



Community Services

Family Matters

September-December 2023

Family Forums

Davis Life Concepts for Autism

Tuesday, October 17th 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Children's Wisconsin

705 S 24th Ave Ste 400 Wausau

Presented by Anne Mataczynski,
Licensed Davis Autism Approach Facilitator

Get answers to your questions regarding Autism that include: What is Autism? Why don't individuals with autism follow the usual pathway of natural childhood development? How can I raise awareness? How can the Davis Autism Approach help Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)? *Registration is required.*

Mom (or Dad) Shaming

Tuesday, October 24th 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Children's Wisconsin

705 S 24th Ave Ste 400 Wausau

Presented by Stephanie Hamman, LPC

Parent shaming happens when people criticize a parent for making parenting choices that differ from the choices they have made or would make themselves. But how do you cope with something you can't control? How do you handle so many negative comments about so many things? Come find strategies to make it through a world of criticism and judgment. *Registration is required.*

Family Events

Parking Lot Party!

Saturday, September 23rd
10:00am to 2:00pm

Children's Wisconsin
705 S 24th Ave Wausau

Join us for FREE games, activities, prizes, books, music, food and fun! Scan the QR code to follow the event on Facebook. No need to register!



A Christmas Night

Tuesday, December 12th 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Children's Wisconsin

705 S 24th Ave Ste 400 Wausau

From 5:30pm to 6:30pm, enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate while making your own holiday ornament! Afterwards, relax and watch a short Christmas Classic with us! *Registration is required!*

Parent Cafe

Thursdays, September 7th, 21st and October 5th 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Children's WI

705 S 24th Ave Ste 400 Wausau

Do you have a child in regulated childcare? Come and connect with other families that understand the challenges and joys of parenting! FREE treats, prizes and child care! Parent Cafés help build strong families using The Five Protective Factors. At a parent café you will be able to connect with other local parents, learn strategies to strengthen relationships with your Children, and receive concrete support for your family. *Email*

AMJohnson@childrenswi.org to register for this series.

Five for Families

Wednesdays, October 11th and December 20th
6:00pm to 7:15pm

Wausau Library Conference Room (2nd floor)
300 1st Street Wausau

Want to help your family flourish?

Connect with others to learn about Five for Families and the Five Strengths. Topics include Helping Kids Understand Feelings, Parenting as They Grow, Connecting with Others, Building Inner Strength, and Knowing How to Find Help. Attend one or all of these casual sessions to build a stronger happier family. *Registration is required!*

Pop-Up Family Resource Center

1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Wednesday every month 10:30am to 1:30pm

Wausau Library Children's Department
300 1st Street Wausau

Beginning September 12th, we will be offering free developmental Assessments (ASQ's) for children ages 0 to 5 years. Opportunities to chat with a parent educator regarding any parenting challenges, developmental concerns, available programs and resources. Look for our banner! No registration.

Find us on... **facebook**

'Children's Wisconsin-Marathon County
Family Resource Center'



Children's Wisconsin
705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400
Wausau, WI 54401
715-848-1457

centralwigroups@childrenswi.org
Find us on the web at childrenswi.org/wausau

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EVENTS
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

Call: 715.848.1457 or Email: centralwigroups@childrenswi.org

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

September-December 2023

Ongoing Services

LEAP (Learning Essentials about Parenting)

Parenting is a joy but challenging too. Let's work together solving problems and strengthening relationships in your home. This 9-week series includes topics on: Building Self-Esteem, Child Development, Communication Skills, Media, Positive Discipline Techniques and more. 6 –7:30pm Mondays.

Registration Required. Child care available upon request. Call 715-848-1457

LENA Start Marathon County

Jump start your 0-45 month old for success in school and in life with this FREE 10 week program that emphasizes the importance of communication. Learn more about how early talk builds babies' brains. Includes FREE books, incentives, gift cards and all materials. Virtual and in-person options. Classes begin mid-September. *Must start on class one.* **Register at LenaStartMC.org**

Parent Aide Triple P In-Home Program

This 10 week program promotes positive parenting practices to address and prevent a range of social, emotional, and behavioral problems in children and teens. For parents of children ages 0-17. **Call 715-848-1457 for more information or to sign up.**

All programs are funded by Marathon County and Marathon County United Way and are provided free of charge.

Programs are not an Athens, Abbotsford, Edgar, DCE, Marathon, Wausau, Spencer, Stratford or Newman Catholic School District sponsored activity and the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the school district or their personnel.

Parent Chat

Parents can schedule private, individual sessions with a staff person who can provide parenting information and support or connect you with the right community resource. Call: 715-660-0493

Warm Line

This is your non-emergency connection to speak with an expert on the day-to-day trials of child rearing and receive practical parenting information, tools, and advice. Call 715-660-0493

Play and Learn

Wednesdays
9:30am-10:30am
Wausau Library
Community Room (2nd Floor)
300 1st St, Wausau

Connect with others who have young children and enjoy early learning activities to enhance your child's development and promote school readiness. For children ages 0-6yo. Child Development Assessments are available! No registration necessary but sign-in is required. Thank you for your understanding.

Drop in and have a blast with us!