

# FSS NEWS

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 12, 2008**. Registration for students new to the Jefferson County Public School District will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, August 4 and 5, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at all Jefferson county public elementary, middle, and high schools.

For more information on school assignment, parents should call Demographics at 485-3050; for more information on health requirements, parents should call Health Services at 485-3387; and for more information about early childhood program, parent should call Early Childhood at 485-3919.

## NEW BOOSTER SEAT LAW EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2008

An ACT relating to booster seats.  
Amend KRS 189.125 to require that a child under age 7 years between 40 and 50 inches in height be secured in a child booster seat; amend KRS 189.990 relating to penalties for traffic offenses to require that a courtesy warning be issued for a first violation of the booster seat requirement; require that child restraint seat and booster seat fines are not subject to court costs, additional costs, or fees; require that seat belt violations are not subject to additional costs or fees; amend KRS 186.574 and 431.452 to conform.

(Information obtained from [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov))

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# Financial Skills Class Schedule

## ECONOMIC LITERACY OUTREACH PROJECT(ELOP)

(Center for Women & Families—927 South Second Street)

(Center for Women & Families —4303 West Broadway)

Course #	Course	Monday <u>6-8 @ CWF(2nd St)</u>	Wednesday <u>12-2 @ CWF(Broadway)</u>	Saturday <u>10-12 @ CWF(2nd St)</u>
ELOP #3	Intro to Banking & Savings Options	8/4/08	8/6/08	8/9/08
ELOP #4	Understanding Credit & Managing Debt	8/18/08	8/20/08	8/23/08
ELOP #5	Predatory Lending	9/8/08	9/10/08	9/13/08
ELOP #6	Insurance & Auto Purchase	9/22/08	9/24/08	9/27/08

**\*\*LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED\*\***—**For clarity purposes, we have listed the policy to prevent any confusion on what “late arrival” means.** Per LMHA request, CWF has set a specific ELOP clock to the time on WHAS News. To ensure that class begins at the designated time, CWF will stop allowing participants in 5 minutes before class time. This will ensure enough time for attendees to enter the building, be escorted to the classroom and get settled before class begins. To help you manage time efficiently, the article below has been provided; please take the time to read it. It is important to remember that inappropriate comments or behaviors at ELOP classes will be reported and addressed. The CWF is a respected partner of LMHA and it is expected that participants remain respectful to CWF staff and their agency. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.

**\*\*You MUST sign in to get credit for your attendance\*\***

**\*\*CHILDCARE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT ANY LOCATION\*\***

Sponsored by Louisville Metro Housing Authority (article adjustments submitted by Nicole Lyons)

## The Importance of Being On-Time

Being late matters and being chronically late can have serious consequences. It can hurt you on the job, at school and in the Family Self-Sufficiency program.

Here are a few tips to avoid being late.

1. A meeting or class that starts at 10:00 a.m. means you should be in the meeting or class room and ready to begin by 10:00 a.m. If you are pulling up to the building, parking your car, at the front door or on the elevator at 10:00 a.m. you are already late.
2. People who are usually on-time are usually early. If your goal is to walk into your meeting or class at its scheduled start time you have left no room for any delays. You should plan to be 10 to 15 minutes early to every meeting or class. If everything goes well and you are early, bring a book or something to work on.
3. Eliminate the delays that you can control yourself. Don't take that last minute phone call, have gas in your car, have everything together before you leave such as car keys, bus pass, money for bus or parking, and meeting materials. And most importantly know ahead of time where you are going.
4. Add time for unexpected or unavoidable delays. If several things come up each time you tell your family you are out the door, start to leave that much earlier. Add some time for unexpected traffic delays and trouble finding a parking spot.
5. Don't wait for the last class or the last moment to take care of something important. That way if you do experience an unavoidable delay, there is still time in the future to meet your obligation.

Not only will being early or on-time make you a star employee, student or FSS participant, it will also alleviate a lot of stress. And that will make you feel better.

Article submitted by Dan Farrell

# Family Self-Sufficiency Participants

Congratulations to [Lashea Brown](#) who graduated from the FSS Program and purchased a home. Good luck with all of your future goals.

Congratulations to [Deana Wade](#) and [Norris Haley Jr.](#) on their completion of ELOP workshops.

Congratulations to [Demetria Weston](#) on her employment at Quest Laboratory.

Get well wishes to [Roger Payne](#).  
(Russell Hughes)

Congratulations to [Yolanda Coleman](#) for receiving the John T. Outstanding Academic Scholarship. She had a 3.4 grade point average.

(Anissa Brady)

Congratulations to these July FSS graduates: [Michelle L.](#); [Kimberly J.](#); [Toya McDonald](#); [L.M.](#); and [Veronda Woodford](#). You've all done great things, with more ahead. Your futures are bright—keep up the good work!  
(Sandy Schardein)

Captain D's has a new team member, [Cornnielia Sherrell](#). Congratulations on your new job!

(Kathy Phillips)

Congratulations to karate champion, [Nathan Patterson](#), who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in weapons at the Bluegrass Nationals tournament, and 4<sup>th</sup> place at the U S Open. Nathan is a member of the Black Tiger Marshall Arts Academy and his mother, [Feona Hayes](#), is very proud of his achievements.

