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## 2016 SECTION 8 HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM ORIENTATIONS

All orientations will be held at  
Wyoming Public Library  
3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming  
Orientation Dates/Times:  
5/17/16, 2:00 p.m.  
8/16/16, 2:00 p.m.  
12/20/16, 2:00 p.m.

For complete program  
information:  
616/450-4825  
[grhousing.org/homeowner.html](http://grhousing.org/homeowner.html)

## FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Head Start for Kent County  
offers a high-quality preschool  
program for children ages 3-5.  
Half-day and full-day programs  
are available as well as...

- Family support
- Transportation (in most areas)
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Child health and development screenings
- Accommodations for children who have disabilities

For more information:  
Phone: 616/453-4145  
Website: [www.hs4kc.org](http://www.hs4kc.org)



GRAND RAPIDS  
HOUSING COMMISSION  
Family Self-Sufficiency Program  
1010 Sheldon Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
616.235.2893

## 15 Fun, Affordable Family Activities from [grkids.com](http://grkids.com)



*The Critter Barn in Zeeland offers animal education and hands-on activities.*

1. Explore art at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. General admission is FREE on Tuesdays all day, and on Thursdays from 5-9 p.m. More information: [www.artmuseumgr.org](http://www.artmuseumgr.org)
2. Pre-crawlers and pre-walkers can enjoy fun tummy time for FREE at Grand Rapids Gymnastics every Tuesday. More information: [www.grgymnastics.com](http://www.grgymnastics.com)
3. Go roller skating! The Kentwood Fun Spot, Byron Fun Spot and Jumpin' Jupiter Skate Center all participate in Kids Skate FREE all year! Bring your own skates, or pay a small fee to rent them.
4. Build something at Lowe's Build and Grow Clinic or Home Depot's Kids' Workshops. The events are FREE, but pre-registration is required.
5. Observe the stars at the Carr-Fles Planetarium in Muskegon. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays through June, they are featuring the programs Solar Superstorms and Supervolcanoes. More information: (231) 777-0289.
6. Walk the catwalk at the Kent County Recycling and Education Center and see what happens to your bottles, cans, jars and paper after they leave your house! Open Mondays 1-5 p.m.; tours are FREE and open to all ages. More information: (616) 632-7940.
7. Bring your favorite doll to American Girl Night at Barnes & Noble's Grandville location. The event takes place once each month. More information: (616) 531-1825.
8. Visit your local Kent District Library and enjoy one of their FREE events. More information: [www.kdl.org/events](http://www.kdl.org/events)

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## Affordable Family Fun *(continued)*

9. Stop inside Krispy Kreme when the red “hot light” is on for a FREE doughnut and watch doughnuts being made (scheduled tours are available upon request). More information: (616) 464-1630.
10. Watch planes take off and land at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Viewing Area. Bring a sack lunch and take advantage of their provided picnic tables.
11. Experience the Meyer May House, a meticulously restored Frank Lloyd Wright prairie house, complete with original furnishings. More information: (616) 246-4821.
12. The Critter Barn in Zeeland offers lots of animals for your little ones to delight in. There is no set admission, but free-will donations are encouraged. More information: [www.critterbarn.org](http://www.critterbarn.org)
13. Grand Rapids Civic Theatre will offer a FREE performance of “Awesome Allie, First Kid Astronaut” June 4, 2 p.m., as part of the Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts. More information about the festival: [www.festivalgr.org](http://www.festivalgr.org)
14. Enjoy the great outdoors at the Calvin Ecosystem Preserve, which offers 40 trailed acres that are open to the public to explore. Trails are open 7 a.m. – dusk. More information: [www.calvin.edu/academic/eco-preserve](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/eco-preserve)
15. Enjoy a FREE concert courtesy of the Kentwood Summer Entertainment Series. Concerts are offered every other Thursday at 7 p.m. from June 2 through August 11 at the Kentwood Library. The series will also offer FREE movies. More information: [www.ci.kentwood.mi.us/recreation](http://www.ci.kentwood.mi.us/recreation)

## MSU Offers Free Financial Management Series

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension will offer a “Dollar Works 2” Money Management Series on May 18, 23 and 25, 1-3 p.m. at Kent County MI Works, 121 Franklin Street SE in Grand Rapids.

Dollar Works 2 is a personal financial education program that provides participants with information and tools on how to manage their financial resources, achieve goals and increase financial stability. Topics covered include making money decisions, creating and managing spending plans, the importance of savings and investing, and credit use and paying off debt.

The Dollar Works 2 series is free, but pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, contact: Jinnifer Ortquist, email: [ortquisj@anr.msu.edu](mailto:ortquisj@anr.msu.edu); phone: (616) 632-7874.

## ICCF Offers Free Home Maintenance Workshops

ICCF offers numerous hands-on workshops that enable participants to recognize a home maintenance problem and fix it themselves.

All workshops are free of charge. ICCF requires that participants complete its “Introduction to Home Ownership” class prior to enrolling in Home Maintenance Workshops.

Classes are held at ICCF, 920 Cherry Street SE, in Grand Rapids.

Upcoming classes:  
Landscaping Part 1, May 14, 6-9 p.m.  
Landscaping Part 2, May 21, 6-9 p.m.

For more information about the Introduction to Home Ownership Class or the Home Maintenance Workshops, please call ICCF at (616) 336-9333, extension 320.

## Congratulations FSS Program Graduates!



*Spring Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduates celebrate during a special event at Sheldon Apartments.*

Congratulations to our spring Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduates:

Patient Baraka	Clarence Fleming	Karen Jones
Rebecca Belbot	Michelle Franklin	Madusu Jarbateh
Marilyn Broyles	Carissa Gill	Jackie Johnson
Nikia Bryant	Cyerra Green	Juanita Ligon
Waleeda Clark	Delores Green	Christine Scott
Tanya Ezell	Ebony Harris	