

**Conexiones Latinas  
Cuatro Condados Unidos  
Jefferson-Walworth-Rock-Dodge**

***The mission of Conexiones Latinas is to inform and educate the Hispanic community of the services available in the counties of Dodge, Jefferson, Rock & Walworth.***

For those of you who don't read Spanish, but have an interest in what *Conexiones Latinas* is all about, we will be including a brief summary in English of the articles included in the newsletter. If your organization would like to submit an article or other information for publication in future editions of *Conexiones Latinas* feel free to do so. Information which is time specific should be submitted at the beginning of the quarter **PRIOR** to the quarter in which your event will take place. Publication dates for the year are January, April, July, and October. We want *Conexiones Latinas* to work for you, so let us hear about your organization, upcoming events and information of interest to our community.

Information should be written and ready for publication when it is submitted. If possible, submit the information in Spanish. If this is not possible, you may send it in English and it will be translated by a *Conexiones Latinas* volunteer. Submit information to:

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**July/August/September 2020**

**COVID-19**

Learn about COVID-19: Mild or serious cases can put the lives of your coworkers, neighbors and loved ones in danger. Symptoms are listed. What to do if you have symptoms is answered. Call your doctor. Emergency warning signs are listed. Ways to protect yourself are listed. Things to do to stay healthy at home are listed.

**Cubiertas de la cara – Face coverings**

Tips for covering your face are listed, as well as the DHS web-site with instructions on how to make a cloth face covering.

**La Importancia... The Importance of the Census 2020 Data**

The 2020 Census data will determine each state's representation, how hundreds of billions of Federal funding will be distributed each year, and it will provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. Visit [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) to fill out the Census. It's fast and easy. Completing the questions takes about 10 minutes. It is safe, protected and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected. Do it today!

**5 Formas... 5 Ways to Light Up your Child's Brain**

Parents – you are your child's first and most important teacher!  
Positive, early interactions with children light up their brains and build the foundation for learning and success for years to come. Here are five simple actions that will help to build your child's brain anytime.

**Look** -Children use their eyes to learn. See what catches your child's attention and talk about it. Or connect eye-to-eye, then smile, chat, hug, or make funny faces!

**Chat** - Children's brains light up when you talk, sing, or make sounds back and forth with them. Chat about your day, food, and what's around you, or string sounds together for a fun conversation!

**Take Turns** -Children learn from taking turns when you play, talk, or explore. After they go, take your turn. Then repeat: they go, you go, they go, you go!

**Follow** - Young children learn best when you follow their lead. Tune into your child's words, sounds, movements and ideas! Then respond with your own words and actions.

**Stretch** - Children's brains grow strong when you help them stretch their learning further. Keep a moment going: ask your child a question that starts with what, when, where, how or why! Start brain building today! Visit [talkreadplaywi.com](http://talkreadplaywi.com) for more information and resources.

### **211 – Help begins here!**

If you need help with any problem, call 211. They can connect you with thousands of governmental or non-profit services in your area. If you want personal help, call 211 or 877-947-2211. Services are available 24/7/365. Spanish is spoken.

### **Sus Derechos... Tenant's Rights during COVID-19**

Governor Evers issued a temporary ban on evictions in Wisconsin from March 27 through May 26, 2020 due to the Covid-19 public health crisis. If you are a tenant in Wisconsin, you have important protections and rights even during the Covid-19 health crisis.

This is what you should know:

