



Resource Guide

Autism Society of Wisconsin

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ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

The purpose of this directory is to provide information about resources in Wisconsin that may be helpful to you and your family. The Autism Society of Wisconsin believes that every person and family affected by autism is unique. You have the right to learn about all options and then select what you feel is the most appropriate for you. Some of the resources listed in this directory may be right for you and your family, while others may not match your family’s unique needs.

If you find any errors, or have any additional resources you think should be included, please let us know by calling the ASW office at 1-888-428-8476. Inclusion of names on this list does not indicate endorsement of any practitioner by ASW or local Wisconsin affiliates. Families have different levels of satisfaction with every professional or service named.

The design of this resource directory is based on the Finding Your Way: A Navigation Guide for Wisconsin Families who have Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Disabilities developed by the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program, within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. To access a complete copy of this guide please follow the link below.

http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/pdfs/products/community/FYW_e.pdf

To inquire about adding a resource to this directory, email asw@asw4autism.org or call (920) 558-4602.



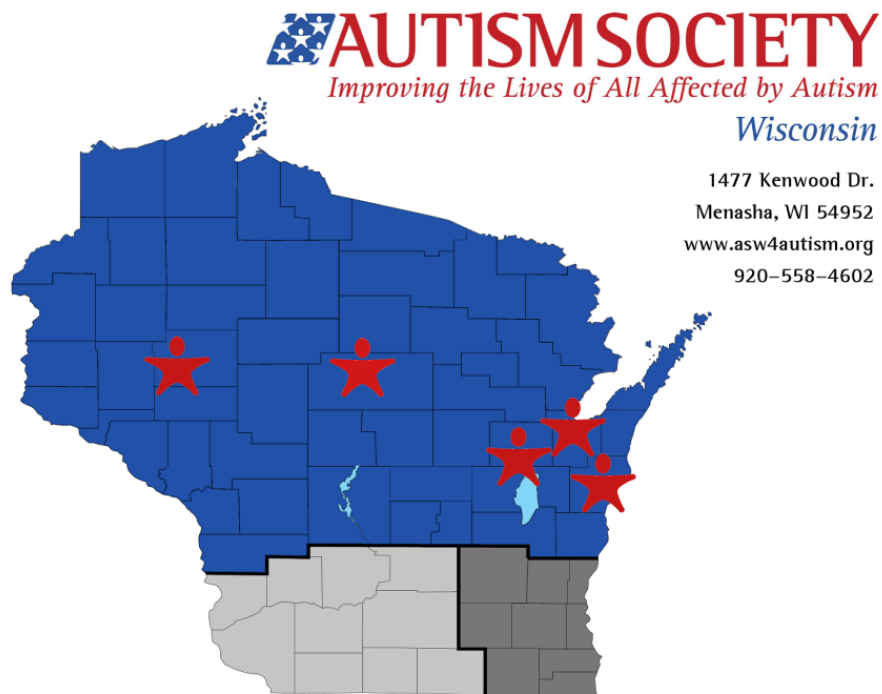
1477 Kenwood Dr.
 Menasha, WI 54952
 1-888-428-8476
www.asw4autism.org

GETTING STARTED

Where to Ask Questions

Autism Society State & Local Affiliates

Autism Society affiliates is your best source of information and support. An affiliate is a place where dedicated parents and professionals provide information and services specific to a local area. Parents can find resources for recently diagnosed children, and families can find comfort and companionship managing the years of growth and change.



AUTISM SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN LOCAL AFFILIATES



AUTISM SOCIETY OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN

Counties: Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Taylor, and Wood
autismsocietycw@gmail.com



AUTISM SOCIETY OF THE FOX VALLEY

Counties: Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Waupaca
info@autismfoxvalley.org



AUTISM SOCIETY OF CHIPPEWA VALLEY

Counties: Sawyer, Polk, Barron, Rusk, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau and Jackson
Cvautismsociety@gmail.com



AUTISM SOCIETY OF THE LAKESHORE

Counties: Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet, Kewaunee and Door
autismlakeshore@gmail.com



AUTISM SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

Counties: Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Florence, Menominee and Marinette
administrator@asnew.org

Regional Centers for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

Wisconsin has five Regional Centers dedicated to supporting families with children and youth with special health care needs, including autism, and the providers who serve them. The Centers are staffed by specialists who can help get answers, find services and connect you to community resources. Their services are free and private.

