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Area Focus:
Human Development and Relationships

UW Extension offers many great resources for you, your family, and your community in many helpful ways! Check out these great opportunities and tips from the area of Human Development and Relationships:



Support for Early Childcare Educators



Many families depend on childcare providers during the first years of a child’s life. Providers can play a key role in strengthening families and building stronger communities. Childcare programs provide important preventive services, often taking on the role of family resource centers in communities that lack such services.

Childcare providers are viewed as the “experts” in child development. They connect parents to community resources, model developmentally appropriate parenting practices and provide education related to stages of child development. Parents and providers working together in partnership create healthy environments and long-term benefits for children.

In Wisconsin, the early childhood workforce, estimated to be nearly 17,000, is required to complete up to 15 hours of continuing education annually (Center for the Study of Childcare Employment, 2020). We know that high quality educators create high quality childcare this leads to healthy growth and development for children.

Early Childcare Center Directors are invited to attend the Dodge and Jefferson County Area Directors Caucus. The Caucus meets every other month. Bimonthly meeting topics include things like updates, time for professional development, opportunities for networking and more!

Next meeting dates are October 8th and December 10th in Watertown.

For more information on the Every Child Thrives Dodge and Jefferson County Area Directors Caucus, please contact Patricia Carroll: patricia.carroll@wisc.edu





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PRESS RELEASE – Extension in Action

Back to School Shopping on a Budget



With fall just around the corner, school supply lists are starting to appear in stores among the rows of bright colored folders, notebooks, pens, and pencils.

Going back to school is an exciting time for everyone. Before you head out to the stores or go online, a little time spent planning can help to stretch the budget. Check out this article for some helpful tips to help you have all that you need as kids head back to school: <https://dodge.extension.wisc.edu/2024/08/back-to-school-shopping-on-a-budget/>

Everyday Parenting Classes

As summer winds down and the school year begins family life can be impacted in exciting ways, however this time of year can also be a source of stress for many families. Extension provides parenting programs designed to help parents manage family life. Check out some of our classes:

RAISING WISCONSIN'S CHILDREN –These classes offer practical, research-based ideas to support your parenting and help children grow.

FOCUS ON FATHERS – Hey dads! Your role matters! Join us for discussions on parenting, family life and how to handle modern challenges. A space for dads to support each other.



RESILIENT CO-PARENTING – Join us for ongoing support for your co-parenting journey. Topics include relationship readiness, finding your family rhythm, forgiveness, and more.

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM – Want simple, proven strategies to create loving bonds with your kids while handling challenging behavior effectively? These classes are for you!

To see a full list of class offerings, register and learn more please visit:

<https://parenting.extension.wisc.edu/class-calendar>



Have Questions? Extension is here to help.

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