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M-TH: 8:00am-6:00pm
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Achieving Greater Success...

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | MAY 2017

MAY 1

NCRC Test: 9:00am-1:00pm, 4:45-8:00pm,
Appt. Needed
Masters Business Bootcamp: 12:00pm-3:30pm
Digital Literacy (Beginner): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Fatherhood Classes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 2

Fatherhood Classes: 10:00am-12:00pm
WTA Q&A Session: 4:00pm-6:30pm
Financial Fitness Bootcamp: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 3

NCRC Test: 8:45am-1:00pm, Appt. Needed
Secrets to Success: 10:00am-11:30am
Digital Literacy (Advanced): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 4

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am-11:30am
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 8

NCRC Test: 9:00am-1:00pm, 4:45-8:00pm,
Appt. Needed
Masters Business Bootcamp: 12:00pm-3:30pm
Digital Literacy (Beginner): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Fatherhood Classes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 9

Fatherhood Classes: 10:00am-12:00pm
WTA Q&A Session: 4:00pm-6:30pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 10

NCRC Test: 8:45am-1:00pm, Appt. Needed
Secrets to Success: 10:00am-11:30am
Digital Literacy (Advanced): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 11

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am-11:30am
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 15

NCRC Test: 9:00am-1:00pm, 4:45-8:00pm,
Appt. Needed
Digital Literacy (Beginner): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Fatherhood Classes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 16

Fatherhood Classes: 10:00am-12:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Financial Fitness Bootcamp: 5:30pm-7:30pm

MAY 17

NCRC Test: 8:45am-1:00pm, Appt. Needed
Secrets to Success: 10:00am-11:30am
Digital Literacy (Advanced): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 18

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am-11:30am
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 22

NCRC Test: 9:00am-1:00pm, 4:45-8:00pm,
Appt. Needed
Digital Literacy (Beginner): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Fatherhood Classes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 23

Fatherhood Classes: 10:00am-12:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Financial Fitness Bootcamp: 5:30pm-7:30pm

MAY 24

NCRC Test: 8:45am-1:00pm, Appt. Needed
Wednesday Hiring Day: 9:30am-1:30pm
Digital Literacy (Advanced): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Non-Profit Bootcamp: 4:00pm-7:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 25

Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 29

NCRC Test: 9:00am-1:00pm, 4:45-8:00pm,
Appt. Needed
Digital Literacy (Beginner): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Fatherhood Classes: 5:00pm-7:00pm

MAY 30

Fatherhood Classes: 10:00am-12:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Financial Fitness Bootcamp: 5:30pm-7:30pm

MAY 31

NCRC Test: 8:45am-1:00pm, Appt. Needed
Digital Literacy (Advanced): 2:00pm-4:00pm
Non-Profit Bootcamp: 4:00pm-7:00pm
Tutor Heroes: 5:00pm-7:00pm
P.R.E.P.: 9:00am-12:00pm

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DID YOU KNOW?

In modern times, **May Day** is known for the making of May baskets, filling them with candy, and leaving them on doorsteps. Traditionally, however, this day was celebrated by wrapping streamers or ribbons around a tall pole.

National Women's Health Week is an observance led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. The goal is to empower women to make their health a priority. The week also serves as a time to help women understand what steps they can take to improve their health. The 18th annual National Women's Health Week kicks off on Mother's Day, May 14, and is celebrated through May 20, 2017.

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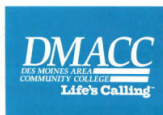
FINANCIAL FITNESS BOOTCAMP

Get your money clean for 2017! Sign up for this dynamic workshop and take the reins on your journey to financial wellness! Workshops include Financial Planning, Money Management, Budgeting, Credit Repair, and Loan Management. Next Session: May 8, May 16, May 23, June 6. For more information, please call 515-697-1450 or visit www.fcn-dm.org.

YOUTHBUILD APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING



Where youth
build homes
and build
their future.



DMACC's YouthBuild Program has changed the lives of those who have fallen behind for social, economic, or other reasons. According to Cliff Kessler, YouthBuild Coordinator, more than 90 percent of YouthBuild participants have dropped out of high school.

"These are people who many times have given up on themselves, but at YouthBuild we don't give up on people," said Kessler. "We see their potential and adapt to their different learning styles."

YouthBuild provides young adults from 18 to 24 with an opportunity to work toward economic self-sufficiency and an advanced education. The seven-month, full-time program gives students a chance to earn their high-school equivalency, obtain nationally recognized construction and carpentry certifications, and earn college credit.

"When I think of YouthBuild, the word support and family comes to mind," said Tyvon Simms, a 2015 graduate of the program. "For seven months we were not just friends and students, but family. I received my high-school equivalency certification and a basic forklift certification. I also have my OSHA 10 safety certification from YouthBuild.