(Kathy Phillips)

*Great Job*

*Congratulations*

## GOAL SETTING IS THE KEY

Congratulations to [Demetra Foster](#) on graduating with high honors from National College of Business in May 2008. She won the Mary P. McGurn Award and she earned an associate degree in Administrative Office Professional.

(Kathy Phillips)

Congratulations to [Kemberly Gibson](#) on her many accomplishments. In the last few years, Kem has earned a high school diploma, completed the IDA program, the homeownership program, purchased a home in Park DuValle and maintained full time employment as a CNA. What a great example for everyone!!

(Kim Johnson)

Congratulations to:

[Shavonda Simmons](#) for graduating from the FSS Program and purchasing a home.

[Cherrie Liggons](#) for graduating from the FSS Program and purchasing a home.

[Lachelle Philpot](#) for completing supervisor training on her job.

[Marla Powell](#) for completion of GED courses. She will take the test in August

[Kendra Wright](#) for graduating from JCC with Associate in Photo Journalism

(Deborah Bailey-Roberts)

## Legal Aid offers free legal clinics

- WHAT: FORECLOSURE CLINIC**
- WHEN:** Thursday, July 31, at 11:00 AM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.
- WHAT: BANKRUPTCY SEMINAR**
- WHEN:** Thursday, July 31, at 2:00 PM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Legal Aid attorneys will be on hand to walk clients through the process of filing for bankruptcy. The seminar will cover issues such as required documentation, credit counseling, and the hearings that occur in bankruptcy cases.
- WHAT: FORECLOSURE CLINIC**
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 7, at 11:00 AM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.
- WHAT: FORECLOSURE CLINIC**
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 14, at 11:00 AM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.
- WHAT: DIVORCE CLINIC**
- WHEN:** Friday, August 15, at 10:00 AM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out all of the necessary paperwork to file for a divorce.
- WHAT: FORECLOSURE CLINIC**
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 21, at 11:00 AM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.
- WHAT: FORECLOSURE CLINIC**
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 28, at 11:00 AM
- WHERE:** Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.).
- PURPOSE:** Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.

The Legal Aid Society provides free civil legal services to low-income families and individuals facing serious threats to their physical and economic well-being. Those assisted include the elderly, children, victims of domestic violence, and other vulnerable groups. For more information visit Legal Aid's website: [www.laslou.org](http://www.laslou.org).

# SUMMER HEAT RELIEF

In order to qualify, you must have a medical condition that makes it necessary for you to have a fan or air conditioner, and your income must be 125% of the federal poverty guideline or below. **The program will accept applications from June 9 through August 29, 2008.**

**Your application must include the following items:**

- **Completed Medical Form**
- **Photocopy of your Picture ID**
- **Photocopy of proof of your home address (utility bill or lease, etc.)**
- **Photocopies of social security cards or official documentation with social security numbers for yourself and all household members**
- **Photocopies of proof of the previous month's income for yourself and all household members. Examples of proof of income include pay stubs (for the entire month), your current food stamp letter, or social security letter. Your income must be 125% of the Federal Poverty Guideline or below to qualify.**

**Once your doctor has completed the Medical Form, you may return it to one of our CAP offices (810 Barret Avenue or 4810 Exeter Avenue) or to a Neighborhood Place site. You can dial 311 to find the nearest Neighborhood Place site for your address. You have the option to submit the application by mail to the following address:**

Community Action Partnership Summer Heat Relief  
4810 Exeter Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40218

When all information has been received, a Summer Heat Relief representative will contact you by phone to complete the application process. You will be required to provide the following information during the interview:

- Birth dates for all household members
- Type of medical insurance(s)
- Education levels for all household members

Once your application has been accepted, it will be reviewed by a weekly board of medical personnel. If the board approves for you to receive an air conditioner, it will be delivered to your residence. If you are approved to receive a fan, you will be notified and must arrange to pick it up.

**Please call 574-1270 with any questions you have. We hope that the Summer Heat Relief Program can help to meet your needs.**

Sponsored by Louisville Metro Department of Housing & Family Services, Community Action Partnership

# KentuckianaWorks One-Stop Career Centers

**We offer FREE Career Assistance & FREE Job Training, for those who qualify.**

**Metropolitan College, CREW Center**

**Jefferson Education Center**

200 West Broadway, 9th floor  
 Louisville, KY 40202  
 Phone: (502) 213-4520  
 Fax: (502) 213-4523  
 Monday & Thursday, 9:00 –5:00  
 Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:00 – 6:00  
 Friday, 9:00 – 12:00

**Office of Employment & Training**

6th & Cedar, 600 West Cedar Street  
 Louisville, KY 40202  
 Phone: (502) 595-4131  
 Fax: (502) 595-4623  
 Monday & Tuesday, 8:00 – 5:00  
 Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 – 4:30  
 Friday, 7:30 – 12:00

**Jewish Family & Vocational Services**

3587 Dutchmans Lane  
 Louisville, KY 40205  
 Phone: (502) 452-6341, Ext. 106  
 Fax: 452-6718  
 Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 – 5:30

