Key Community Resources When There is a Developmental Concern

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Learning Objectives

- Be familiar with key community resources when there is a concern about a child’s development
- Know what community referrals should be made after a concerning developmental screening result

Resources Every Parent and Provider Should Know

- Established statewide system for resource information, assistance, and referral
- Formal (state or county) programs
- Informal and family-to-family supports

WI First Step

www.infoandreferralcenter.org

WI Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/resourcecenters

- Free and Confidential information and assistance
- Identifying resources and supports
- Problem-solving based on individual questions
- Consultation about health insurance/coverage
- Navigating programs, services, barriers
- Follow-up to ensure need was addressed
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Formal Programs

- Early Intervention Program (WI Birth to 3)
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Wisconsin Medicaid Program
- Family Support Program

Public Education:
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

- WI Birth to 3
  - From birth up to age 3
  - Administered at county level
- Early Childhood Special Education
  - From age 3 to 6
  - Administered through local school district

When to Refer

- Parental concern
- Physician concern
- Or concerning screening result

Don’t “Wait and See”

- No diagnosis or physician referral required for early intervention or early childhood services
- Each program does own developmental evaluation to determine program eligibility

Medicaid
http://dhs.wi.gov/medicaid

- Katie Beckett Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS)
- Home and Community-Based Waivers

Family Support Program
http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/fsp

- Information and help finding services
- Maximizing community resources
- Limited funding for services and goods not covered by other sources
- Strengthening natural supports
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Family Voices of Wisconsin
www.wfv.org/fv

Welcome
Family Voices of Wisconsin is a statewide network of families of children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities and those who work on their behalf. The support families through education, training, and leadership opportunities so that families can be effective and informed navigators of their child’s system of care.

Family Voices of Wisconsin also works to inform and educate health care providers, local, state, and national policy makers and administrators about issues that affect children and youth with special health care needs.

Family Voices of Wisconsin is an affiliate of the national Family Voices (www.familyvoices.org) and we are the home to Wisconsin’s Family to Family Health Information and Education Network.

We work closely with the Regional Centers for Children with Special Health Care Needs around Wisconsin to make sure families find the resources they need.

WI FACETS
www.wifacets.org

“Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) is a nonprofit organization serving Wisconsin children and adults with disabilities, their families and those who support them. We were founded in 1995 by parents who believed that parents are the best advocates for their children. WI FACETS operates the [several] programs to help parents, professionals and others support and enrich the lives of children with disabilities.”

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin
www.p2pwi.org

Family Support Groups
www.asw4autism.org

Autism Society of Wisconsin
Toll-free (WI only): 1-888-4-AUTISM
(1-888-428-8476)

Seven local chapters across Wisconsin

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- Questions answered by expert on topic
- Response within 2-3 weeks

Viewing at a live training?
- Organizer shares questions with Training Team

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