Don’t Know Who to Call? 
Start Here!!!
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1-800-532-3321
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For additional copies contact the Waisman Resource Center 1-800-532-3321 or download at www.waisman.wisc.edu/cshcn
Human Services

- Adams County Health and Human Services Department (608)-339-4055
  - Adult Long Term Support Program
  - Birth to Three
  - Children's Long Term Support Program
  - Foster Care
  - Public Health Department: Low cost, MA billable Immunizations, lead testing, fluoride supplements, child passenger safety seat grant program
  - HRC: Women, Infants, and Children: Supplemental food and nutrition program
  - General Information

- Family Connectors
     - Advocacy/Benefit/Legal Services
       - ARC for Health, Inc. Benefits counseling and health related legal services... (608)-805-4622
       - The ARC Wisconsin Disability Advocacy Association: Support services, group leaders, expert guidance, intake assistance. Information and referrals for persons with disabilities: (608)-877-2040
       - (CAPP) Client Assistance Program: Assistance in disputes with DVR... (608)-862-1290
       - CVRP: Disability Rights Wisconsin: Protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities... (608)-928-4778
       - Family Voices WI: Training, information and advocacy by/for families... (608)-883-5669
       - Legal Action of Wisconsin: Legal services for low income individuals and families. Family Law... (608)-926-1182
       - Wisconsin Center for Blind and Visually Impaired... (608)-832-9784
- Community-Inclusive/Long Term Support
  - (DVR) Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: State employment training program. Eligible individuals may receive vocational evaluation and training and job placement assistance. (608)-442-3477
  - Faith in Action: Interfaith volunteer caregiver program for people with long term health care needs... (608)-339-0504
  - Midstate Independent Living: Consumer driven services to promote full community participation. Services include: health benefits counseling, assistance technology, peer support, and advocacy... (608)-382-8484
- Stress, Crisis Hotlines, Community Resources
  - Adams County Learning Center... (608)-546-1255
  - Adoption
    - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse... (608)-909-0091
    - Lutheran Social Services... (608)-866-7189
    - Wisconsin Adoption Information Center... (608)-702-8063
  - Family Center and Shelter... (715)-421-1511
  - Family Resource Connection: Support, resources, and information with another parent who has been there... (608)-365-7500
  - Friendship Connections: Social support group for individuals with mental illness... (608)-302-0070
  - Hope House: Domestic Violence Hotline and Family Center and Shelter... (608)-548-6790
  - Northwest Connections: Emergency mental health services... (608)-966-3464
  - Promise Neighborhood: A grant program to help with the educational needs of the community... (608)-339-9959
  - Project Director... (608)-339-3213, ext.1022
  - Southern Regional Center for CYSHCN: Waisman Center... (608)-532-3321
  - United Way First Call for help
  - Wisconsin Family Ties: Advocates who provide support groups, peer mentoring, and training for children/youth with mental, behavioral, or substance abuse disorders... (608)-422-7145

Education/Children's Services

- Children’s Services
  - Childcare: Information & Referral... (715)-425-4114/1-800-628-8534
  - Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs: (608)-332-3320
  - CompassWisconsin: Threshold: Doorway to apply for children’s long-term support services including the children’s waiver, autism treatment services, Katie Beckett, and Family Support... www.compasswisconsin.org... (608)-263-7961
  - Early HeadStart/HeadStart/Learning Centers: Individual parent support services to eligible pregnant or parenting families with children up to 5 years... (608)-564-1225
  - First Steps: An information and referral service to assist Wisconsin families and providers working with children and youth with special needs... (608)-802-7837

Education: Partnerships and Support
  - (CESA)-Cooperative Educational Service Agency: Provides training to families and assists districts (every school district is connected with a CESA)... (608)-441-4163
  - CESA 5 (Adams County): www.cesa5.112.wi.us... (608)-742-8811
  - DPI (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction): Special Education Team: Information on public education for children with special needs... (608)-441-4163
  - (FACTS): Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, and Support: Provides free information and assistance to families concerning parent and student rights and opportunities in education... (608)-374-4677
  - (WATI) Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative: Maintains lending library of assistive technology devices. Provides training and consultation... http://www.wati.org
  - (WSWE) Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative: Parent liaisons that work with families, educators, and school districts through the CESAs to promote positive partnership and free consultation to families of children with special educational needs... (608)-784-4945

Education: Public School Administrative Offices
  (Administration numbers are listed below. Call and ask for the special education office)
  - A.F School Administration... (608)-339-3213
  - Nekoosa School Administration... (715)-886-8000
  - Wisconsin Dells Administration... (608)-254-7769

