Information and Assistance:
Wisconsin Resource Center is home to one of the five Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN), part of a statewide network that provides free and confidential information and assistance to parents of CYSHCN and the professionals who work with them. We will help to answer your questions and connect your family to resources, services and supports.

Planning for Adulthood:
Youth ages 14-21 with disabilities and their families can receive help with planning for the transition to adulthood. Activities include moving from pediatrician to adult health provider and community living. Resources include Aging and Community Living. Resources include Aging and Resource Centers (ILC.)

At-Home Support:
Supports and services designed to help families care for their child in the home and community setting are available for children who are at risk of out of home placement and quality. These include: home health care by nurses, personal care assistants, equipment, respite, family supports and services for individuals with disabilities.

Parent to Parent Support:
Peer support offers a unique kind of natural support that can only result from sharing similar experiences. Informal and formal support opportunities between families may be found by contacting CYSHCN for health care issues, WSEP for special education issues, and the Wisconsin Family Fails for mental health issues. See the page titled ‘Statewide Information, Resource Roadmap’ for contact information.

Health Care Coverage:
Medicaid programs help eligible children and adults with disabilities pay for medical care. Each program has different eligibility criteria that need to be assessed at the time of application. Programs include BadgerCare Plus, SSD, Katie Beckett, and Children’s Long Term Support Waivers. Children and young adults may also be covered by private insurance because of a job or coverage through a parent’s insurance.

Mental Health and Crisis
With early detection and appropriate treatment chances are excellent that children with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders can lead productive lives. Seeking help for your child can make a real difference in your child’s overall health and well-being.

Child care:
Childcare resource and referral agencies are located throughout Southern Wisconsin. Supporting Families Together Association will direct you to the closest program in your area.

Infants and Young Children:
Early intervention services, through the Birth to 3 Program, are available in every Wisconsin county for children who meet eligibility criteria. Birth to 3 professionals work in partnership with parents to help children with developmental delays grow, learn and communicate.

Special Education:
All public schools are required to provide special education and related services to children who are eligible. The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) is the federal special education law that covers children ages 3 through 21. If the team of parents and school staff agrees a child is eligible, the team will create a written plan of services called an Individual Education Program (IEP) to determine how to best support the child.

Respite:
Respite care provides families with a qualified caregiver and a break from 24 hour care responsibilities and is a needed resource for most families with children and youth with special health care needs.

Department of Health and Human Services:
Counties provide access to long-term supports and services for eligible children and adults experiencing cognitive, physical and emotional disabilities. Programs that can help fund identified needs include: Family Support, Children’s Waivers, Community Options Program (COP), Community Integrations Program (CIP). Note: There are waiting lists for these programs so it is important to get your child’s name on the waiting list as soon as possible.

When You Don’t Know Who to Call, Call Us!
1-800-532-3321
Southern Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, at the Waisman Center

For additional copies contact the Waisman Resource Center 1-800-532-3321 or download the PDF at www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/products.php

Resource Roadmap
A variety of organizations provide recreation activities and are listed on the other side.

Training and Advocacy:
State and local agencies provide information and assistance for families on how to best understand, protect and advance the legal, human and service rights of children and youth. Resources include legal assistance, help with an IEP and health benefits counseling. Parent training parents learn about legal, human and service rights of children and youth.

Childcare:

Recruitment: Children and adults with disabilities benefit from sports, social and recreational activities.

2015 Resource Roadmap
Front: description of variety of types of services and supports. Back: listing of specific names and contact information.