

BE SURE TO KNOW WHETHER YOU QUALIFY FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

EITC can be a financial boost for working people adversely impacted by hard economic times. However, 1 in 4 eligible taxpayers could miss out on the credit because they don't check it out. Here are some things the Internal Revenue Service wants you to know about this valuable credit.

1. Because you didn't qualify last year, doesn't mean you won't this year.
2. If you qualify, it could be worth up to nearly \$5,000 this year. EITC not only reduces the federal tax you owe, but could result in a refund.
3. Married couples and single people without kids may qualify.
4. It's easy to determine whether you qualify. The EITC assistant, an Interactive tool available on www.irs.gov, removes the guesswork for eligibility rules. Just answer a few simple questions. For more information



about EITC, see IRS Publication 596, Earned Income Credit. This publication –available in both English & Spanish-can be downloaded from www.irs.gov or ordered by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Affordable, Barrier-Free Rental Housing for People with Disabilities 55 and Up!

11 Units are Reserved through Movin' Out– 7 Remain Available! Applications are available NOW. Contact a Movin' Out Counselor at Info@movin-out.ord or 877-861-6745 ext 7
 Theses units are in Berkshire-Greendale the address is 7010 W. Grange Ave., Greendale, WI
 Find information about the units at www.berkshire-greendale.com.

Advocate and Lobby for Kids Day!



Wednesday, March 7th, 2012 at 9 am- 4:30 pm
First United Methodist Church
203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison.
\$40 Registration (Includes training material, continental breakfast and lunch). Register on January 23 at www.wccf.org.
Join us in Madison to learn about legislation that affects children, the Voter ID Law, the Redistricting process & Legislative Maps, and how to use the KidsCourt Data Center website. End the day by meeting with your legislators.

More info Wenona at wwolf@wccf.org or 608-284-0580 ext 304

INFORMATION IS POWER! OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN!



“What to do after you've graduated?”
 An information session about transition: **Employment...career planning, interview skills, Independent Living...Where will you live? How will you pay your bills? and Social Skills...first impressions, how to get what you want without hurting others.** Mary Fojut of UCP-SEW is the presenter.
Wednesday, February 29th 6 to 8 pm

“Let's Have Some Fun!” Recreation Opportunities
 Representatives from agencies like... Easter Seals, MPS Recreation, Going Beyond Travel & more. They will share info about programs for now & summer.
Tuesday, March 6th 6 to 8 pm

“Ensuring Your Principles for the Future”
 Robert Johnston of Special Needs Planning, LLC. Topics to be discussed: trusts, government eligibility, funding options etc... for your loved one with a disability.
Thursday, March 22nd 6 to 8 pm

Information Sessions held at UPSEW 7519 W. Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee. Any parent, caregiver, family member, advocate or anyone interested in topics are WELCOME. Sessions are FREE and snacks are provided

Call Martha C 414-755-8010 / email mchambers@ucpsew.org

All Information Sessions sponsored by UCPSEW.

UCP-SEW's 30th Taste of Milwaukee!

Get ready to please your palette as we celebrate the 30th Taste of Milwaukee! Bring your high spirits and prepare for an evening of fun and entertainment that includes gourmet cuisine sampling from Milwaukee's top restaurant and a fishbowl raffle. Join us Thursday, March 8th, 2012 at the Hilton. For reservations or sponsorship contact Nirvana Cobgb at 414-329-4507 or ncobb@ucpsew.org or go to www.ucpsew.org



No better time than now to get involved! Join a People First Group!

People First groups are self-advocacy groups for people with & without disabilities. Meetings help teach self-advocacy, supporting each other, listening to your voice “however” you communicate. Some actions include: attending rallies, writing to representatives, advocating for local issues , getting involved with important issues that affect you & more. Meeting days, times & locations vary from group to group. Look below for group closest to you & get involved!

Milwaukee County: Martha C. 414-755-8010 or peoplefirstmmilwaukee@gmail.com
 Waukesha County: Lisa B. 262-521-1120 or lisa.bucheger@gmail.com
 Washington County: Diana S. 414-271-7250 or dsullivann@independencefirst.org
 Racine County Gordy Simanek 262-672-9191 or gorgy@yahoo.com



Another Chance To Go Swimming! Water Park Passes!