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/RegionalCenters/index.htm>

Northern Regional Center (CYSHCN)

Marathon County Health Department

1000 Lake View Dr. # 100

Wausau, WI 54403

1-866-640-4106

<http://northernregionalcenter.org/>

Northeast Regional Center (CYSHCN)

Children's Hospital of WI-Fox Valley

325 North Commercial Street, Suite 100

Neenah, WI 54956

1-877-568-5205

www.northeastregionalcenter.org

Western Regional Center (CYSHCN)

711 N Bridge Street Room 121

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

1-800-400-3678

<http://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/public-health/children-with-special-health-care-needs>

Southeast Regional Center (CYSHCN)

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

9000 W. Wisconsin Avenue

Wauwatosa, WI 53226

1-800-234-5437

www.southeastregionalcenter.org

Southern Regional Center (CYSHCN)

Waisman Resource Center Room 102

1500 Highland Ave, Madison 53705

1-800-532-3321.

www.waisman.wisc.edu/cshcn/

Great Lakes Intertribal Council (CYSHCN)

2932 Highway 47 N

Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

715 588-1011

<http://www.glitc.org/programs/cyshcn/>

Wisconsin First Step

An information and referral service to assist Wisconsin families and providers working with children and youth with special needs.

1-800-642-7837

<http://www.mch-hotlines.org/mch-hotlines/wisconsin-first-step/>

Finding Out Early

Information on Developmental Milestones

Act Early Wisconsin

<http://www.actearly.wisc.edu/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

Screening for Developmental Delays

Birth to 3

The Birth to 3 Program is for children ages birth to 36 months. Eligibility is based on a diagnosed disability or significant delay in one or more areas of development. The team will evaluate the child's ability to:

learn (cognitive development); move, see and hear (physical/motor development); communicate and understand other's communication (speech and language development); respond to and relate with others (social and emotional development); and eat, dress and care for daily living needs (adaptive development).

No matter where you live in Wisconsin, the county is responsible for providing Birth to 3 Program services to eligible children and their families. Contact the Birth to 3 Program in the county where you live if you are concerned about your child's development.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/contacts/primarycontact.htm>

Early Childhood Special Education Programs

Each school district in Wisconsin is responsible for providing a continuum of Special Education and Related Services to Children with Disabilities and who need special education. Children are evaluated to determine if they met the one of the state's eligibility criteria. Special education and related services may provide consultation to staff, direct services to the child, training related to the disability, and other services that are identified in the child's Individualized Education Program. <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/early-childhood>

Wisconsin Head Start Association

810 W Badger Road

Madison, WI 53713

(608) 442-6879

<http://www.whsaonline.org/>

Diagnostic Evaluations

Achieve Center

Brueggen, Katie
520 N 28th Ave., Wausau, WI (715) 845-4900
www.uachievecenter.com

Achieving Collaborative Treatment
200 Enterprise Drive, Verona, WI 53593 Phone: 608-497-3230
<http://www.act-autism.com/>

Agnesian Health Care

371 E. 1st St., Fond du Lac WI 54935
(920) 907-8201
<http://www.agnesian.com/services/services/behavioral-health>

Applied Therapies and Wellness Center

Iyamah, Michelle, PsyD
1033 N Mayfair Rd, #305, Wauwatosa, WI 53226
(414) 302-1233
www.appliedtherapiesandwellness.com

Aurora Medical Group

Gallo, Dr. Frank, PhD - Neuropsychologist (Pediatric)
215 W. Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024
(262) 375-3700