"All of these things helped me get my current job and helped me take care of my own child and family," Simms added.

Participants also build homes, collaborating with several community-improvement organizations such as Habitat for Humanity to provide more low-income housing for area families.

The program also offers various certificate-training opportunities: Lead Renovator, Basic Tool Safety, Rigging, CPR/First Aid, Basic Construction OSHA, Basic Fork Lift, Basic Welding, and Green Building, as well as such nationally-recognized certificates as the Home Builders Institute certifications and Pre-Apprentice certificates in Carpentry and Weatherization.

"We are committed to giving young individuals skills so that they may succeed in the construction industry, or any industry for that matter," said Fernando Aveiga, YouthBuild instructor. "Even if the youth don't go into construction after graduation, they will at least have their GED and high-school diploma and will have gone through seven months of rigorous training and expectations that will still prepare them for the workforce."

Upon completion of the program, participants will have learned a trade that they can take with them wherever they go for the rest of their lives. However, according to Aveiga, the construction industry is a tough industry because it is very competitive and one of the most strict in terms of attendance and punctuality.

"There were times when I struggled to keep my motivation through the program," said 20-year-old David Bernal, a graduate of the YouthBuild Program. "It might get hard sometimes; you may not want to wake up in the mornings and go to class, but the program is well worth it."

Applications are being accepted until June 28. Informational sessions will be held at the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families

from 3:30pm-6:00pm on May 9, May 10, May 16, May 17, May 23, May 24, May 30, June 6 and June 13. To be eligible, participants must be between 18 and 24 years old. Trainees work on completing their high school credential and college courses and receive basic construction certificates, while helping the community and earning money.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the DMACC Community and Workforce Partnerships at 515-697-7700 or visit www.dmacc.edu/youthbuild.

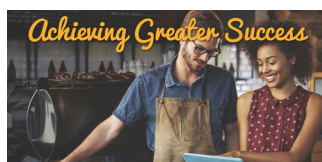
"YouthBuild is a place that opens doors," said Bernal. "It teaches you how to get through life and how to live a good life, a great opportunity that changes your life. I am forever appreciative and grateful for what they have done for me."

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MASTERS BUSINESS BOOTCAMP GRADUATION

The Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families will be celebrating another successful cohort for the Masters Business Bootcamp program.

Join us on May 8, from 12:30pm-1:30pm, to congratulate, empower, and support these local small-business owners and



Masters Business BootCamp

graduates of the program.

Please RSVP at the provided link so that we can be sure to have enough food and refreshments for everyone.

For more information, please call 515-697-1473, or stay tuned to the Evelyn K. Davis Center's Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

FIRST FRIDAY NEW ORLEANS JAZZ PARTY

May 1, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Des Moines Social Club; The NOLA Jazz Band plays every First Friday of the month at DSM Social Club's "The Basement." Enjoy the band's common love for the sound and "feel" of both traditional and current New Orleans and roots blues music - real, gutsy, raw, heartfelt, and entertaining. The band members also find joy in their music and love performing together, having fun, and entertaining their audiences.
Cost: \$7

LIVING HISTORY FARMS OPENING DAY

Summer Season: Open daily May 1 - August 27,

Monday-Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm-4:00pm.

Living History Farms; Touch, play and engage at each of their three working farm sites. Don't forget to visit the Blacksmith, General Store, Print Shop and Flynn Mansion and Barn. Feel free to bring your own cushion.
Cost: \$15.50 for Adults, \$14.50 for seniors, military and AAA, \$9 for kids (2-12), Free for kids 1 and under.

YOGA UNDER THE STARS

Recurring weekly on Monday until May 22, 2017, 5:30-6:30pm

Science Center of IA & Blank IMAX Dome; Who said looking up at the stars had to be done outdoors? Enjoy a series of yoga classes indoors, in the Science Center of Iowa's Star Theater Planetarium.
Cost: \$10 single pass; \$35 monthly pass

YESS DUCK DERBY

May 6, 12:00pm-3:00pm

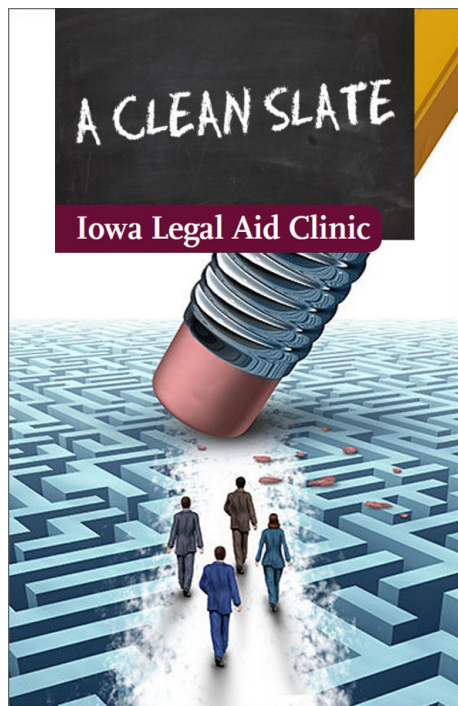
Jordan Creek Town Center; The 10th annual fundraiser helps children find safety and care at YESS, Iowa's largest emergency shelter for kids. Enjoy a family-friendly, fun-filled day with live performances, food samples, activity booths, inflatables, crafts, and other activities for kids of all ages. At 2:00pm, thousands of rubber ducks will race across the lake.
Cost: Free

