**Information and Assistance:**
Waisman 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.

1-800-532-3321/ 608-265-8610/ www.waisman.wisc.edu/cyshcn/
Help is available - Call with questions!

**Planning for Adulthood:**
Youth ages 14 to 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 exploring opportunities in education, work and community living. Resources include Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Independent Living Centers (ILC).

**Health Department:**
Public Health services include prenatal care coordination, local immunization clinics and home visits by public health nurses. Some local Public Health Departments provide school health nursing consultation, family planning services, home care, environmental health services and the WIC nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women and their children.

**Transportation:**
Families can receive help with transportation for medical and non-medical destinations. Sometimes a family must pay privately and sometimes this is publicly funded depending on each individual situation, location, insurance and the transportation service’s policy.

**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, SSI, 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.

**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.

**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.

**County Human Services Department:**
Sauk County Human Services Department provides access to long-term supports and services for eligible children and adults experiencing cognitive, physical and emotional disabilities. Programs include case management, respite services and other in-home, after-school and out-of-home supports.

**Recreation:**
Children and adults with disabilities benefit from sports, social and recreational activities. 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 resources and how to be a good advocate for their children.

**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

**Welcome To Sauk County**
Please use this map as a guide on the road to finding services for your child or youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) or disability, age 0-21.

**Resource Roadmap**
Front: description of variety of types of services and supports.
Back: listing of specific names and contact information.
Wisconsin Statewide Resources

ABC for Health, Inc. - a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to helping low income families access health care with special needs - 1-800-555-4222

The Arc-Wisconsin Disability Association - advocacy, support groups, training, information and referral for persons with cognitive disabilities - 1-877-722-8400

Birth to 3 - Wisconsin’s Early Intervention (IDEA-part C) program for children under age 3 with a developmental delay - 1-800-642-7837

(CESA) Cooperative Extension Service Agency - provides leadership, coordination and education services to districts - ces.wisconsin.edu - 1-888-441-4563

(DWBI) Disability Rights Wisconsin - provides protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities in Wisconsin - 1-800-928-8778

(DPI) Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: Special Education Team - information on public education for children with disabilities - dpi.wi.gov/speclm Speedway - 1-800-441-4563

(WBPI) Wisconsin Department of Vocational Rehabilitation - employment training program for individuals with disabilities living in communities - www.wifacets.org - 1-800-442-3477

(FACETS) Wisconsin Family Center for Education, Training, and Support. Provides information and training and support regarding parent and student rights and opportunities for education - www.wfcenter.org - 1-877-374-0311

Family Support Program - provides information about services and resources, funding and linking with other families - www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/Http/tip - 1-800-642-7837

Family Voices of Wisconsin - a grassroots training, information and advocacy network of families w/ focus on policy and budget - www.fvwf.org - 1-608-220-9958

Head Start/Early Head Start - child-development program for children (0-6) of low-income families, 10% of children enrolled have special needs - 1-800-642-8679

(IEC) Wisconsin Independent Living Centers - consumer-driven services to promote full participation in society of persons with disabilities. Services include: health benefits counseling, assistive technology, peer support and advocacy - www defaulted.org - 1-800-422-2295

Legal Action of Wisconsin - non-profit agency providing legal representation to low-income people and others - www.legalwisc.org - 1-888-360-3904

(NAMI) National Alliance on Mental Illness - Wisconsin - provides crucial information to persons affected by mental illness - www.wisnami.org - 1-800-236-2988

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin - provides one-to-one connection with another parent who has similar experience and who knows firsthand what families and realities that come with having a child with special needs - www.nmp.org - 1-888-266-0028

Repose Care Association of Wisconsin - promote, support and expand quality respite care resources across the lifespan for families - www.reposicare.org - 1-866-702-7229

Social Security - financial benefits (SSI, SSDI) for children meeting income and asset eligibility criteria - www.ssa.gov - 1-800-772-1213

Supporting Families Together Association, (formerly CCR&R) - network of community-based child care resources and referral agencies - www.supportingfamilies.org - 1-888-713-5437

(WAID) Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative - volunteer network of assistive technology (AT) consultants providing training and support within Wisconsin educational settings - www.waids.org - 1-800-832-9784

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ODHH) - program/resource for people with hearing loss and their families. TTY-Amplified telephone distribution. Equipment demonstration and loan network list - dhs.wisconsin.gov/odhd - 608-424-7722, 1-800-424-7722

Wisconsin Department of Disabilities Board - established to advocate on behalf of individuals with development disabilities, foster welcoming and inclusive communities, and improve the disability service system - www.wdwb.wi.gov - 1-888-332-1677