Hintz, Gregg E., Psy.D (Pediatric)
Aurora Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic
1220 Dewey Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213
(414) 773-4312

Caravel Autism Health, LLC

East Madison
2418 Crossroads, Suite 1600
Madison, WI 53718
608-960-8921

Green Bay
1575 Allouez Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54311
920-857-9041

Milwaukee
1166 Quail Court, Suite 205
Pewaukee, WI 53072
262-737-8400

Wausau
453 Grand Ave STE B
Schofield, WI 54476
715-393-8671

West Madison
2916 Marketplace Drive, Suite 104
Fitchburg, WI 53719
608-440-8071

Catalpa Health
444 N Westhill Blvd
Appleton, WI 54914
(920) 750-7000
<https://catalpahealth.org/>

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

DePere Clinic
327 Main Ave, Suite G
De Pere, WI 54115
(920) 341-0123
(855) 345-2293

Eau Claire Clinic
2645 Harlem Street, Suite 1 D
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 690-3017 Ext. 2928

Hudson
502 2nd Street, STE 205
Hudson, WI 54016
(715) 690-3017 Ext. 2928

<http://www.centerforautism.com>

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Apps, Jennifer Niskala, Ph.D – Pediatric Neuropsychologist
9000 W Wisconsin Ave, Ste B510, Milwaukee, WI 53295
(414) 266-6918

Megan Farley, PhD
313 Price Place, Suite 109 Madison, WI 53705
(608) 572-7905
<http://differentminds-wi.com/>
* Evaluations for Adults

Fox Valley Autism Treatment Center

5733 Grande Market Place

Appleton, WI 54913

(920) 749-1005

<http://foxvalleyautism.com/>

Gunderson Lutheran Learning & Development Center

1900 South Ave., La Crosse, WI 54601

(608)782-7300 or (800) 362-9567

<http://www.gundersenhealth.org/learning-and-developmental-diagnostic-clinic>

Healthy Connections

510 E Wisconsin Ave, STE 1

Appleton, WI 54911

(920) 257-4601

Hurd Psychology

Hurd, Heather D., Ph.D., NCSP

<http://www.hurdpsychology.com/contact-us.html>

Locations:

Madison Location:

700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 114, Madison, WI 53711.

608-228-0750

Wausau Location:

2405 Schofield Avenue, Suite 250,

Weston, WI 54476

Integrated Development Services, Inc.

Appleton/Green Bay Clinic

(800) 218-3781

Eau Claire Clinic

4330 Golf Terrace, Suite 218

Eau Claire, WI 54701

Madison Clinic

559 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI 53719

(608) 833-0123

Milwaukee Clinic

217 W. Dunwood Road

Fox Point, WI 53217

(414) 988-5354

Western Wisconsin
1477 South Knowles Avenue, Suite 103
New Richmond, WI 54017
(715) 246-9762
<http://idsautism.com/>

KGH Consultation & Treatment, Inc.
2990 Cahill Main, Suite 204
Fitchburg, WI 53711
(608) 819-6810
<http://kghconsultation.org/our-facilities/madison-pediatric/>

Marshfield Clinic
Child Development Center
1000 North Oak Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449
(715) 389-5500
Resource and Information Center: 1-866-520-2510
<https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/services/child-development-center>

Marquette University Center for Psychological Services Autism Clinic
Van Hecke, Amy, PhD (Adults and Pediatric)
604 N. 16th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 288-3487

Mayo Health System, Eau Claire
Kishaba, Dr. Gregg – Pediatrician
1400 Bellinger St., Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 838-5437

North Shore Center, LLC
Newby, Dr. Robert, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist (Adult & Pediatric)
10303 N Porter Rd., Ste 203, Mequon, WI 53092
(262) 241-5955

Phoenix Behavioral Health
3120 Memorial Drive
Two Rivers, WI 54241
(920) 657-1780

Prevea Health
Dr. Casey Smet
1821 S Webster Ave
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 496-4700

Pro Health Care Neuropsychology Service
Mosnik, Dr. Diane, Ph.D. – Neuropsychologist (Adult and Pediatric)
721 American Ave, Suite 406
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 928-7674

Reaching Your Potential, LLC.