APPLICATION DAY, HIRING EVENT

May 24, 9:30am-1:00pm

Evelyn K. Davis Center; On the fourth Wednesday of every month, various employers will be onsite to hold mock and open interviews for interested applicants. Job developers will be available to assist with preparing professional resumes, and Men on the Move will also be onsite to make sure you are dressed to impress.
Cost: Free

REFILLING THE GAS TANK TO LIFE'S JOURNEY: IOWA LEGAL AID CLINIC



When inmates leave prison, they are faced with two choices. There is a choice to go back to their old lifestyle or start a new productive life. On any journey, one needs a full tank of gas to reach their destination. However, many times, individuals with a criminal background are left with an empty gas tank due to the

barriers they face beyond incarceration.

Due to the increasingly large number of individuals being released from correctional facilities, the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families has recognized that there is a lack of resources and support systems for such individuals. Finding employment and suitable housing are some of the main barriers presented, while others might struggle with obtaining a valid driver's license due to remaining court debt.

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Even more disturbing is the data presented regarding the number of arrests for people of color compared to their white counterparts. Racial disparities stem from a number of causal effect that lead to a disrupt in society as a whole, preventing men and women alike from a real chance at sufficiently becoming functioning members of society.

Like a domino effect, racial profiling, inadequate preparation for a defensive attorney, and unjust plea

bargains all contribute to a disconnect with minority employment. These disproportionate effects greatly influence the amount of single-parent homes, increased poverty rates, and a decrease in educational attainment.

Through rigorous work with collaborating agencies and having many meaningful meetings, The Evelyn K. Davis Center has developed a guided plan to help these individuals learn about resources available in the community, connect with local community-based organizations, and help themselves reintegrate into today's society. Whether the individual is interested in finding employment, getting connected with educational opportunities, or building on their current assets, the Re-entry Program will assist individuals with achieving greater success.

Currently, the Evelyn K. Davis Center is working with Iowa Legal Aid to hold a free, legal clinic for those looking for legal advice on how to overcome the various barriers to self-sufficiency. The Iowa Legal Aid Clinic will serve to resolve such barriers for those individuals who may have juvenile cases, acquittals, dismissals, or deferred judgements on their record. Eligible candidates will receive free, one-on-one assistance by a legal representative from Iowa Legal Aid during the clinic.

For more information or to see if you or a loved one is a qualified candidate, please call the Evelyn K. Davis Center at 515-697-7700.

PREP: PROFESSIONAL READINESS & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Some things stay the same and some things are ever evolving. Such is true for the Secrets to Success Program at the Evelyn K. Davis Center. The Center recognized the need to tweak and transform the program into what is now the Professional Readiness & Employment Program (PREP).

In PREP, individuals will learn the skills to sufficiently interview for jobs and maintain a steady career. Participants will learn techniques from HR professionals, define their strengths, gain confidence through mock interviews, and much more.

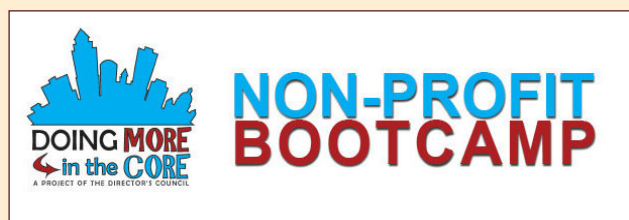
Graduates of the program will walk away not only with confidence but with a professional suit or business attire for their interview, a portfolio and industry-specific resume, a flash drive and a gas card.

The five-week course will roll out on May 31 on Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at 801 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA Register at: evelynkdaviscenter.org/pages/prep.aspx



For more information about PREP please call Katherine Harrington at 515-697-1470.

NON-PROFIT BOOTCAMP



This free, six-week workshop brings nonprofits to their next level of success by providing education and access

to expertise. Each week, participants will hear from an expert on topics key to nonprofit success, including:

- Grant writing
- Marketing
- Mission and vision
- Assembling a board
- Accounting and taxes

Participants also have the opportunity to workshop these topics for their own organization with the help of industry experts and successful nonprofit leaders.

Dates: Workshops will be held on Wednesdays (May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21 and June 28).

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm (dinner provided).