



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
FOND DU LAC COUNTY

Human Development & Relationships Fond du Lac County

June–November 2024



Extension Human Development & Relationships Educator Carol Bralich builds financial capability skills with individuals, families and professionals; and strengthens family relationships through educational programs.

Needs Assessment

- Starting April 2024, an ongoing needs assessment of local family-serving community partner agencies identified several areas of need that extension is positioned to lead and teach: financial education, tenant education, co-parenting programs and planning for end-of-life.

Meetings with local stakeholders include:

- ADVOCAP
- St. Katharine Drexel Shelter, Beacon House, Berry House
- Department of Corrections
- Ripon School District
- ADRC
- Family Court
- Fond du Lac Public Library

Ongoing Programs

Rent Smart

- St. Katherine Drexel Shelter & Beacon House

Planning AHEAD for End-of-Life 7 Session Series

- Helps adults make end-of-life financial, healthcare, and final wishes decisions to reduce the stress experienced by survivors and ensure that their wishes are honored

Co-parenting Programs

- Living Apart, Parenting Together
- Keeping It About the Kids

Encouraging Financial Conversations Regional Training

- Professional development for helping professionals

Money \$mart in Head Start

- Monthly financial newsletters
- Financial Workshop

KEYS for Success

- Revising KEYS program for teen foster care youth

Completed Programs

Planning AHEAD for End-of Life

- Taught the 7 module series at both the Ripon (June/July) and Fond du Lac Public Library (Oct/Nov)
- "Because of this series, I was able to initiate a conversation with my kids (who are young adults) in a manner that didn't make it "scary".*

Co-parenting Programs

- Co-taught monthly with family court social worker focusing on divorce impact on children, parenting strategies, self-care strategies and communication tips as a co-parent.

Rent Smart Program

- Taught the 6 module Rent Smart course at Beacon House (Sept/Nov) and St. Katherine Drexel Shelter (Aug/Oct)., 36 participants received a certificate .
- (I learned) *"different ways to communicate with the landlord".*

"Carol has an effective teaching style. She made us feel comfortable with sharing our experiences as well as knowing she is knowledgeable on the things she shared."
-Planning AHEAD participant