



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
FOND DU LAC COUNTY

Human Development & Relationships Fond du Lac County

July - December 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:

- Fond du Lac Child Welfare
- Fond du Lac Birth to Three
- Ripon Public Library
- Fond du Lac HCE
- Fond du Lac WIC
- Riverview Apartments

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

Planning AHEAD

- Taught the 7 session series at the Ripon Public Library (Sept/Oct) with 12 participants. (72 direct contacts)

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. Over 200 participants in 2025.

Money Smart in Head Start Newsletters

- Coordinated financial workshops and monthly newsletters for Head Start parents.

Rent Smart Program

- Taught the 6 module Rent Smart course at Beacon House (Aug/Nov), St. Katharine Drexel Shelter (Aug/Oct) & Library (Sept); 49 participants received a certificate from July-December 2025.

"Excellent presentation, resource booklet, great atmosphere maintained in class that allowed good discussion." -Planning AHEAD participant