**JCTC, Southwest**

Student Community Building  
 Louisville, KY 40272  
 Phone: (502) 213-7376  
 Fax: (502) 933-9401  
 Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 5:00  
 Friday, 8:30 – 12:00

**Riverport**

6900 Riverport Drive, Suite B  
 Louisville, KY 40258-2851  
 Phone: (502) 933-3045  
 Fax: (502) 933-3047  
 Monday – Thursday, 8:30 – 5:00  
 Friday, 8:30 – 2:00

**Nia Center**

2900 West Broadway, Suite 100  
 Louisville, KY 40211-1279  
 Phone: (502) 574-4100  
 Fax: (502) 574-1197  
 Monday – Thursday, 8:30 – 5:00  
 Friday, 8:30 – 2:00

**Call us toll-free 1-877-639-7559 (877-NEW-SKLZ)    Visit [WWW.kentuckianaworks.org](http://WWW.kentuckianaworks.org)**

**FREE** Career Services

***Call us to see if you qualify!***

**FREE\*** High-Demand Job Training



## Attention Section 8 Homeowners

If you are behind in your mortgage payment, I highly recommend that you attend one of the clinics offered by Legal Aid Society. Prospective clients must meet federal poverty guidelines. A reservation is required. Please contact the Legal Aid Society at (502) 584-1254 to make your reservation.

Submitted by Nicole Lyons

## GED To Healthcare

GED to Healthcare will put you inside a major hospital network and increase your prospects of getting a good job in your field. Plus, after 90 days of employment, you will be eligible to participate in the "Scholars Program" which provides college tuition aid!

### Requirements and program information:

- You must have TABE Scores of 6 or higher in reading and math.
- You must be 18 years of age or older.
- Perfect attendance and participation in class are required to complete the program.
- The completion of class is not a guarantee of a job — it's a guarantee of an interview and an opportunity.
- To participate, you must fill out an application and have it signed by your GED instructor or career planner.
- Persons with felonies or misdemeanors (theft or violence) need not apply.
- The next class will start on **August 18, 2008.**
- Sixteen students will be accepted into the class, but if you don't make it this time, don't give up! More classes are planned for the future.

**Call Lana Zusstone at 569-6019 or visit [www.workforcetraining4u.com](http://www.workforcetraining4u.com) for more information.**

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## Professional and Work Development Training

Mabel Wiggins Investment Center

1411 Algonquin Parkway

### Classes

**August 18, 2008 — August 22, 2008**

**Monday-Friday, 10:00 am –2:30 pm**

To sign up call Lana Zusstone at 569-6019

Space is limited.

**\*\*High School Diploma or GED is required\*\***

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## Summer Youth Bus Pass

The cost of TARC's Summer Youth Bus Pass is \$30 and it's valid for unlimited rides on all TARC routes seven days a week beginning May 15 and continuing through Aug. 31. The pass can be used by children ages 6 to 17 within TARC's five county-service area including Jefferson, Bullitt and Oldham counties in Kentucky and Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana.

**TARC's Summer Youth Pass will be on sale at the following locations:**

TARC Customer Service Center in Union Station, 1000 W. Broadway

Nia Center, 2900 W. Broadway

All Fifth Third Banks

Clarksville Library, 1312 Eastern Blvd, Clarksville, IN

Jeffersonville Township Library, 1303 Plank Road, Jeffersonville, IN

Louisville Free Public Library, 3rd & York

## Kindergarten Countdown

### School-readiness and educational events free for kids and parents

Parents and families may enroll their children in the countdown by registering at any of the 17 Louisville Free Public Library locations. Each student will receive a free "I'm Going To Kindergarten" T-Shirt.

During the summer, several free events are planned for countdown students including:

The program culminates with the **Kindergarten Countdown Fair on Tuesday, August 5 at Louisville Slugger Field from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Students and an adult will receive free admission to the Louisville Bats game.

Students will also receive information about immunizations, health screenings and skills children should know before they start kindergarten. Students will also be able to meet teachers and tour a school bus. Local law enforcement authorities will prepare identification badges for children.

Kindergarten Countdown is a partnership between the city, JCPS, Metro United Way Success By 6, the Louisville Free Public Library and the Making Connections Network.

## Partners in Promoting Family Self-Sufficiency

Louisville Metro Department of Housing & Family Services  
Division of Human Services  
Operation Self-Help/Family Self-Sufficiency  
810 Barret Avenue 3rd Floor  
Louisville, KY 40204  
Fax: (502) 574-6171 or 574-5548

Louisville Metro Housing Authority  
Special Programs / Family Self-Sufficiency  
801 Vine Street 3rd Floor  
Louisville, KY 40204  
Fax: (502) 587-1994



## To Apply For the FSS Program

If you live in public housing  
or scattered site,  
call Dan Farrell  
at 569-6902.

If you have Section 8  
rental assistance,  
call Amber Goddard  
at 569-6933.

FSS News is published monthly for and about participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

If you wish to contribute information about yourself, your children or community resources, contact your case manager or Legina Stoner at 574-1965. The deadline for the next issue is Friday, August 15, 2008.