



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!



2011 Resource Roadmap

Front: description of variety of types of services and supports.
Back: listing of specific names and contact information



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.

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.

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.

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.



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

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.

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.

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.

Child Care:

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

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.



Wisconsin Statewide Resources

ABC for Health, Inc. - a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children with special needs 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 under age 3 with a developmental delay dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/birthto3/	1-800-642-7837
(CESA) Cooperative Educational Service Agency - provides leadership, coordination and education services to districts 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/	1-800-928-8778
(DPI) Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: Special Education Team - information on public education for children with disabilities dpi.state.wi.us/sped/tm-spedtopics.html	1-800-441-4563
(DVR) Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - employment training program for individuals with disabilities living in the community dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr	1-800-442-3477
(FACETS) Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support - provides free information and assistance regarding parent and student rights and opportunities in education www.wifacets.org/	1-877-374-0511
Family Support Program - provides information about services and resources, funding and linking with other families www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/fsp	1-800-642-7837
Family Voices of Wisconsin - a grass roots training, information and advocacy network of families w/ focus on policy and budget www.fvofwi.org/	1-608-220-9598
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
(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 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
(NAMI) National Alliance on Mental Illness- Wisconsin – provides crucial information to persons affected by mental illness www.namiwisconsin.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 about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with special needs 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 (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.supportingfamiliesaltogether.org/	1-888-713-5437
(WATI) Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative – volunteer network of assistive technology (AT) consultants providing training and support within Wisconsin educational settings www.wati.org/	
Wisconsin Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired provide low vision evaluations, rehabilitation services, legislative advocacy, and free white canes. Variety of aids for those with vision needs available for purchase www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us	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/sensory/	1-608-243-5732 (TTY) 608-243-5733
Wisconsin Developmental Disabilities Board - established to advocate on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities, foster welcoming and inclusive communities, and improve the disability service system www.wi-bpdd.org	1-888-332-1677
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 /youth with disabilities or special health care needs and providers have access to accurate information www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/resourcecenters	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 dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html	1-877-844-4925

HEALTH COVERAGE

ACCESS – quick and easy online tool to apply for help through Wisconsin's health & nutrition and other programs	access.wisconsin.gov
Katie Beckett - Medicaid for children not eligible for other Medicaid programs because of income/assets requirements www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/kbp/	1-608-265-4102
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 dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/	1-800-722-2295

Sauk County Resources

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

Advocacy

Arc- Sauk County (advocacy, research, programming, outreach)	986-6702
Disability Rights Wisconsin (protection and advocacy).....	267-0214
Legal Assistance	see statewide resources

At-Home Support / Intervention (Respite, Personal Care, Therapy)

Autism Services	
• Beyond the Boundaries of Autism	920-795-4183
• Integrated Development Services	441-0123
• Wisconsin Early Autism Project	288-9042
Easter Seals Respite Camp (Respite, Camp Waubeek).....	254-8319
Homeward Bound (Respite, Personal Care, Supportive Home Care Nursing Care).....	356-4666
Home Health United (home health and specialized equipment)	1-800-660-3420
Lori Knapp, Inc (nursing services, personal cares, respite, supportive home care, daily living skills training) Richland Center Office	608-647-5247
Recover Health Services (Personal Care, Supportive Home Care, Respite, Nursing Services)	356-7570

Child Care

Sauk County Department of Human Services (list of certified and licensed child care providers)	355-4200
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Infants and Young Children

Birth to Three (service coordination and therapy for children 0-3 years) Sauk County Department of Human Services	355-4200
Family Resource Center (playgroups, expectant family support, Baraboo, Reedsburg, Bluffview)	356-3328/ 1-888-356-3328
Renewal Unlimited (Head Start, Early Head Start)	742-5329

Health Department and Health Resources

For Emergencies	call 911
Ho-Chunk Wellness Center	355-1240
Sauk County Health Department	355-3290
WIC (Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program)	355-3290