Corona-Londre, BCBA, Dr. Karen
2841 Darling Ct, LaCrosse, WI 54601
(608) 769-6619
<https://www.reachingyourpotentialllc.com/>

Spectrum Behavioral Health, LLC

1496 Bellevue Street Suite 101
Green Bay WI 54311
920 784 2644
* Evaluations for Adults

University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Center

Iyama, Dr. Tina, Developmental Pediatrician
1500 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53705-2280
Information and appointments: (608) 263-3301
<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/clinics-asd-dd.htm>

Wisconsin Early Autism Project

<http://www.wiautism.com/>

Clinic locations:

Madison Clinic
1210 Fourier Drive Ste 100
Madison, WI 53717
(608) 662-9327

Green Bay Clinic
1141 W. Main Avenue, Suite 201
De Pere, WI 54115
(920) 338-1610

Milwaukee Clinic
150 N. Sunnyslope Road, Suite 100
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 432-5660

Eau Claire Clinic
2125 Heights Drive, Suite 2F
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 832-2233

Learning about Autism

Autism Society of America

www.autism-society.org

Autism Society of Wisconsin

www.asw4autism.org

Autism Research Institute

<http://www.autism.com/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html>

Organization for Autism Research

<https://researchautism.org/>

TAKING CARE OF HEALTH

Mental Health

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

www.ffcmh.org

Mental Health Associates – Listing

Appleton Psychiatric and Counseling Center

Multiple Providers

Appleton

920-882-6610

<http://www.appletonpsychiatric.com/>

Bellin Health Riverside Group

Multiple Providers

DePere, WI 54115

920-338-2855

<https://doctors.bellin.org/bellin-health-riverside-psychiatric-group>

Counseling and Psychology Center

Dr. Sharon Gray

Appleton, WI 54914

920-710-1110

<http://www.counselingandpsychologycenter.com/>

Counseling Specialists

Beth Toung-Verkuilen, M.D., LCSW, LMFT, CCSII, CADCIH

Child, Adult, and Family Therapist

Appleton, WI 54911

920-882-9877

<http://www.counseling-specialists.com/>

GJB Health Services

Dr. Gerald Bannasch

711 N Lynndale Dr, STE 1A, Appleton WI 54914

920-753-8230

<http://gjbhealthservices.com/>

National Institute of Mental Health

www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/treatment-of-children-with-mental-illness-fact-sheet/index.shtml

Wisconsin Family Ties

A statewide not-for-profit organization run by families for families that include children and adolescents who have emotional, behavioral, mental, and substance abuse disorders.

<http://www.wifamilyties.org/index.html>

800-422-7145

www.wifamilyties.org

Oral Health

Autism and Dental Care

<https://www.emergencydentistsusa.com/autism-and-dental-care/>

Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin

(414) 292-4000

<http://www.chawisconsin.org/oral-health.php?pg=13>

Wisconsin Dental Association

(414) 276-4520

<http://www.wda.org/>

Healthy Smiles for Autism Guide

http://dentaletc.umaryland.edu/odar/health_smiles_for_autism.pdf

Oral Health Toolkit for Children with Autism

www.autismspeaks.org/community/family_services/dental.php

Therapy & Treatment

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Treatment

Agnesian Health Care

371 E. 1st St., Fond du Lac WI 54935

(920) 907-8201

<http://www.agnesian.com/services/services/behavioral-health>

Arrow Academy

5225 Heffron Ct.
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Tel: (715) 544-6847
<https://www.arrowacademywi.org/>

Caravel Autism Health, LLC

1575 Allouez Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54311
920-857-9041

Centerpiece, LLC Autism Services

Howard Location/ Main Office
986 Lakeview Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313
(920) 544-4970

Bellevue Location
2738 Manitowoc Rd
Green Bay, WI 54311
(920) 301-3191

Connections, LLC

569 Carter Court
Kimberly, WI 54136
(920) 739-3009
<http://connectionswi.com/>

Fox Valley Autism Treatment Program

5733 Grande Market Drive
Appleton, WI 54913
(920) 749-1005
<http://foxvalleyautism.com/>

Innovative Counseling

1499 Sixth St.
Green Bay, WI 54304
(920) 497-6161 or toll free (866) 460-8848.
www.innovativecounseling.com/

Integrated Development Services, Inc.