Another chance for families in the UCP Respite program or on UCP waiting lists. If selected, you will get FREE Water Park passes to the Hilton Milwaukee Water Park. **Only 5 passes are available/family.**

How? Pick two dates from the list below that will fit your family's schedule. Then contact Martha Chambers at UCP 414-755-8010 or mchambers@ucpsew.org. **DEADLINE Friday, February 17th, 2012**
Do not register if you have already won!
You will be notified ONLY if you've won by Thu., March 1st, 2012.

DATES:

Sat., March 10th	Sun., March 11th	Sat., April 7th
Sun., April 8th	Sat., April 14th	Sun., April 15th
Sat., May 26th	Sun., May 27th	

Dance! Dance! Dance!...Get AMP'd Up!

AMP'd a limited dance studio. Katie Campbell plans to implement programs for individuals with special needs.

Classes for Special Needs: 9 to 10am. Ages 3 to 8.
 Classes for others: 10 to 10am. Ages 8+.
 Cost: \$87/session (6 weeks) + \$15 registration fee.
 For more information: go to www.ampdance.com or Call 262-939-2590.
 Location: 1920 W. Bluemound Rd., Waukesha.



FREE Birth Certificates to Aid in Obtaining Voter ID

Effective Jan., 1, 2012 valid photo identification is now required to vote in Wisconsin. In an effort to promote voting & to avoid disenfranchisement, Supervisor Harris is making sure eligible voters understand what they need to do in order to vote.

How do I get a FREE birth certificate? What do I bring?
Go to the Milwaukee county court house- 901 N. 9th St. Room 103.
There's a limit of 5,000. Bring mail that has your street address & another form of ID i.e. school, work or Transit Plus ID etc...

Winter/Spring Thursday Night & Weekend Social Journey

These sessions are two hour sessions where children will learn appropriate social skills to participate in community and social events. Where- 323 Rempe Drive Waukesha, WI 53186
Cost- \$40 per 2 hour sessions and \$20 for sibling or friend.
For more information, date, or to schedule a visit
<http://www.autismfamilyconnections.com/>

USING TECHNOLOGY TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

Join this FREE live question & answer webinar! Tue., February 14th
Continuing with the *Strategies For Success Webinar Series* two parents of children with disabilities share their stories of how communication programs & technology such as the iPhone or iPad have helped them communicate with their children who are non-verbal. The featured speaker Cindy Cottier provides an in depth view of communication tools & explains how the iPad can be used to help children with epilepsy & other developmental disabilities.

1st. Listen to prerecorded "Strategies for Success (Part 1)"
<http://connect.epilepsyfoundation.org/p32641212> (no registration)

Next: Join the question & answer webinar
REGISTER FOR WEBINAR: <http://ncpawebinnar2.eventbrite.com/>
For more info: Valerie Hill parentinfo@efa.org or 301-918-3728

New Fun for an Afterschool Recreation Program

Easter Seals offers a specialized after-school recreation program for children ages 7 to 21. Program is for children with all types of special needs including emotional and challenging behaviors. Provides additional support during your work day, respite services, a quality, customized program & in a safe, fun environment.

Monday through Friday 2:30 to 6:00 pm, Wauwatosa & Waukesha locations. Contact Lindsey Kirschbaum 414-482-0133 ext 2301 or visit www.eastersealswise.com

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Calendar of Events:

- Feb 14 People First Milwaukee
4:30 to 6:30 pm, UCP-SEW, Milwaukee
17 UCP-SEW R&R Club
Schuetze Recreation Center, Waukesha
17 DEADLINE for Water Park Promotion
Contact: Martha C. 414-755-8010
- 29 Info. Session-Transition
UCP-SEW, Milwaukee
- Mar 6 Info. Session-Recreation Opportunities
UCP-SEW, Milwaukee
7 Advocate and Lobby Kids Day
Madison
8 UCP-SEW Taste of Milwaukee
Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee
- 13 People First Milwaukee
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