Hospitals

Reedsburg Area Medical Center	524-6487
St Clare Hospital (Baraboo)	356-1400
Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital	643-3311

Clinics

Baraboo Internal Medicine	356-2145
Baraboo Medical Associates	355-3800
Dells Clinic	253-5451
Lake Delton Clinic	254-5400
Prairie Clinic (Sauk City)	643-3351
Spring Green Medical Center	588-7413
Reedsburg Physician's Group	524-6477
River Valley Medical Clinic	588-2502

Sauk County Based Services

Sauk County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) (services for adults with disabilities and aging) 1-800-482-3710/ 355-3289	
Sauk County Department of Human Services	355-4200
Child Protection, Children and Adults with Disabilities services, Economic Support services, Outpatient Mental Health services *after hours crisis line	1-800-533-5692

Information & Referral

First Step (24-hour information & referral service)	1-800-642-7837
Southern Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs-Waisman Resource Center. 1-800- 532-3321	

Local Parent Support Groups

Autism Society of Greater Madison	213-8519
Epilepsy Foundation (epilepsy information; services for children with any types of disabilities including: parent groups, social activities for kids, social events for siblings)	442-5555 / 1-800-657-4929
Family Support / Birth to Three Advisory Committee (advisory committee for parents of children that participate in the Family Support and Birth to Three programs)	524-7923
Madison Area Down Syndrome Society (MADSS)	692-7653
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)	1-800-574-4001

Parent Training and Support

Community Outreach Program (UCP)	273-4434
Family Resource Center (lending library, play group, newsletter)	356-3328
Parents as Leaders (leadership training for parents of children, six or younger, who have special needs)	1-800-532-3321
Parents in Partnership (leadership training for parents of children, six to fourteen years old, who have special needs)	1-877-844-4925

Recreation, Sports and Summer Programs

Access to Independence (independence skills, social, recreation)	242-8484
Camp Waubeek/Easter Seals Respite Camp (week / weekend camp for children with special needs).....	254-8319 or 1-800-422-2324
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.)	242-8484
Winners on Wheels (service club for children using wheelchairs).....	242-8484

Special Education: Partnerships and Support

CESA Cooperative Educational Service Agency	
CESA 3 (Weston and River Valley School Districts).....	822-3276
CESA 4 (Wonewoc School District)	1-800-514-3075 or 786-4800
CESA 5 (Reedsburg, Baraboo, Sauk Prairie and Wisconsin Dells School Districts)	1-800-862-3725 or 742-8811

Early Childhood Programs (ages 3-6 with special needs)

Public School Districts' Administrative Offices:			
Baraboo	355-3918	Weston	983-2713
Reedsburg.....	524-2174	Wisconsin Dells.....	253-2468
Sauk- Prairie.....	643-5990	Wonewoc.....	264-3976
Spring Green.....	588-2551		

Stress, Crisis and Mental Health Intervention

AODA - St. Clare Center	1-800-433-2688
Sauk County Human Services (mental health services available based on a sliding fee scale; information and referral to other local mental health providers; child abuse, neglect and elder abuse reporting)	355-4200
*after hours crisis line	1-800-533-5692

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services:

-Centro Hispano/ Madison (basic needs, youth programming).....	255-3018
-Hope House/ Baraboo	1-800-584-6790
-Native American Services	1-800-236-7660
-Passages/Richland Center	1-800-236-4325
-Runaway/Youth Services: Briar Patch/Madison	1-800-798-1126
Homeless Helpline of Sauk County (24 hour helpline/emergency shelter)	1-888-472-8526

Transportation for Medical Appointments

LogistiCare – for those with Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus	1-866-907-1493
Abby Vans (specialized transportation).....	1-800-236-8438
Midstate Medical Express (specialized).....	1-800-463-3826
Wheels of Independence (specialized).....	1-800-423-7818
Interfaith Volunteer Network (not wheelchair accessible).....	434-5486
The Bus (public transit service within Sauk County).1-800-830-3533 or 355-3278	

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