Appleton/Green Bay Clinic
(800) 218-3781

Eau Claire Clinic
4330 Golf Terrace, Suite 218
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Western Wisconsin
1477 South Knowles Avenue, Suite 103
New Richmond, WI 54017
(715) 246-9762
www.ids-wi.com/

Reaching Your Potential, LLC.

Londre, Dr. Karen
N1449 Red Oaks Drive, LaCrosse, WI 54601
608-769-6619
http://www.reachingyourpotentialllc.com/#!_website/contact

Starlight Centers for Inclusion

555 Enterprise Way STE 6
Eagle River, WI 54521
844-712-6225
<https://www.starlightcenters.org/>

Wisconsin Early Autism Project

Green Bay Clinic
1141 W. Main Avenue, Suite 201
De Pere, WI 54115
(920) 338-1610

Eau Claire Clinic
2125 Heights Drive, Suite 2F
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 832-2233

<http://www.wiautism.com/>

Therapy Centers

Arrow Academy

5225 Heffron Ct.
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Tel: (715) 544-6847
<https://www.arrowacademywi.org/>

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2738 Manitowoc Rd
Green Bay, WI 54311
(920) 301-3191

Connections, LLC

569 Carter Court
Kimberly, WI 54136
(920) 739-3009
<http://connectionswi.com/>

Gracie's Place

PO Box 2322
103 Elm Street, Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 966-6474
<https://gracies-place.org/>

Nature's Edge Therapy Center, Inc.

Provides speech, occupational and physical therapy to individuals in a natural environment, incorporating hippo therapy, animal-assisted therapy, and horticulture therapy with conventional treatment goals.
2523 14 3/4 Avenue
Rice Lake, WI 54868
(715) 859-6670
www.naturesedgetherapycenter.org/

North Star Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 1068
Adams, WI 53910
Main Office (608) 339-7600

Partners in Excellence Autism Therapy Center

901 Caledonia St
LaCrosse, WI 54603
(608) 785-4100

TAKING CARE OF THE FAMILY

Family and Parent Support

Autism Society Local Affiliates

There are five local affiliates located throughout our service area. These affiliates offer opportunities for parents and families to network with other families affected by autism. Services offered by local Autism Society affiliates may include parent support groups, teen support groups, adults on the spectrum support groups, educational workshops, and recreational opportunities, among others. Please contact your local affiliate to see what programs are available in your area. A complete listing of local chapters is located on page 3 of this resource guide or at the link below.

http://www.asw4autism.org/service_area_bs3.html

Bridge the Gap for Autism

1415 E. Green Bay St. Suite 111
Shawano, WI 54166
(715) 526-3791
<http://www.bridgethegapforautism.org/>

The Family Caregiver Alliance

Taking care of YOU: Self-Care for Family Caregivers

800-445-8106

<https://www.caregiver.org/taking-care-you-self-care-family-caregivers>

NW Wisconsin Special Needs Support Group

First Lutheran Church

15 E Sawyer St

Rice Lake, WI 54868

Contact: Sarah Sornger sprengermama@gmail.com Telephone: (952) 463-6320

Taylor County Autism Support Group

Contact Joseph Greget 715-748-2316 ext 324.

Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

Provides support to parents of children with special needs, including autism, through a one-to-one connection with another parent who has a similar experience and knows firsthand about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with special needs.

