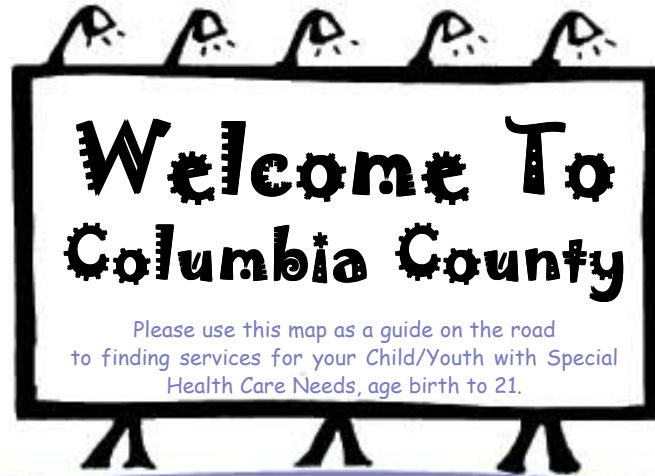




If you can't find what you are looking for, call the **Waisman Resource Center** at 1-800-532-3321

www.waisman.wisc.edu/cshcn/

Waisman Resource Center is home to the Southern Regional Center for CYSHCN, one of five Wisconsin Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs that are a part of a statewide network providing free and confidential information and assistance to parents of children and youth with special health care needs and the professionals who work with them. Wisconsin Regional Centers are dedicated to meeting families' needs through information, referral and follow-up, parent-to-parent support and service coordination, through local Public Health Departments and other community agencies.



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Childcare and Respite:

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

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 cyschn.

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 qualify. These include home health care by nurses, personal care assistants, equipment, respite, family supports and services for individuals with disabilities.



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.

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.

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, WSPEI for special education issues, and Wisconsin Family Ties for mental health issues. See the page titled 'Statewide Information, Referral and Advocacy Resources' for contact information.

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Health Care Coverage:

In Wisconsin there are various ways to meet eligibility criteria for Medicaid (Medical Assistance) programs such as BadgerCare Plus, SSI 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.

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.

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. Services include evaluation and assessment, special instruction, therapy services and family centered service coordination. Birth to 3 staff work with parents to develop an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) which is based on priorities and goals for the child and family. Before children reach age three, Birth to 3 staff help with transitions to early childhood education programs or other appropriate services.

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. Examples of these include WI Division for Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Independent Living Centers (ILCs).

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.

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 mean all the difference in your child's overall health and well-being.

Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):

Provides access to long-term supports and services for eligible children and adults experiencing cognitive, physical, developmental, 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, however it is important to get your child's name on the waiting list as soon as possible.)
 In addition, Columbia County Division of Public Health provides immunization clinics, HealthCheck, WIC and prenatal care coordination.



Resource Roadmap for Columbia County is the product of a collaborative effort between the Southern Regional Center for CYSHCN and the Family Support Advisory Committee of Columbia County. Concept originally developed by the FOR U staff at the Chippewa County Health Department.

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Statewide Information, Referral and Advocacy Resources

For Families of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Southern Wisconsin

ABC for Health, Inc. - benefits counseling and legal services for families with children who are having problems financing healthcare www.safetyweb.org	1-800-585-4222
The ARC-Wisconsin Disability Association - advocacy, support groups, training, information and referral for persons with cognitive disabilities www.arc-wisconsin.org	1-877-272-8400
Birth to 3 - Wisconsin's Early Intervention (IDEA-part C) program for children with special needs under age 3 http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/birthto3/index.htm	1-800-642-7837
(CAP) Client Assistance Program - information and assistance to individuals who have a dispute with DVR www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/cap.htm	1-800-362-1290
(CESA) Cooperative Educational Service Agency - provides training to families and assists districts http://dpi.wi.gov/cesa.html	1-800-441-4563
(DRW) Disability Rights Wisconsin - provides protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities in Wisconsin www.disabilityrightswi.org/	(voice/TTY) 1-800-928-8778
(DPI) Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: Special Education Team - information on public education for children with special needs http://dpi.state.wi.us/	call 1-800-441-4563 and ask to be connected to local district's number
(DVR) Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - state employment training program for individuals with disabilities living in the community. Eligible individuals may receive vocational evaluation and training and job placement assistance www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/	1-800-442-3477 / TTY 1-888-877-5939
(FACETS) 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 www.wifacets.org/	1-877-374-4677 / TDD: 414-374-4635
Family Support Program - Provides information about services and resources, limited funding and linking with other families http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/fsp.htm	1-800-642-7837
Family Voices of Wisconsin – A statewide grass roots training, information and advocacy network of families whose children have disabilities or special health care needs www.wfv.org/fv/	1-888-835-5669
(ILCs) 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 http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/Physical/ILCs.htm	1-800-642-7837
Legal Action of Wisconsin - non-profit agency providing legal representation to low-income people and others www.legalaction.org	1-800-362-3904
Head Start/ Early Head Start - child-development program for children (0-6) of low-income families, 10% of children enrolled have special needs www.whsonline.org	1-608-442-6879
(NAMI) National Alliance on Mental Illness- Wisconsin – provides crucial information to persons affected by mental illness and their families and serves as their advocate on a state and national level http://www.namiwisconsin.org/	1-800-236-2988
Parent to Parent of Wisconsin - provides the one-to-one connection for parents new to having a child with special needs, experiencing a time of stress or simply seeking support, resources and information with another parent who has been there www.p2pwi.org/	1-888-266-0028
Respite Care Association of Wisconsin - promote, support and expand quality respite care resources across the lifespan for families www.respitecarewi.org/	1-866-702-7229
Social Security - financial benefits 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.together.org/	1-888-713-5437
(WATI) Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative – maintains lending library of assistive technology devices; provides training and consultation; provides evaluation of students related to assistive technology www.wati.org/	1-800-565-8135
Wisconsin Developmental Disabilities Board, formerly (WCDD) - provides training and advocacy resources www.wcdd.org/	1-608-266-7826
Wisconsin Family Ties – 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.wifamilyties.org/	1-800-422-7145
Wisconsin First STEP – 24-hour information and referral service to assist Wisconsin families who have children with special needs www.mch-hotlines.org	1-800-642-7837
Wisconsin Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) - a network of information and assistance services so all families of children and youth with disabilities or special health care needs and providers have access to complete and accurate information: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/resourcecenters/index.htm	1-800-642-7837
(WSPEI) Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative - parent liaisons that work with families, educators and school districts through the CESA's to promote positive partnership and free consultation to families of children with special educational needs http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html	1-877-844-4925