Mentoring/Education Programs for Youth
  - Bridges for Youth... (608)-339-9309
    - B.R.I.C.K.S. (Building Resiliency in Central Wisconsin Kids): Mentoring program serving children on school grounds or school based activities in 4th-8th grades. Bridges for Youth Alternative Education Program: Educational program for students grades 6-12 who have been removed from the traditional school setting. It includes tutoring from 2-part time teachers, part time social worker, and several part time drivers.
    - C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Family Group: Evening group meeting offered twice a year to children and families experiencing family discord.
    - CST (Coordinated Services Teams): Family-licensing families with children with behavior disorders and/or other complications that threaten the family's ability to maintain the family in the child’s home.
    - T.C.Y.C. (Tri-County Youth Connections): Mentoring program for youth referred to Human Services Departments who have experienced juvenile delinquency issues that impact the family in a negative manner.

Friendship Alive: Alternative Learning Integrating Vocational Education. A grant-based career education which works with 20-25 high risk students in grades 6-12. Includes job shadowing, core academics, social and employability skills.
  - LINC (Learning in New Channels): Unique opportunity to 20 high school second semester seniors and seniors who have been unsuccessful in the traditional high school setting... (608)-339-5108

Financial

- Clothing, Food, and Household
  - Food Pantry: Mobile food pantry once per month... (608)-339-0273
  - Practical Gifts Thrift Store- Clothing... (608)-339-2728

- Employment Services
  - Job Center of Adams County... (608)-339-9559
  - Mid-State Technical College... (608)-339-3739

- Health Coverage/Assistance
  - ACCESS Quick and easy way to see if you might be able to get help through Wisconsin's health & nutrition...https://access.wisconsin.gov/access... (608)-794-5556
  - Health Insurance Marketplace -- www.healthcare.gov... (608)-318-2596
  - Katie Beckett: A way to obtain Medicaid for children with disabilities... (608)-263-7861
  - Medicaid (Medical Assistance, M.A., Title 19, BadgerCare Plus, Katie Beckett, 55. HealthCheck): Recipient Information: Information about eligibility, rights, covered benefits, providers, problems with bills, etc. for those with Medicaid... (608)-362-2002
  - Medicaid Ombudsman: Assistance with appeals, complaints, billing problems etc. for Medicaid HMO enrollees... (608)-760-0001
  - Prescription Assistance... (608)-339-4055
  - Long term support - Equipment, supplies, home modifications... (608)-339-4050
  - Veterans Benefits... (608)-339-4221
  - SSP (Supplemental Security Income): Monthly income and Medicaid insurance... (608)-772-1213

- Housing Assistance
  - Central Wisconsin CAC: Rent assistance for low income families... (608)-254-8353
  - Housing Authority... (608)-339-6696
  - Habitat for Humanity... (608)-339-4430
  - Renewal Unlimited: Transportation... (608)-742-5239

- MTC: Rides or mileage reimbursement through M.A. for medical appointments... (608)-907-1493

Health Care Services

- Dental Care: See MATC Dental clinics for cleanings, x-rays, check-ups. $4 any pay for adults, children free... (608)-1-800-DENTURES
  - Family Health Medical and Dental Center... (608)-942-5330
  - Mountain Dental Center, Adams and lincoln county residents -- MA, sliding fee... (608)-847-6700

- Medicaid recipient: To help locate a dentist... (608)-362-3002

- Home health care
  - Gemini: Personal Care Services... (608)-339-4492
  - Northland Home Health... (608)-296-3811 or 1-800-854-5767
  - Northstar... (608)-339-7600

- Preferred Home Health... (608)-547-5624

- Hospitals/Clincs Associated with HMCOs
  - Alapraus Doctors Clinic, Wisconsin Rapids... (715)-423-0122
  - Mile Bluff Clinic, Mauston... (608)-847-5000
  - Mountview Clinic, Friendship... (608)-339-6350
  - RiverValley Family Clinic Locations
    - Wisconsin Rapids... (715)-421-7474
    - Nekoosa Clinic... (715)-886-2100
    - Lakes Area Clinic... (715)-325-8300
  - Mental Health
    - NAMI (National Alliance for Mentally Ill-Wisconsin): Provides information to persons affected by mental illness and serves as advocates on a state and national level... (608)-296-3373
    - Private Mental Health Providers
      - Marshfield Clinic... (715)-387-5442
      - Northmount Community Services... (608)-339-4144
      - Northwest Journey... (920)-309-0119
      - Transitions... (608)-745-1751