(715) 361-2934 or (888) 266-0028

www.p2pwi.org

St. Croix County, Wisconsin Autism Support Group

Hudson YMCA

2211 Vine Street

Hudson, WI 54016

Contact: Peg Scott pegscott2016@aol.com Telephone: (651) 334-2338

Social/Recreational Activities

ASFV Hangin' til Ten – Preteen Social Group

Appleton, WI 54915

This activity focuses on kids ages 7-12.

Various outings occur monthly on a Saturday

www.autismfoxvalley.org

ASFV Teen Social Group – 13-18 Yrs.

Appleton, WI 54915

Monthly activities that promote socialization with peers while exploring the Fox Valley.

www.autismfoxvalley.org

Monkey Joe's Open Gym

Sponsored by ASFV.

First Saturday of the month from 9-10 am.

Appleton, WI 54913

www.autismfoxvalley.org

Reel Movies for Real Needs

Enjoy movies where the lights are up, sound turned down.

Bay Park Cinema, Green Bay, WI 54304

Valley Grand Cinema, Appleton, WI 54915

<http://www.marcustheatres.com/amenities/theatre-technology/reel-movies-for-real-needs>

Sensory Story Time

Story Time will engage all of the senses through movement, stories, music and play.

Marathon Public Library

300 N First Street

Wausau, WI 54403

(715) 261-7209

SOAR Fox Cities

211 E Franklin St., Appleton, WI 54911

Offers social, recreation and respite programs for children and adults.

<https://soarfoxcities.com/>

Spectrum Saturday

Offers a playtime the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Building for Kids, Appleton, WI 54911

www.autismfoxvalley.org

Respite Care

North Star Services, Inc.

450 E State St.

Adams, WI 53910

(608) 339-3068

Respite Care Association of Wisconsin

(608) 222-2033

www.respitecarewi.org

SOAR Fox Cities

211 E Franklin St., Appleton, WI 54911

Offers social, recreation and respite programs for children and adults.

<https://soarfoxcities.com/>

Tyler's Home for Kids

1707 E Wausau Ave.

Wausau, WI 54403

(715) 847-1175

Camps

Camp Akeela

Appleton

(866) 680-4744

<http://campaakeela.com/>

Camp AweSum

Camp AweSum has two types of camps, one for youths only and one for families who have a child with an ASD. Both camps are held at the same site, Moon Beach Camp, which is located at beautiful Moon Lake, in the majestic Northwoods near St. Germain, Wisconsin.

1410 Birchwood Drive

St. Germain, WI 54558

<http://www.ucci.org/camp-awesum/>

Easter Seals Wisconsin

Various camps for youth-adult

<https://camp.eastersealswisconsin.com/>

Empower Me! Camp

The Empower Me Summer Camp provides youth with supervised activities from a supportive staff that will welcome your child in a warm, safe and caring environment. Camps for higher functioning youth on the Autism Spectrum are separated by grade level and will give each child an opportunity to learn, create and play.

Neenah-Menasha YMCA

Neenah, WI 54956

(920) 729-9950

<http://ymcafoxcities.org/ymca/summercamps/summercamps.asp>

Special Olympics

2310 Crossroads Dr., Suite 1000

Madison, WI 53718

608-222-1324

www.specialolympicswisconsin.org

Piece Together Family Camp

Crossways Camping Ministries

Clintonville, WI 54929

<https://www.crosswayscamps.org/piece-together.html>

Wisconsin Badger Camp

Summer camp programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities (during different weeks).

PO Box 723

Platteville, WI 53818

(608) 348-9689.

www.badgercamp.org

Wisconsin Lions Camp

Camps for Youth – Adult

Rosholt, WI 54473

<http://www.wisconsinlionscamp.com/summer-camp/>

YMCA Camp Hope

218 E. Lawrence

Appleton, WI 54911

(920) 882-3668

EDUCATION

Children under Three

Birth to Three

The Birth to 3 Program is for children ages birth to 36 months. Eligibility is based on a diagnosed disability or significant delay in one or more areas of development. The team will evaluate the child's ability to learn (cognitive development), move, see and hear (physical/motor development), communicate and understand other's communication (speech and language development), respond to and relate with others (social and emotional development), and eat, dress and care for daily living needs (adaptive development).