HEALTH COVERAGE

ACCESS – quick and easy way to see if you might be able to get help through Wisconsin's health & nutrition and other programs	https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/
Katie Beckett - a way to obtain Medicaid for children not eligible for other Medicaid programs because of income/assets requirements http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/kbp/index.htm	1-608-266-3236
Medicaid (Medical Assistance, M.A., Title 19, BadgerCare Plus, Katie Beckett, SSI, HealthCheck) Recipient Hotline – information about eligibility, rights, covered benefits, providers, problems with bills, etc. for those with Medicaid	1-800-362-3002
Medicaid Ombudsmen – assistance with appeals, complaints, billing problems etc. for Medicaid HMO enrollees.....	1-800-760-0001
WIC Nutrition Program – food and education for pregnant and nursing women; food/formula for young children; breastfeeding support http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/	1-800-722-2295

Columbia County Resources for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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

Advocacy

ARC- Columbia County	742-0260
Community Coordination for Children	1-800-750-5437
Disability Rights Wisconsin (<i>protection and advocacy for individuals with disabilities</i>)	267-0214
Faith Inclusion Network (<i>assists faith communities to include and empower people with disabilities and their families</i>)	836-1455
Legal Assistance	see Statewide Resources

At-Home Support (Respite, Personal Care, Resources)

Divine Savior Home Health (<i>home health and personal care</i>)	745-6400
Energy Services (<i>energy assistance</i>)	742-4088
Home Health United (<i>home health and personal care</i>)	742-6583
Northwoods Inc. (<i>serving individuals with disabilities</i>)	742-7114
Portage Food Pantry (<i>M-W 11-Noon, TH 5-6 pm</i>)	742-3774
REM (<i>home health and personal care</i>)	745-0585
South Central Respite	745-0000

Child Care/Preschools

Columbia County child care/preschool certified provider list	742-9227
Before and After School Program	742-4244
Community Coordinated Child Care	1-800-750-5437

Columbia County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Columbia County Division of Public Health (<i>immunization clinics, environmental health, nutrition program, communicable disease control, prenatal care coordination, well-water testing, fluoride supplements, public health nurse walk-in services</i>).....	742-9227
Family Support, CIP, COP, Children's Autism Waiver	742-9227
Food Share (<i>food stamps</i>).....	742-9227
HealthCheck (<i>for Medical Assistance recipients ages birth-21</i>). Columbia County Division of Health.....	742-9227
Cambria Clinic.....	920-348-5114
Columbus Clinic	920-623-9611
Portage Clinic	742-7164
Medical Assistance	742-9227

Early Intervention for Infants and Young Children

Beyond the Boundaries of Autism	920-795-4183
Birth-to-3 (<i>service coordination and therapy for children 0-3 years of age</i>)	742-9227
Columbia County Health and Human Services	742-9227
Family Resource Center (<i>play groups for children</i>)	742-8482
Great Lakes Autism and PLAY Project (<i>Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters</i>)	617-9930
Head Start/Columbia County (<i>child-development program for preschool children from low-income families</i>).....	742-5329
Integrated Development Services	441-0123
Wisconsin Early Autism Project	288-9040

