Who can I call when I have questions or need help?

Western Regional Center
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

www.co.chippewa.wi.us/ccdph/cyshcn  |  800-400-3678

The Regional Centers offer free, confidential help to find information, identify services, connect to community resources, and navigate health care and service systems. The Regional Centers help to answer your resource questions about children and youth with special health care needs, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), including:

- Early identification and screening
- Diagnosticians
- Therapy providers
- Health care benefits and waivers
- Paying for what you need
- Respite and child care options
- Educational support and special education
- Recreational opportunities
- Support groups for parents, siblings, or individuals with ASD
- Transition to adult health care

The Western Regional Center serves children up to the age of 22 in the counties of Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Washburn.

Wisconsin First Step
Provides a 24-hour information and referral hotline, and an online resource database, for families and providers working with children and youth with special health care needs, including Autism Spectrum Disorders.

www.mch-hotlines.org
800-642-7837

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Chippewa Valley Autism Society (CVAS)
Provides advocacy, support and information to individuals and their families, caregivers, professionals and communities throughout the Chippewa Valley.
www.cvaswi.webs.com
715-835-7602

WWAACC Western Wisconsin Autism Advocacy & Consulting Center, Inc.
Empowers, educates and supports families, caregivers, educators, and service providers of children with ASDs and provides resources and information.
www.wwaacc.org
715-381-8454

Department of Public Instruction
Provides autism specific training and information for parents and school personnel.
www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/autism.html
608-266-5194

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin
Provides the opportunity to connect one-on-one with a parent of a child with a similar special need.
www.p2pwi.org
888-266-0028

Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI)
Serves parents, educators, and others interested in parent-educator partnerships for children with disabilities. Parent liaisons are available.
www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html
877-844-4925
Can I learn more in person?

Autism Society of Wisconsin offers state and regional conferences for parents and professionals  
www.asw4autism.org

“Circles of Life” is designed for families of children with disabilities and special health care needs and the professionals who support them  
www.circlesoflifeconference.org

“Children Come First” Upper Midwest Behavioral Health Conference is designed for families and providers caring for and working with children with mental, emotional or behavioral disorders  
www.wifamilyties.org

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Family Voices of Wisconsin offers “Did You Know? Now You Know!” trainings on how to navigate health care and community supports  
www.fvofwi.org

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support (WI FACETS) offers trainings on a variety of education and special education issues (some trainings by phone)  
www.wifacets.org

Where can I find basic information about autism?

American Academy of Pediatrics  
www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism

Maternal and Child Health Knowledge Path on ASD  
http://www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp_autism.html

National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke  

ASD Video Glossary  
www.firstsigns.org/asd_video_glossary/asdvg_about.htm

Autism 101: An Online Course (Autism Society of America)  
http://support.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_course

Autism Internet Modules  
www.autismininternetmodules.org

Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders: An online course  
www.waisman.wisc.edu/autismpdc/foundation.php

Sound Advice on Autism (AAP)  
www.aap.org/audio/autism

Should I be concerned about how my child is developing?

Learn more about developmental milestones and signs of developmental delay

www.actearly.wisc.edu

What if I have concerns about my child’s development?

Talk to your child’s doctor about your concerns, AND contact one of Wisconsin’s programs that support child development

Wisconsin Children’s Services Program
Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program (children birth to 3 years)  

Children’s Long-Term Support Waivers (children birth to 22 years)  
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/clts/waiver/family/index.htm

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (children 3 to 22 years)  
Contact the school district serving your neighborhood  
www.dpi.wi.gov/schldist.html

Wisconsin Head Start/Early Head Start Programs (children birth to 5 years in low-income families)  
www.whsaonline.org/about-head-start

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