



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.

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.



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.

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.

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**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.

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.

**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 "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.

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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

Lafayette County Resources

At-Home Support

Community Options Programs (COP): Assists with expenses for individuals with disabilities www.lchsd.org (608)776-4800
Family Support Program: Assists in developing a service plan identifying support needs www.lchsd.org (608)776-4800
Home Health Care: Provides home health care services including nursing care, home health aides, personal care, and chore services
www.lafayettecountyhealthdepartment.org (608)776-4895

Benefit/Legal Services/Advocacy

ABC for Health, Inc.: law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families, particularly those with special needs or who are at risk
www.safetyweb.org (800)585-4222
Legal Action of Wisconsin: provides free legal advice and representation
www.legalaction.org(608)256-3304 / (800)362-3904

Bilingual services

Centro Guadalupe (608)255-8471
Centro Hispano www.chdc.us (608)255-3018
National Alliance for Hispanic Health www.hispanichealth.org . (800)504-7081
Su Familia: Helps Hispanic consumers navigate through the health system
 (866)783-2645
United Migrant Opportunity Services www.umos.org (608)249-1180

Childcare

Childcare Subsidies: Provide financial help in paying for day care
www.jobcenter.org (608)776-4900
Southwest Wisconsin Child Care Resource & Referral
www.swwiccr(608)822-4453 / (800)267-1018
Wisconsin Shares (childcare): Assist in providing help with some of the costs associated with childcare for families with limited incomes
www.lchsd.org (608)776-4800

Clothing, Food, and Household

FoodShare: Benefits can be used to purchase foods necessary for a healthy diet www.lschd.org (608)776-4800
Goodwill www.goodwillscwi.org (608)246-3140
Lafayette County Energy Assistance Program (608)776-4800
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store www.svdpusa.org/Default.aspx (608)965-4518
The Bargain Nook II (608)776-4665
Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program
www.swcap.org (608)935-2326

Community Action

Southwest CAP www.swcap.org(608)935-2326 x 201

Early Intervention

Birth to 3 Program: Service coordination and therapy for children ages 0-3 www.lchsd.org or www.co.lafayette.wi.gov (608)776-4800

Education: Public School Administration Services

***Ask for Special Education Services Office

Argyle	(608)543-3318	Blanchardville	(608)523-4248
Belmont	(608)762-5131	Darlington	(608)776-2006
Benton.....	(608)759-4002	Gratiot	(608)922-6457
Shullsburg	(608)965-4427	South Wayne	(608)439-5400

Education: Supports

Angels of Autism (A-squared): Provides education for families of children with special needs (608)822-4438
ARC-Southwestern Wisconsin-Mineral Point: provides support for people with disabilities, their families, and friends
www.wfv.org/swarc (608)987-3503
Head Start: Provides education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services (608)935-5422

Health Coverage

A.N.G.E.L., Inc. (Autism Network through Guidance, Education & Life): Provides financial assistance for services not covered by insurance or Medicaid
www.angelautismnetwork.org (608)588-2585
Boscobel Area Health Care: Patient Financial Assistance
www.boscobelhealth.com (608)375-4112
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov (800)633-4227
Community Charity Care: Medical bill payment assistance and prescription expense assistance www.monroeclinic.org (608)324-2000
HealthCheck: Provides a preventive health check-up www.deancare.com
 Doctor's Park Physicians–Cuba City (608)744-2767
 Mineral Point Medical Center (608)987-2346
Katie Beckett: A way to obtain Medicaid for children not eligible due to income/assets requirements www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/kbp/ (608)266-3236
Lafayette County Health Department: Public health and immunization services
www.lafayettecountyhealthdepartment.org (608)776-4895
Mental Health Services www.lchsd.org (608)776-4800
Uncompensated Care Program: Medical and dental bill assistance
www.meriter.com (608)417-6000
Veterans Benefits www.WisVets.com/Benefits (800)947-8387

Health Resources

American Dental Association: Assistance in finding a dentist near you
 www.ada.org
Domestic Violence Hotline www.ndvh.org(800)799-SAFE(7233)
Family Advocates: Provide services for victims of sexual assault and family/partner abuse www.familyadv.org (608)482-0852
Sexual Assault Hotline www.rainn.org (800)656-HOPE (4673)
Sight for Students: Offers assistance in finding eye care services for children
 (888)290-4964

Other Information and Referral

ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin-South www.adrcgreencounty.org 608-776-4960
Lafayette County Job Center www.jobcenter.org (608)776-4900
LIFT-SW Wisconsin Transit: Coordinates existing transportation services throughout SW Wisconsin www.swt-lift.org (877)798-5438
Waisman Resource Center: Information and Assistance, including information on clinics and programs www.waisman.wisc.edu (800)532-3321

Parent Support Groups

Family Advocates (608)776-3936 Crisis line: (800)924-2624

Recreation

4-H www.uwex.edu (608)263-1095
Boy Scouts www.blackhawkscouting.org (815)397-0210
Girls Scouts www.girlscoutsofblackhawk.org . (608)276-8500 / (800)236-2710
Easter Seals: Camps for children, adolescents, and adults who have a disability and need one-on-one care www.eastersealswisconsin.com (608)277-8288
Special Olympics Wisconsin www.specialolympicswisconsin.org
 (608)222-1324

Stress, Crisis, and Mental Health

Lafayette County Commission on Aging www.co.lafayette.wi.gov
 (608)776-4888
Lafayette County Human Services www.co.lafayette.wi.gov .. (608)776-4800

Family Planning

Southwest CAP Reproductive Health Care Center: Offers reproductive services based on a sliding fee scale reproductivehealthcarecenter.org
 (877)449-7422
Well Woman Program lafayettecountyhealthdepartment.org ... (608)776-4895

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