



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.



Please use this map as a guide on the road
to finding services for your Child or Youth with Special
Health Care Needs, age birth to 21.

2009
Resource Roadmap
Southern Regional Center for Children and
Youth with Special Health Care Needs
(CYSHCN)



Childcare and Respite:

Childcare resource 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.familyconnectinsswwi.org

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.

Iowa County Health Department:

The Iowa 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. Call 935-2810



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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.

SWCAP Head Start:

Head Start is a free child development program for children ages 3-5 and their families. Head Start provides a variety of education, health and family services to enrolled families such as preschool, play groups and home visits. Call 935-2326

Birth to Three Program:

This is an Iowa County Unified Community Services 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. To refer your child, call 935-2776 and ask for the Early Intervention Specialist.

**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.

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. Call 935-9311

Economic Support Program:

This unit of the Department of Social Services provides access to financial and assistance programs such as Social Security, Medicaid, Food Share, energy assistance, and more. Many of these programs have eligibility criteria. The Economic Support Unit staff can help with these often complex governmental programs. Call 935-9311

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. To refer your child, call 935-2776 and ask for the Family Support Coordinator. Located at Unified Community Services, 1122 Professional Drive in Dodgeville

**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.

**Other
Community Resources:**

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

Iowa County Department of Social Services:

Iowa County Department of Social Services is an umbrella agency that houses many of the Children and Families programs. Each program is described on this map. Please contact Iowa County Department of Social Services with questions at 935-9311



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Wisconsin Statewide Resources

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.whsaonline.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.supportingfamiliesaltogether.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

Iowa County Resources

Children and Families

Budgeting Skills (UW Extension).....	935-0391
Child Protective Services.....	935-9311
Child Support-Iowa Co. Social Service.....	935-9311
Family Resource Center.....	935-7300
Head Start.....	935-3379 / (800)494-8899
Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin 723-3400 / (800)267-1018	
Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program.....	935-0391
Wisconsin Shares Child Care.....	935-9311

Clothing

Community Clothes Closet.....	(608)437-5902
Maternity and Infant Clothing.....	935-2326
Thrift Stores:	
Bargain Nooks in:	
Mineral Point.....	987-3774
Darlington.....	776-4665
Spring Green.....	588-7661
Platteville.....	348-4933
Winter Wear for Folks.....	935-0391
The Little Black Dress.....	935-2320

Disability Assistance

Aging Disability Resource Center.....	(608)328-9499 / (800)993-2040
Birth to 3 Program.....	935-2776
Children's Long Term Support Waivers:	
Developmental Disability.....	935-2776
Autism.....	(608)269-1026
Physical or Severe Emotional Disability.....	935-9311
Community Options Program.....	935-2776
Family Support Program.....	935-2776
Katie Beckett –Medicaid.....	(608)265-4102
Southern Regional Center for CYSHCN.....	(800)532-3321
Telephone Assistance for Hearing and Speech Impaired Users.....	(800)395-9877
Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Services.....	935-0806

Education, Training and Job Assistance

Iowa County Job Center.....	935-3116
Iowa County Literacy Council.....	935-7300
Skills Enhancement Program.....	935-2326
Wisconsin Works (W-2).....	935-9311
Workforce Investment Act Program.....	935-3116
Iowa County Taxi.....	553-0590
Hodan Center.....	987-3336

Financial Assistance

Emergency Food and Shelter.....	935-9311
Supplemental Security Income (SSI).....	(800)772-1213
Unemployment Insurance.....	(800)822-5246

Food

Food Buying Club-Share.....	935-2056
Food Pantries	
Barneveld.....	924-8621
Blanchardville.....	523-4943
Dodgeville.....	935-2326
Livingston.....	943-6606
Muscoda.....	532-6553
Spring Green.....	588-2442
FoodShare Wisconsin (food stamps).....	935-9311
School Lunch and Breakfast.....	http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd
WIC Nutrition Program.....	935-2326

Health Care and Insurance

Dental Programs for children.....	935-2810
Donated Dental Services.....	(888)388-6852
Eye Care Programs:	
Sight for Students.....	935-3379
Vision USA.....	(608)842-2200
Eyecare America.....	(800)222-3937
Health Check.....	(800)722-2295
Immunization Clinics.....	935-2810
Mental Health Services.....	935-2776
ABC for Health, Inc.	(800)585-4222
Badger Care/Badger Care Plus.....	935-9311
Healthy Start.....	935-9311
Medical Assistance.....	935-9311

Hispanic Resources

Centro Guadalupe.....	(608)255-8471
Centro Hispano.....	(608)255-3018
National Alliance for Hispanic Health.....	(800)504-7081
Su Familia.....	(866)783-2645
United Migrant Opportunity Services.....	(608)249-1180

Hospitals and Clinics

Upland Hills Health, Inc.....	930-8000
Community Connections Free Clinic.....	930-2232
Reproductive Health Care Center.....	(608)348-9766

Housing and Energy Assistance

Habitat for Humanity.....	935-5386
Home Energy Plus Program (applications).....	935-9311
Home Rehabilitation Assistance Program.....	935-2326
Section 8 Housing Voucher Choice Program.....	935-9593
Tenant Resources.....	(608)257-0143

Legal and Tax Assistance

ABC for Health, Inc.-Benefits Counseling for Children with Special Needs.....	(800)585-4222
Legal Action of Wisconsin.....	(800)362-3904
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.....	935-0391

Schools

Barneveld School District.....	924-4711
Dodgeville School District.....	935-3307
Highland School District.....	929-4603
Iowa Grant School District.....	943-6311
Mineral Point School District.....	987-3924
Pecatonica Area Schools.....	967-2372
Ridgeway Elementary School.....	924-3461
River Valley Elementary (Arena).....	753-2361
St. Joseph's Parochial School.....	935-3392

Substance Abuse Programs

Alcohol and other Drug Addiction Program.....	935-2776
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	935-5896
WisconsinTobacco Quit Line.....	(877)270-7867

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