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/family/eligibility.htm>

Birth to Three in Your County

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/birthto3/contacts/familycountycontacts.asp

Children Three and Older

Early Childhood Special Education Programs

Schools provide Early Childhood Special Education to children age three to five with disabilities in a wide variety of settings, including preschools, Head Start Programs or in a child's home.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/early-childhood>

Special Education

Each school district in Wisconsin is responsible for providing a continuum of Special Education and Related Services to Children with Disabilities and who need special education. Children are evaluated to determine if they met the one of the state's eligibility criteria. Special education and related services may provide consultation to staff, direct services to the child, training related to the disability, and other services that are identified in the child's Individualized Education Program.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sped>

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)

The DPI has a wealth of information on a variety of topics including: the IDEA-B State Plan, the Council on Exceptional Education, IDEA Complaints, Monitoring, Due Process, IDEA Reauthorization and PI 11 Rule Change, Information Bulletins, Program Information, and Parent and Child Rights. <http://dpi.wi.gov/>. For information about programs for students with autism - <https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/program/autism>

Transition to Adulthood

Opening Doors, a Guide to Adult Services

It is important that you begin to think and plan for life after high school as early as possible. While you are still in high school, you may be able to make decisions about your adult life, including where you want to live, where you will work after you leave high school, and whether you want to obtain further education or training.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/tran-adult-services-guide.pdf>

Opening Doors, a Guide to Postsecondary Education

A guide developed by the Department of Public Instruction, is helpful for those considering postsecondary

education.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/tranopndrs.pdf>

Transition Improvement Grant

TIG is intended to provide effective, targeted, and low cost professional development to Wisconsin youth, parents, educators and all stakeholders in the area of postsecondary transition to improve strategies that will positively affect the post school outcomes of students with disabilities. There are many resources for youth and families.

<http://www.witig.org/>

Special Education Help

Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA)

CESAs act as the link among school districts and between a school district and the state. They also facilitate communication and cooperation among public and private schools, agencies and organizations that provide services to students. To find the CESA in your area go to:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/cesa>

Assistive Technology

WisTech

People with disabilities, their families, service providers and other members of the community can access WisTech for questions and information on over 17,000 products and services: selecting, funding, installing and using assistive technology.

(608) 266-7974

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm>

Talk to me Technologies

www.TalkToMeTechnologies.com

(877) 392-2299

Life Journey through Autism: Navigating the Special Education System

<http://www.researchautism.org/resources/reading/documents/SPEDGuide.pdf>

Special Education in Plain Language

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/spec-ed-plain-lang-english.pdf>

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support (WI FACETS)

Statewide organization that supports families and others with training, information and referral, and individual assistance related to children with disabilities.

877-374-0511

www.wifacets.org

Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI)

Provides services for parents, educators and others interested in parent-educator partnerships for children with disabilities. There are WSPEI coordinators and parents liaisons in each Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) district. 877-844-4925. <http://wspei.org/>

Home Schooling

If you have decided to home school your child, you must file a form with the Dept. of Public Instruction called PI-1206. This form states that you will provide at least 875 hours per year of instruction using a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in six areas: reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and health. There is no monitoring done by DPI, and home-schooled students are not required to take standardized achievement tests. You don't need to have your curriculum or calendar approved, and you don't need to have a teaching certificate, but you must take attendance.

Support Groups for Home Schooling

Wisconsin Parents Association (WPA)

Statewide support and advocacy group. Hosts an annual conference.
PO. Box 2502, Madison, WI 53701-2502.