- An eviction in Wisconsin must be authorized by the court and carried out by the Sheriff's Department to be a legal eviction. A landlord cannot evict a tenant on his own, physically remove him or block the entrance to his home, or cut off any utility (water, heat, electricity) to force him to move.
- You should not withhold 100% of your rent or you will risk being evicted. When paying rent, being a day late or a dollar short can trigger an eviction action. You should speak to an attorney if you have problems with the landlord that make you want to stop paying the rent.
- During the temporary eviction ban in Wisconsin, a landlord was not allowed to issue eviction notices to a tenant, unless the tenant posted a threat to the safety of another person. If you are a tenant and received a 5 day notice, a 14 day notice, a 28 day notice, or other notice asking you to move during that time period, that eviction notice may be invalid and you may have a defense against an eviction. You should consult a housing attorney about this.
- Rent is still due during the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are unable to pay rent due to Covid-19 related reasons, such as a job loss, talk to the landlord about a payment plan. Financial assistance for rent is available. Call 2-1-1 or contact the Social Development Commission at 414-906-2700 for information on how to apply for financial assistance.
- If you are a tenant and live in subsidized housing, receive Section 8 rental assistance, or rent from a landlord with a federally backed mortgage, you are STILL protected under federal law until July 25, despite the fact that Wisconsin's eviction ban has ended. Under this law, landlords cannot charge you for failing to pay rent or evict you for failing to pay rent and other charges.
- If you think you are being evicted or threatened with an eviction, call a housing attorney for help. Legal Action attorneys are available to advise low-income or older people about their rights. Get more information at [www.legalaction.org](http://www.legalaction.org) or call us at 855-947-2529.

### **8 Cosas... 8 Things All Voters Should Know About Voting by Mail and Early Voting in Wisconsin**

1. No excuse is necessary. Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot from their Municipal Clerk.
2. Voting by mail is easy and convenient.
3. Voters can submit their requests via Internet at the website My Vote, or by contacting their Municipal Clerk.
4. Prepare ahead. Make your request early and before the deadline.
5. You should include a copy of your photo ID with your request to the Municipal Clerk.
6. If you ask for an absentee ballot, you will also receive instructions for how to complete the ballot.

7. Your completed ballot must be received no later than 8 pm on Election Day.
8. You can vote in person before the election in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Dates and times vary, so contact your Municipal Clerk for your options.

#### **Jefferson County Head Start...**

Registration is happening now – Head Start of Jefferson County is a federally sponsored, school readiness program for children of all abilities ages 3 – 5 years. Full day pre-school for 3 – 4 year olds. Half day pre-school for 3 – 5 year olds. Full day 4K for 4 – 5 year olds. Limited transportation is available.

#### **Clinica Gratuita... Open Arms Free Clinic**

Open Arms Free Clinic is a non-profit, community-based organization with a mission of understanding and compassionately serving the health and well-being of uninsured residents of Walworth County. To qualify you must be a resident of Walworth County, without insurance and with an income of less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Services that ARE provided include: Medical - primary care, lab work, medications and consultations. Support services – dental, vision and counseling. Patient support and coordination of medical care. Services that ARE NOT provided include: casts, emergency care, prenatal and obstetric care, consultations for pregnancy or abortions, childhood immunizations. All services are free for patients that qualify. Appointments are necessary because our providers are volunteers. In 2020 our goal is to extend services to a larger population that needs access to dental care. For more info call 262-379-1401 or visit the website [www.OpenArmsFreeClinic.org](http://www.OpenArmsFreeClinic.org)

#### **Change the date for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo @ PremierBank to September 12**

#### **Lidiando con los Desafios... Dealing with the Challenges of COVID-19**

Covid-19 has brought many challenges in health, family, education, travel, communication and in our financial lives. In the US we have seen people fired, suspended hours, reduced hours, or losing jobs entirely. No matter what you are facing, don't panic, we are all going through this together and we will get through it together. A suggestion for dealing with finances in these times is to make a list of your expenses individually, and then mark them - postpone, eliminate, reduce, or maintain. Postponing a home remodel or a trip at this time will save money. Eliminating a gym membership that you don't use or a magazine subscription that you don't read helps too. Reducing costs like eating out or on-line purchases is another way to save. Some bills have to be paid, like rent, food or utilities and you have to keep up on those.

At this time there are many scams regarding Covid-19. Some of these include: promises of stimulus money, false cures for the coronavirus, technical support scams, on-line government-issued coronavirus tests, risk-free investments, fake emails, fake loan sites for small businesses, and donation scams. Be careful with any of these.