Wisconsin Family Fairs - network of Family Advocates who provide support groups, peer mentoring, training, advocacy, information and referral for families that include children and youth with mental, emotional, behavioral or substance abuse disorders - www.wisfam.org - 1-888-332-1677

Wisconsin First Step - 24 hour information and referral service to assist Wisconsin families who have children with special needs - www.widehc.org - 1-800-642-7837

Wisconsin Radio Resources for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) - a network of information and assistance services so families of children/youth with special health care needs and providers have access to information, resources, and support - www.wiscacentral.org - 1-800-422-7145

(WPFD) Wisconsin Statewide Parent Education Initiative - parent liaison organizations that work with families, educators and school districts through the CESA’s to promote positive partnership and free connections to families of children with special needs - des.aes.wi.gov/spedparent/home - 1-877-844-4925

HEALTH COVERAGES

Access Wisconsin - online tool to apply for help through Wisconsin’s health & nutrition programs and other assistance - access.wisconsin.gov - 1-866-265-4102

Beatie-McKee for Medicaid for eligible for other Medicaid programs because of income/assets requirements - 1-866-265-4102

Medicaid (Medical Assistance, MA, Title 19, BadgerCare Plus, Beatie-McKee, SSI, HealthCheck) Recipient Hotline - information about eligibles, rights, covered benefits, providers, problems with bills, etc. for those with Medicaid - 1-888-760-0061 - 1-888-760-0061

Medicaid Only - assistance with appeals, complaints, billing problems etc for Medicaid/MH enrollees - 1-888-760-0061 - 1-888-760-0061

WIC Nutrition Program - food and education for pregnant and nursing women; food formula for young children; breastfeeding support - www.wic.wi.gov/wic - 1-888-722-2295

Sauk County Resources

(Note: Phone numbers are either in the 608 area code or are toll-free)

Local Parent Support Groups

Autism Society of Greater Madison - 213-8519

Epilepsy Foundation (information services, for children with any type of epilepsy, including seizures caused by a wide range of disabilities including parent groups, social activities for kids, social events for siblings) - 608-442-5555 - 1-866-657-4929

Family Support / Birth to Three Advisory Committees (advisory committee for parents of children that participate in the Family Support Program) - 1-800-642-7837

Madison Area Down Syndrome MADD - 692-7653

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - 1-800-574-4001

Parent Training and Support

Access to Independent Living (AIDL) - 1-800-876-2929

Camp Waupaca/Easter Seals Respite Camp (week/weekend camp for children with special needs) - 254-8319 or 1-800-422-2234

Madison School and Community Recreation - inclusive programming and adaptive sports/skiing - 204-3020

Special Olympics, Wisconsin - 221-2900

Wheelchair Athletics (basketball, hockey, sports camp, etc.) - 221-2900

Winners on Wheels (service club for children using wheelchairs) - 221-2484

Special Education: Partnerships for Support

CESA Cooperative Educational Service Agency - 1-800-660-3420

CESA 4 (Winnebago School District) - 1-800-514-3075 or 786-4800

CESA 5 (Reedsburg, Baraboo, Sauk Prairie and Wisconsin Dells School Districts) - 1-800-862-7275 or 742-8811

Early Childhood Programs (ages 0-3 with special needs)

Public Services District Administrators Office - 1-800-660-3420

Baraboo... 355-3918

Reedsburg... 524-2174

Sauk Prairie... 643-2488

Spring Green... 588-2557

Stress, Crisis and Mental Health Intervention

AODA - St. Clare Center... 1-800-433-2888

Sauk County Human Services (mental health services available on a sliding fee scale; information and referral to other local mental health providers; child abuse; neglect and elder abuse reporting) - 1-866-533-5692

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services:

- Centro Hispano/ Madison (bilingual services, youth programming) - 255-3018

- Hope House... Baraboo... 1-800-584-6790

- Wausau Area Services - 1-866-236-7696

- Passages/Richland Center... 1-800-236-4325

- runaway/Youth Services: Brier Patch/Madison... 1-800-798-1126

- Homeless Help Line... 24 hour helpline/emergency shelter... 1-888-472-8526

Traffic Transportation for Medical Appointments

- Emergency - after hours with Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus... 866-907-1493

- Abby Van (specialized transportation)... 1-800-234-8987

- Midstate Vanlines Express... 1-800-463-3826

- Wheels of Independence (specialized)... 1-844-721-8781

- Interfaith Volunteer Network (not wheelchair accessible)... 454-3586

- The Bus (public transit service within Sauk County)... 1-800-850-3533 or 352-3787

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