<https://homeschooling-wpa.org/>

ADULT SERVICES

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are the first place to go to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability. ADRCs are friendly, welcoming places where anyone - individuals, concerned families or friends, or professionals working with issues related to aging or disabilities - can go for information tailored to their situation. The ADRC provides information on broad range of programs and services, helps people understand the various long term care options available to them, helps people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publicly-funded long term care. These services can be provided at the ADRC, via telephone, or through a home visit, whichever is more convenient to the individual seeking help.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm>

Opening Doors: A Guide to Adult Services

The Department of Public Instruction has produced a helpful guide that provides helpful information on vocational services, postsecondary education, Family Care/IRIS, applying for Social Security, housing, Guardianship and more
<http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/files/sped/pdf/tran-adult-services-guide.pdf>

Adult Day Services

Soar Fox Cities

211 E Franklin St
Appleton, WI 54914

<https://soarfoxcities.com/>

Paragon Community Services

Green Bay, WI 54301
Plymouth, WI 53073

<http://www.paragoncommunity.com/pcs-program/>

Willow Heart

1000 W. Main Street
Little Chute, WI 54140

920-687-6454

<https://www.willowheart.org/>

Wisconsin Independent Living Centers

Independent living centers (ILCs) provide assistance to people with all kinds of disabilities. These agencies were created to promote independence and self-determination for individuals, as well as to offer support and information to families and communities. Services provided by ILCs include: peer support, information and referral, independent living skills training, coordination of personal care and other services, advocacy and community education. <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs.htm>

EMPLOYMENT

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Dept. of Workforce Development

You are eligible for DVR services if you have a disability that makes it hard for you to find or keep a job and you need DVR services to deal with your disability limitations. After you apply, DVR has 60 days to decide if you are eligible.

<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr>

OCALI's Employment Guidelines for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

http://www.ocali.org/project/tg_employment

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

IHE Searchable Database

This database is intended to provide information for families and students about a variety of post-secondary or college educational options for students with and without disabilities. This includes Wisconsin technical colleges, public and private 4 year colleges, and UW System Universities and Colleges.

<http://ihe.wspei.org/search.php>

Mansfield Hall

Mansfield Hall is a living and learning community for young adults who will benefit from a comprehensive academic, social, emotional, and vocational approach to higher education and transition.

<http://mansfieldhall.org/locations/madison-wisconsin/>

PAYING FOR WHAT YOU NEED

Private Health Insurance

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Section 632.895 (12m), Wis. Stat., requires insurers to cover certain treatments for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. For more information about mandated coverage for autism services please see the Frequently Asked Questions document: http://oci.wi.gov/rules/faq_autism.pdf

Public Health Insurance

Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Waivers

Provides funding for children living with their families who need a certain level of care in one of three areas of disability: physical, developmental disabilities, severe emotional disturbance.

Autism Services under CLTS Waivers:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/clts/waiver/family/autism/eligibility.htm

Family Support Program

Provides individual services and supports to families that include a child with severe disabilities.

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/fsp/index.htm>

Katie Beckett Program

A special eligibility process that allows certain children with long-term disabilities, mental illness, or complex medical needs, living at home with their families, to obtain a Wisconsin ForwardHealth Medicaid card. A behavior benefit is available for certain children who are MA eligible.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/long-term-care-support/services-children/katie-beckett>

Kinship Care

A program designed to help support a child who resides outside of his or her own home, either temporarily or for the long term, with the relative. For children who do come to the attention of the child welfare system, Kinship Care creates another placement option for a child who may not be able to continue living at home with his or her parents.

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/kinship/>

Supplemental Security Income

A monthly cash benefit based on disability and family income. In Wisconsin, people who receive SSI automatically get Medicaid coverage. <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ssi>

Wisconsin Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus

Medicaid is a public insurance program that pays for health care services, funded by both the federal government and the state of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services (DHS), and has a set of benefits associated with it.

Medicaid eligibility can be based on the family's income and/or the child's level of disability. Medicaid may cover services or products that private insurance does not cover. A behavior benefit is available for certain children who are MA eligible.

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/>

Women, Infant, Children (WIC)

Promotes and maintains the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children. 1-800-722-2295 <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/>

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