



## COVID-19 Recovery for Young Children

New studies by Brown and Columbia Universities are showing that babies born during the pandemic are not keeping up with those born before the pandemic. Both nationally and locally there is a growing concern and evidence that the isolation young children experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic may have stunted some of their normal development - *but we can help with that!*

We know that developmental delays during the first five years can be repairable, but they often need intervention. Developmental screenings are an important tool for children's COVID-19 recovery.

Parent Connection's *Welcome Baby* program sees many first-time parents and parents-to-be in local hospitals and clinics, working to connect them to *Just in Time Parenting* Information and *Parent as Teachers Home Visitation*, *Families First Home Visitation* and *Help Me Grow* Programs that conduct these important screenings.

Parents not already enrolled in these programs who have a concern can access screening tools available online:

<https://www.asqonline.com/family/a52de4>

When screenings are completed online, *Help Me Grow* will score them and follow-up with parents.

*If local parents are looking to...*

- \* strengthen and grow in their new role by learning about positive, nurturing parenting and child development;
- \* learn to play and interact with their children to promote healthy development;
- \* get connected to community supports and interventions if their child is experiencing developmental delays;

*...these are additional supports provided by Parent Connection.*

Parent Connection understands the importance of early childhood development and works to support parents in the healthy growth and development of their children. Healthy development within a child's first five years is essential as it sets the foundation for that child's future learning, behavior and health, as well as shaping brain development, capacity to learn, how to get along with others, and how to respond to daily stress and challenges.

So much can be accomplished by parents when they are supported and have access to parenting information and education – *and there is a community of support to help!*



## Emerging Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic

	Pre-Pandemic Rate	Pandemic Rate	Change in Rate
Fine Motor Delays	8%	11%	^ 46%
Gross Motor Delay	10%	13%	^ 27%
Communication Delay	21%	25%	^ 18%
Overall Concerning Delay	64%	76%	^ 18%

ASQ Screening Data Collected by First Five Fox Valley of a total of 1,280 children in the Fox Valley prior to COVID (6/1/2019 -3/20/2020) and during the COVID pandemic (3/21/2020 -6/30/2022).



# PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

[Clicking the Class Date on our digital newsletter links you to the Online Registration](#) | Scholarships available, Contact Us  
Cancellation Line: Call (920) 739-4226 ext. 154 to check on any workshop cancellations

## 33rd Annual *Young Parent Conference* Report Out



Friday, May 6, 2022  
26 Young Parents Registered  
12 Speaker Sessions  
13 Speakers

28 Community Agencies Represented at the Resource Fair  
Attendee Overall Satisfaction: 100%

### Young Parent Conference Planning Committee:

Appleton Area School District, Appleton Public Health, Birth-Five, Fox Valley Technical College,  
Parent Connection-Family Services of NEW, Outagamie County Community Connections,  
Winnebago County Public Health

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### Home Visiting:



This FREE early learning program is designed for parents and their babies residing in Outagamie, Winnebago, Shawano & parts of Calumet Counties.

Family Support Specialists trained in early childhood & brain development conduct home visits from the child's birth to the age of three.

- \* Parenting information
- \* Child development information
- \* Constructive play ideas
- \* Developmental screenings
- \* Connection to community resources

**Fox Cities serves:** Outagamie County & Calumet County with an Appleton address;  
eligible first-time parents

**Oshkosh serves:** Winnebago County; all eligible families

**Shawano serves:** Shawano County; eligible first-time parents

**Call for more information:**

Fox Cities: (920) 739-4226 | Oshkosh: (920) 233-6630 | Shawano: (715) 853-0923

## Parent Education Workshops:

*We have adapted many of our classes to be offered as Hybrid!*



Hybrid options allow you to choose between In-Person & Online attendance!

Visit our Website & Facebook page for the most current Parent Education Workshops & Events:

[www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes)

[www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI/Events](https://www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI/Events)

## Questions about Workshops?

Contact Fox Cities: Jen DiMatteo  
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(920) 739-4226 ext. 109

Contact Oshkosh: Jenifer Rettler  
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(920) 642-0042

Scholarships are available to families within our service areas.

Internet access is needed to attend classes online. Free childcare available at most in-person classes. Limited spots, *register early!* We reserve the right to cancel workshops with low enrollment. Fees will be refunded for any cancelled workshops.

# PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Visit [www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection) to learn more about our programs. Call to speak with a Parent Connection team member: Fox Cities (920) 739-4226, Oshkosh (920) 233-6630, Shawano (715) 853-0923



## Love and Logic: Adults Supporting Youth with Challenging Past<sup>™</sup> (Hybrid-Appleton)

[Thurs, June 16, 23 & 30](#) | 6-8pm  
Plan to attend all 3 sessions

Cost: \$15 | Caretakers of children 2-19  
*Evidence-based*

Cut through the complexity of working with youth with challenging pasts & provide real solutions that can be applied immediately. We will discuss the steps to build relationships, deal with defiance, show empathy, minimize power struggles & support opportunities for success. All with the same Love & Logic approach you may have come to know.



## 123 Magic<sup>™</sup> (Hybrid-Appleton)

[Thurs, July 14 & 21](#) | 6-8 pm  
Plan to attend both sessions

Cost: \$10 | Caretakers of children 2-12  
*Evidence-based*

This program builds basic discipline and parenting skills to help you stop your child's negative behaviors (including whining, testing & manipulation) and start positive behaviors.

## Potty Training (Hybrid-Oshkosh)

[Tues, July 19](#) | 5:30-7:30pm  
Cost: \$10 | Caretakers of children 2-4  
*Evidence-based*

Based on the book, "Let's Get this Potty Started!" by Dr. Heather Wittenberg This class provides guidance to parents and caregivers preparing for or undertaking potty training.

## Autism 2.0 (Hybrid-Appleton) [Monday, July 25](#) | 6-8 pm

Cost: Free | Caretakers of Children 3-12  
*Guest Speaker: Diane Nackers with Autism Society of the Fox Valley*

This presentation will provide specific information for school age children from preschool through middle school, including facts about autism, how to work with the school to get your child a special education evaluation in the area of autism & tips for working with your child at home. A wide variety of resources will be shared.



## Anger Management for Parents (Hybrid-Appleton)

[Thurs, Aug 4](#) | 6-8 pm

Cost: \$10 | Caretakers of children all ages  
*Research-based*

Our children bring us incredible joy. Yet there are times that we find ourselves crabby, frustrated or angry with the people we love. Learn how to manage anger to improve your relationships & to create a more harmonious home!

## Nurturing: Behavior Management, Modification & Encouragement (Online-Oshkosh)

[Tues, Aug 9](#) | 6-7 pm

Cost: \$10 | Caretakers of children 2-19  
*Evidence-based*

This workshop is from The Nurturing Parenting Programs<sup>™</sup> - learn about the differences between Behavior Management, Behavior Modification and Behavior Encouragement, and techniques to use while your children learn to manage their own behavior.

## Positive Discipline<sup>™</sup> (Hybrid-Appleton)

[Thurs, Aug 11](#) | 6-8 pm

Cost: \$10 | Caretakers of children all ages  
*Research-based*

This course will talk about discipline as structure, routine, communication & being our children's role models. Build up your children's positive behaviors & sense of self-esteem. Let's talk about how we can start Positive Discipline in our homes today!



## Just for You - Young Parent Group (In-Person-Neenah)

[Tues, Aug 16](#) | 4:30-6 pm

Cost: Free | Young Parents ages 13-25 & their child/ren

Young Parents from the community are invited to join our close-knit, quarterly, group events where connection, support, and self-care are a top priority. For each group attended, families have an opportunity to shop in Parent Connection's Baby Clothes Closet and get some incredible items for their child/ren. Our quarterly, group events are *located at First Presbyterian Church, 200 South Church Street, Neenah, WI.*

We plan for food and childcare to be available and require an RSVP. Families must *RSVP by noon on the day of event to Family Support Specialist, Brooke Hackel, at (920) 642-0278.*

Upon RSVP, families are also entered into an event raffle.





**Parent Connection is a program of Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.**

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Visit us at: [www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection](http://www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection)



## Community Resources:

First 5 Fox Valley  
[firstfivefoxvalley.org](http://firstfivefoxvalley.org)

United Way Fox Cities:  
[unitedwayfoxcities.org](http://unitedwayfoxcities.org)  
or [givehelpgethelpfoxcities.org](http://givehelpgethelpfoxcities.org)

Oshkosh Area United Way:  
[oshkoshunitedway.org](http://oshkoshunitedway.org)

United Way of Shawano County:  
[shawanocountyunitedway.org](http://shawanocountyunitedway.org)

*Dial 2-1-1 or search [211now](#) for  
Local Resources, Information &  
Referrals*

For a complete listing of Parent Connection  
Workshops, Community Resources & more,  
sign-up for our emailed program updates!



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*Just send your email address by text message!*

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