

Website:

<https://infinityma.com/classes/Summer-Camp>

Summer Adventure Camp

Ages: k-11

Dates: June 10-Aug 29

Website: <https://madisonsummercamp.com/>

Goldfish Swim School -- Jump Start Clinic

Ages: Infants-12

Dates: All Summer

Website: <https://goldfishswimschool.com/fitchburg/swim-lessons>

Summer on the Farm

Ages: 1 - 5th grade

Dates: Session 1 June 4-July 12 Session 2 July 15 - August 21

Website: <https://www.hickoryhillacademy.com/summer-on-the-farm>

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OTHER CAMPS

Bethel Horizons (Overnight Camp)

Summer camp programs, we provide an opportunity and a space that focuses on social and emotional learning for our youth. The skills developed at camp help to provide children with the necessary tools to become successful adults.

Ages: 2nd grade -- 9th grade

Dates: June 9 -- August 9

Website: <https://bethelhorizons.org/>

**Summer Adventure Camp (Teen Camp offerings)**

for preteens and teens entering 5th through 8th grade. This traveling camp is a high energy, interactive program that will challenge the preteen and young teen offering loads of fun with extensive field trips, challenging outdoor activities, group games and sports, fun crafts, and team building opportunities. .

Ages: K -- 11th grade

Dates: June 10 -- August 29

Website: <https://madisonsummercamp.com/>

**Hickory Hill Academy**

Ages: 3rd -- 8th

Category: Sports & Rec, Music, Cooking

Website:

<https://www.hickoryhillacademy.com/skill-camps>

Outdoor Kids OT Summer Camp

Ages: 4-10

Category: Nature, Animals, OT Therapy

Website: <https://www.outdoorkidsot.com/wisconsin-camp>

Summer Art Camp

Ages: 3-14

Category: Theatre, Arts

Website: <https://www.monroestreetarts.org/>

The Country Experience (in IL)

Ages: 6-17

Category: Nature, Animals, Overnight

Website: <https://www.thecountryexperience.com/>

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SPECIALITY CAMPS

Recreation & Wellbeing -- UW-Madison

Ages: 5-14

Category: Sports

Website: <https://summercamp.recwell.wisc.edu/>

MSCR

Ages: 3-9

Category: Year round recreation

Website: <https://www.mscr.org/>

Summer on the Farm

Ages: 1 - 5th grade

Dates: Session 1 June 4-July 12 Session 2 July 15 - August 21

Website: <https://www.hickoryhillacademy.com/summer-on-the-farm>

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Briarpatch Programs

- Work-Ready Mentorships
- Madison Mallards
- Farm & Garden Summer Job

Website: <https://www.briarpatch.org/programs/youth-employment/>



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TEEN EMPLOYMENT



Goodman Community Center

- Ages 14+
- Coaching youth sports teams

Website: <https://www.goodmancenter.org/children-teens/fit-youth-initiative/fyi-teen-employment>

Operation Fresh Start

- Operation Fresh Start empowers emerging adults on a path to self-sufficiency through education, mentoring, and employment training.

Website: <https://www.operationfreshstart.org/our-partners>

Work Permits

A work permit is required before anyone under the age of 16 is allowed to work with the exception of agriculture or domestic service work. Work Permits can be created online using the following link:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/laborstandards/workpermit/workpermitsteps.htm>

Department of Workforce Development

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) gives high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to explore their chosen career path, and helps employers develop a qualified and committed workforce.

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/ya/>

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