

Starting Point

Starting Point is designed to help women ages 18 and older in the areas of financial planning skills, empowerment, and career planning that will lead to further education and/or a new career. Women will gain the necessary skills to go to college, learn how to network and access available resources, meet other women with similar life experiences, gain confidence and build self-esteem, and learn how to manage finances and relationships. This program is open to mothers and women without children. Women must be a resident of Outagamie, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca, or Winnebago County.

Fall 2026 Dates & Times

Appleton: 9/9/26 to 12/2/26, Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Childcare Provided

Oshkosh: 9/12/26 to 12/2/26, Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00pm, Childcare Provided

Virtual: 9/9/26 to 12/2/26, Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, No Childcare

Spring 2027 Dates & Times

Appleton: 2/10/27 to 5/12/27, Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Childcare Provided

Oshkosh: 2/13/27 to 5/12/27, Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Childcare Provided

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"Starting Point has helped me build skills I didn't have and to sharpen skills I already had."

Women Will Learn

"I felt like I had some control over my life and where it was going."

Time Management

Self-Esteem

Goal Setting

Community Resources

Empowerment Topics

Career Development

Study Skills

Assertiveness

Healthy Relationships



Grants available for moving forward with education without financial stress.



FVTC ID available for free busing on GO Transit.

"Starting Point has helped me plan a way to go back to school and provide for our family."

Children Will Learn

This program has helped me learn all the resources within FVTC, to help as I go back to school. It has even given me the help I need in my personal life.

Sharing With Others

Early Literacy

Resiliency

Recognize Feelings and Emotions

Child Development Topics

Age Appropriate Activities

Making Good Choices

Exploration Through Play

Listening Skills

Discipline Strategies

Mothers will learn

Parenting Resources and Referrals

Why would I want to take this workshop?

- Free, no cost educational opportunity
- Support System for you and your child
- Direct access to one on one support with FVTC
- All school fees for admission are waived (\$45 value)
- Give your children a healthy environment to thrive
- Gain support from other parents

"I have really bad anxiety and self-doubt. This program made me feel more comfortable entering a new transition. I wanted to go back to school but did not know where to start or who to ask for help. I feel that now I have a better view on where I want to see my future go."



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To find out if you are eligible and have a staff member contact you, fill out this survey: www.fvtc.edu/StartingPoint