



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
FOND DU LAC COUNTY

## Human Development & Relationships Fond du Lac County

January–June 2025



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

- 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:

- ARC of Fond du Lac
- ARC Community Services
- Fond du Lac Public Library
- Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis
- SSM St. Agnes Hospital
- ADVOCAP Housing Navigator

### Ongoing Programs

#### Rent Smart

- St. Katherine Drexel Shelter & Beacon House
- Quarterly at Fond du Lac Library

#### 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

#### Adulting 101: KEYS to Independence

- Program for teen foster care youth

#### Extension Newsletter Resources

- Monthly Money \$mart in Head Start Financial Newsletters
- Just in Time Parenting Newsletters

### Completed Programs

#### Adulting 101: KEYS to Independence

- Taught the 6 session financial life skills series (Feb-Apr) in partnership with DHS Independent Living Coordinator.

#### 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.

#### Just in Time Parenting Newsletters

- Coordinated efforts with hospital partners to transition to all electronic newsletter delivery.

#### Rent Smart Program

- Taught the 6 module Rent Smart course at Beacon House (Jan/Apr/June), St. Katherine Drexel Shelter (Feb/Apr/June) & Library (March/June); 56 participants received a certificate from Jan—June 2025.

*"Thank you. This {Rent Smart} certificate will help me greatly in the future."*

-Rent Smart participant