Education: Partnerships and Support

(CESA 5) Cooperative Educational Service Agency	742-8811
FACETS (<i>serves children & adults with disabilities, their families and those who support them</i>)	824-8755
Madison Area Technical College- DRS (<i>disability resource services</i>).....	1-800-322-6282
Special Education: Public School Districts' Administrative Offices Cambria-Friesland: ...920-348-5656 Portage:	608-742-359
Columbus:	920-623-5950
Fall River:	920-484-3326
Lodi:	608-592-3851
Pardeeville:	608-429-2153
Portage:	608-635-4341
Poynette:	608-635-4341
Randolph:	920-326-2425
Rio:	920-992-3012
Wisconsin Dells:	608-254-2468

(WSPEI) Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (<i>parent-educator partnerships for children with disabilities</i>)	1-877-844-4925
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Health Resources

For Emergencies	call 9-1-1
Divine Savior Hospital	742-4131
Immunization Records http://dhfs.WIR.org	742-9227
Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin	742-1551
Substance Abuse Hotline	1-800-QUIT-NOW

Housing

Renewal Unlimited	742-5329
Community Action Council	742-3320
Columbia County Health and Human Services	742-9227
St. Vincent de Paul (<i>crisis housing</i>)	742-5513
Salvation Army (<i>crisis housing</i>).....	1-800-849-9733

Information and Referral

Access to Independence (<i>Independent living</i>).....	242-8484
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs- Waisman Resource Center (<i>resources, training, support</i>)	1-800-532-3321
WI First Step (<i>24-hour information & referral service</i>)	1-800-642-7837

Job Training and Placement

DVR Division of Vocational Rehab	742-4181
Goodwill Industries	742-0616
Job Center – Columbia Co.	742-4181
MATC – Portage	742-3100
Northwoods Inc. (<i>rehabilitation/ employment</i>).....	742-7114
Renewal Youth Services (<i>job training</i>)	745-6703

Mental Health Intervention, Resources and Support

Aspen Family Counseling	742-5020
Columbia County- Psychiatric Disorder Counseling	742-5518
Lutheran Counseling and Family Services	1-800-291-4513
NAMI (<i>information on disorders</i>).....	768-5375
Pauquette Center for Psychological Services	742-5518
Poynette Counseling and Psychotherapy Assoc.	635-2146
Suicide Prevention	9-1-1
Wisconsin Family Ties (<i>information, referral and support</i>)	1-800-422-7145

Parent Support Groups

Epilepsy Foundation	442-5555 / 1-800-657-4929
Family Resource Center (<i>parent education, support groups</i>)	742-8482
Madison Area Down Syndrome Society	692-7653
Autism Society of Greater America	213-8519
Muscular Dystrophy Association	222-3269
United Cerebral Palsy	1-800-574-4001

Parent Training and Support

Family Resource Center (<i>home visits, lending library, workshops</i>).....	742-8482
Parents as Leaders (<i>leadership training for parents of children, six or younger, who have special needs</i>)	1-800-532-3321
Parents in Partnership (<i>leadership training for parents of children, six to fourteen years old, who have special needs</i>).....	1-877-844-4925
UW Extension (<i>family living programs</i>)	742-9686
(CESA 5) Cooperative Educational Service	742-8811

Recreation, Sports and Summer Programs

Camp Phoenix (<i>therapeutic, kids ages 7-17 with epilepsy</i>).....	442-5555
Karate America	742-0064
Pardeeville Gymnastics & Karate Club	429-2070
Ridge Health and Fitness (<i>limit access swimming pool</i>)	742-2348
Special Olympics, Wisconsin	221-2900
Very Special Arts (<i>leisure arts programming</i>)	241-7583
Winners on Wheels (<i>service club for children using wheelchairs</i>).....	242-8484
YMCA-East (<i>adaptive recreational program</i>)	221-1571
Easter Seals (<i>Camp Wawbeek</i>)	1-800-422-2324

Stress and Crisis Resources

American Red Cross	742-3656
Aspen Family Counseling	742-5020
Child Protective Services	742-9227
Columbia Co. Crisis Pregnancy Center	742-0100
Crime Victim Assistance	742-9834
HOPE House (<i>for those living with abuse</i>)	356-9123/ crisis 1-800-584-6790
River Haven (<i>homeless shelter</i>).....	742-7687
Lutheran Social Services	742-4244
Maternal and Child Health Hotline	1-800-722-2295
Neighbors in Constant Care (Columbus only)	1-920-623-4772
Pauquette Center	742-5518
Portage Food Pantry (<i>M-W 11-Noon, TH 5-6 pm</i>).....	742-3774
Runaway & Youth Services	1-800-924-7238
Salvation Army	1-800-849-9733

Transportation

Mid State Medical Express	742-8603 / 1-800-463-3826
City Cab Company	742-6669

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