Childcare and Respite:

Childcare resources and referral agencies are located throughout the Southern Region. Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin will direct you to the closest program in your area. 608-723-3400/800-267-1018  www.familyconnectinsw.com

Respite care provided 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.

Birth to Three Program:

This is an program for children who may need extra help with catching up to other children their own age in mobility and speech. Free screenings and evaluations. Parents are part of the team and help decide what your child may need.

Lafayette County Health Department:

The Lafayette County Health Department provides community health services based on health promotion, disease prevention and education. It also provides environmental health, immunizations and maternal child home visits.

When You Don't Know Who to Call, Call Us:

1-800-532-3321
Southern Regional Center for CYSHCN

Special Education:

Special Education is a set of school programs that have been developed to meet the educational needs of children with learning or emotional disabilities. Usually the school will determine if a child needs special education during the Individual Education Program (IEP) process. Each school district will have a designated Special Education contact person. Contact your district with questions.

Health Care Coverage:

In Wisconsin there are various ways to meet eligibility criteria for Medicaid (Medical Assistance) programs such as BadgerCare Plus, SSIs and Katie Beckett. These programs help pay for medical care for eligible children and youth with special health care needs. Each eligibility category has different criteria; some are based on parent income and assets and others are based on the child’s unique needs and the level of care required to live at home.

Advocacy and Parent Training:

State and local agencies provide information and assistance for families looking for information on how to best understand, protect and advance the legal, human and service rights of children and youth. Examples include legal assistance, help with an IEP and health benefits counseling. Parent training groups help parents learn about resources and how to be a good advocate for their children.

Other Community Resources:

Many organizations are geared to a specific special need or are inclusive of all children. For examples see “Lafayette County Resources” on the back side of this document.

Lafayette County Human Services:

Lafayette County Human Services is an umbrella agency that houses many of the Children and Families programs. Each program is described on this map.

24 -Hour Information Hotlines:

Wisconsin First Step
1-800-642-7837
www.mch-hotlines.org/firststep.html
A statewide 24-hour information and referral service with trained parents of children with special health care needs and professional counselors who are available to talk over concerns, answer questions and identify resources to meet a caller’s needs. Some topic areas include housing, recreational activities, community centers, transportation, domestic violence, energy assistance and support groups.

Recreation:

Many children and adults with disabilities benefit from sports and recreational activities. Families frequently seek out recreation that they can enjoy with all members of their family. A variety of organizations provide recreation activities and are listed on the other side.

Planning For Adulthood:

Children ages 14 to 21 with disabilities and their families can receive help with planning for the transition to adulthood. Activities include moving from school to work and community living. Examples of these include WI Division for Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Independent Living Centers (ILC).

Family Support Program:

This program recognizes the needs of children with severe disabilities may cause families emotional, physical and financial hardship. The program provides goods and services to help families meet the extraordinary care needs of children with severe disabilities.

Waisman Resource Center 1-800-532-3321
www.waisman.wisc.edu/cshcn/